AGENDA ITEM 5

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REPORT TO:	North Wales Police and Crime Panel
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SUBJECT:	Amendments to the North Wales Police and Crime Panel Terms of Reference & Rules of Procedure

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To propose amendments to the North Wales Police and Crime Panel ("Panel"):

- (i) Terms of Reference
- (ii) Rules of Procedure

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To amend the Panel Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure.

3. RECOMMENDATION(S)/OPTIONS

The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure be amended

(i) In light of the comments, observations and queries made at the shadow Panel meeting on the 13th September 2012

(ii) To make reference to the Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012

<u>Please note</u> that the Panel Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure will require further amendments at future Panel meetings to ensure compliance with *the Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012* and therefore it is to be considered as a 'working document' for the foreseeable future.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure were adopted by the shadow Panel on the 13th September 2012. However, Panel Members raised a few comments, observations and queries to be addressed prior to the inaugural Panel meeting on the 19th December 2012.

A Panel in Wales is not a Local Authority joint committee therefore legislation applying to Local Authority joint committees does not automatically apply to it. However, *the Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012* applies various provisions of Local Authority enactments to Panels in Wales to ensure effective scrutiny and accountability.

5. CONSULTATION

6. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

7. RISK

8. DRIVERS AND IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Links to the Corporate Plan and Risk Register
- 8.2 Any equalities, sustainability and biodiversity implications (If this proposal affects employees and/or our customers, an Equality Impact Assessment should be carried out)
- 8.3 Effect/Impact on existing policies and procedures
- 9. PUBLICATION
- 10. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)
- 11. REPORT REVIEW GROUP (RRG) COMMENTS