



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Police and Crime Panel

The Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall

Item 13

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## Complaints Received by the Panel

### 1. Summary

- 1.1 Through the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel has a duty to record non-criminal complaints made against the Mayor of West Yorkshire when acting in relation to their policing and crime functions, and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC).
- 1.2 Whilst the Panel has a duty to record such complaints, it only has a duty to consider recorded complaints about a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime who is not a Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Where recorded complaints are about the Mayor or a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime who is a Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the Panel has a duty to refer the same for consideration by the Monitoring Officer of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. The current Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime of West Yorkshire is not a Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.
- 1.3 The Monitoring Officer has authority for filtering complaints and must refer the following to the IOPC:
  - 1.3.1 All Recorded Conduct Matters;
  - 1.3.2 All Serious Complaints (i.e. a complaint that constitutes or involves or appears to constitute or involve, the commission of a criminal offence)

### 2. Complaints received by the Panel

- 2.1 There have been no complaints recorded against the Mayor when acting in relation to policing and crime functions since the last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- 2.2 There has been one recorded complaint against the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime since the last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The table below provides an update on the complaint.

Substance of Complaint	Status
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime has made untrue statements and 'demands and threats' about the complainant to their employer resulting in their dismissal from employment, made threats to inform other organisations of her opinions about the complainant and acted in a way that is an abuse of her position.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complaint formally recorded 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024</li><li>• A Complaints Sub-Panel has been arranged to consider the complaint on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024</li></ul>

### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That members note the contents of this report.