

TERMS OF REFERENCE
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF CONSTABLE WEEKLY MEETINGS

Purpose and Terms of Reference

The Policing Protocol Order 2023 states - 'The PCC within each force area has a statutory duty and electoral mandate to hold the police to account on behalf of the public' and 'The Chief Constable is accountable to the law for the exercise of police powers, and to the PCC for the delivery of efficient and effective policing, management of resources and expenditure by the police force.'

Policing Protocol

[The Policing Protocol Order 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

In line with the statutory duties as per the above, in addition to the monthly Scrutiny Meetings, the Police and Crime Commissioner will hold weekly closed meetings with the Chief Constable to provide the opportunity for an open exchange of information, to enable candid discussions and to develop and maintain an effective working relationship, whilst also providing the opportunity to hold the Chief Constable to account.

Objectives

These meetings are usually held at either Force Headquarters or at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Meetings may also take place via video conference or telephone.

Items for the agenda include:

- matters of immediate concern;
- trends in performance and incidence of crime that may impact on priorities included in the Police and Crime Plan;
- strategic proposals of the Commissioner/Chief Constable not considered in other forums;
- matters raised by the Police and Crime Panel;
- strategic finance;
- personnel matters;
- public concerns;
- strategic policing initiatives;
- complaints and misconduct issues.