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CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY

Role Description for the Police Authority Vice-Chair

In addition to undertaking the standard role of a Police Authority Member the Vice-Chair of the Authority has other additional roles and responsibilities.

Role

Support the Chair and where appropriate deputise for them in their strategic leadership of the Authority and its constituent members.

Responsibilities

1. Deputise for the Chair of the Authority where necessary.
2. In the absence of the Chair to deal with matters of urgent business between meetings, where necessary.
3. Assist the Chair in promoting and maintaining a good working relationship between the Authority and the Constabulary, and with the Chief Officer team in particular, and with the Chief Executive and his/her staff.
4. Represent and promote the Authority at meetings and events of local, regional and national bodies as appointed, speaking for the Authority where appropriate.
5. To reflect the corporate views of the Authority in any discussions or negotiations with Cumbria Constabulary, the APA, partners and other external organisations.
6. To be a co-opted member of all the Authority's Committees and Working Groups.
7. Chair either the Authority's Governance or Policing Plan and Performance Committee.
8. Assist the Chair in his/her role as the Authority's key spokesperson in relation to the Authority's media relations, with the support of the Chief Executive and his/her staff and the Constabulary's Head of Media and Marketing.
9. Undertake all duties and responsibilities of the Chair in the Chair's absence, or during a vacancy in the office of Chair, sufficient to be able to continue the essential business of the Authority.

Outcomes

1. Chair well supported in providing strategic leadership to the Authority in securing the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force for Cumbria and hold the Chief Constable to account for service delivery;
2. Chair well supported in providing leadership to the Members of the Authority;
3. Meetings continue to be well chaired, with all Members actively participating and business dealt with efficiently and effectively;
4. In the absence of the Chair a clear strategic direction provided for the Constabulary and there is effective oversight of the Constabulary's activity to provide public assurance that the Constabulary is providing services efficiently and effectively, fairly and in a way that does not discriminate against anyone and upholds human rights; and
5. Public assurance that governance arrangements within the Authority are appropriate.