

## CUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public are welcome to ask questions and submit petitions relating to the work of the Panel.

The scheme cannot be used by employees of the Cumbria Constabulary or the Police and Crime Commissioner's office. In addition questions and petitions relating to the following will not be accepted

- operational policing matters (*this is not a matter for the Panel*)
- matters covered by legal or other proceedings,
- matters relating to employees of the Cumbria Constabulary or the Police and Crime Commissioner's office.
- party political matters
- confidential matters.

Questions and petitions must be received in writing at **least 7 working days** before the date of a Panel meeting.

Petitions must include a clear and concise statement covering the subject of the petition, stating

- What action the petitioners wish the Panel to take
- The name and address and signature of any person supporting the petition (the address can be an address where a signatory lives, works or studies)

You will be expected to attend the meeting to ask your question or present your petition. If you are not able to attend you may arrange for someone else to attend on your behalf. Failing this, the matter will be dealt with in your absence.

You will be able to speak for up to 2 minutes before asking your question or presenting their petition.

Once you have asked your question or presented your petition presented, members of the Panel may wish to speak and ask you questions. Depending on the nature of the issue and whether the matter has been discussed previously the Chair may simply respond immediately without opening the matter up for debate. There is no right of reply.

It is not possible to ask more than one question at any one meeting or ask the same question or present the same petition again at a later meeting, unless there has been a significant change in the circumstances



relating to the subject matter of the question/petition. The final decision as to whether a question or petition will be accepted is for the Chairman of the meeting.

At Panel meetings there is a total time limit of 30 minutes for dealing with questions and petitions from the public.

Questions and petitions should be sent to:

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