

## Independent Ethics Panel Assurance Report

Assurance Report	Report Author
<b>Independent Ethics Panel</b>	OPCC Governance and Compliance Manager
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	23 May 2022

<b>Urgent:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Security Classification</b>	<b>Official</b>

### Exceptions

The Independent Ethics Panel (IEP) assists the Commissioner in understanding the progress being made in delivering the 'Fair Treatment' strategic priority of his Police and Crime Plan and in providing assurance in relation to PCC and Chief Constable statutory responsibilities. The Panel last met on 29 April 2022.

#### 1. IEP Workshop

- 1.1 On 29 April 2022, the PCC held a workshop with IEP and the DCC Forber to consider where best to focus the work of the Panel over the coming two years.
- 1.2 At the workshop it was agreed that the IEP build on its previous work and concentrate activity in the following areas:
- 1.3 A proposed work plan for the IEP, how it will organise itself to deliver that work and the support it will receive from the OPCC and SYP has been prepared for discussion and finalisation at the next meeting of the IEP on 21 June 2022.

#### 2. IEP Chair

- 2.1 Unfortunately, at the beginning of March, the IEP Chair Professor Ann Macaskill had to step down as Chair (and withdraw from the IEP) for health reasons.
- 2.2 On 29 April 2022, a discussion took place around identifying a replacement chair.
- 2.3 Mr Michael Lewis, a member of the IEP, was appointed Interim Chair.

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### 3. Way Forward

- 3.1 At the meeting on 21 June 2022, the IEP Workplan for 2022-2024 will be finalised. Part of that Work Plan includes receiving a briefing from the Chief Constable on SYP's Cultural Change Programme.

### Recommendations

The Commissioner is recommended to consider the contents of the report and comment on any matters arising.

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