

CONSTITUTION OF THE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

1. The Police Advisory Board for England and Wales ("the Board") will be established in accordance with this constitution. This constitution takes effect from 22nd November 2012 and all previous constitutions are revoked from that date.

Functions

2. In accordance with section 63 of the Police Act 1996, the Board will: -
 - a. advise the Secretary of State on general questions affecting the police in England and Wales, and
 - b. consider draft regulations which the Secretary of State proposes to make under section 50 or section 52 of the Police Act 1996 with respect to matters other than hours of duty, leave, pay and allowances, or the issue, use and return of police clothing, personal equipment and accoutrements, and to make such representations to the Secretary of State as it thinks fit;
 - c. consider draft regulations which the Secretary of State proposes to make under section 37, 39, 81 or 83 of the Police Act 1997, and to make such representations to the Secretary of State as it thinks fit;
 - d. consider draft regulations which the Secretary of State proposes to make under Part 2 of the Police Reform Act 2002, and to make such representations to the Secretary of State as it thinks fit.
3. The Board may also consider any matter relating to conditions of service (excluding those matters listed in section 2b above), and any other matter affecting the police which has been referred to it by the Secretary of State, and it will advise the Secretary of State on such matters within any time limit specified by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State

4. The Secretary of State will attend meetings of the Board at his discretion and will aim to do so once a year.
5. The Secretary of State may in a matter of serious national importance to the police service direct the Board to consider and seek to reach agreement on such matters as he or she may specify.
6. The Secretary of State may in a matter of serious national importance to the police service set a deadline for the Board to complete consideration of such matters as he or she may specify

7. The Chair of the Board will submit an annual report on the work of the Board to the Secretary of State. Before doing so the Chair will consult the constituent parts of the Board about the proposed report.

Membership

8. The Board will consist of: -
 - a. a Chair and Deputy Chair appointed by the Secretary of State
 - b. members nominated by the Secretary of State;
 - c. three representatives of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners;
 - d. one representative of the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
 - e. two representatives of the Association of Chief Police Officers of England & Wales (to include the Metropolitan Police Commissioner);
 - f. one representative of the Chief Police Officers' Staff Association;
 - g. two representatives of the Police Superintendents' Association of England & Wales;
 - h. five representatives of the Police Federation of England & Wales.
 - i. One representative from the Trade Union Side of the Police Staff Council
 - j. One representative from the Trade Union Side of the Metropolitan Police Whitley Council

Meetings

9. All meetings of the Board will be called by the Chair with appropriate notice to the members concerned.
10. The Board will normally meet four times a year.
11. The Board may establish working parties to address specific issues as it thinks fit.
12. A member of the Board may request the consideration by a meeting of the Board of any matter specified by them and may submit to the Chair papers relating to that or any other matter covered by the remit of the Board as defined in paragraphs 2 and 3.