

INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING

GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

1. INTRODUCTION

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) holds its bi-monthly Commission Meetings in public as part of its commitment to openness and transparency. The agenda and non-confidential papers discussed at Commission Meetings will be published on the IPCC website.

We hope you will find the business of the Commission Meeting informative.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

The Commission Meeting is held in public - but is not a consultative meeting and so the public or press may not speak or take part in the discussion. However, at the close of the Commission Meeting we have provided an opportunity for members of the public to ask the Commission questions regarding issues on the agenda of the Commission Meeting or other aspects of the Commission's work.

We will do our best to answer any questions you might have but we will not be able to discuss matters relating to individual complaints, national security or sensitive personal or business information.

Where the necessary information is not available, we will aim to provide a written response within 10 working days.

3. COMMISSION MEETING

Members of the public and press are welcome to observe the Commission Meeting.

These meetings of the Commission are formal business meetings with specific agendas. We are sorry that members of the public or press will not be permitted participate in the discussion.

Copies of the agenda and papers will, so far as is practicable, be posted on the IPCC website (www.ipcc.gov.uk) not less than three working days before the meeting. A small number of paper copies will be available at the meeting.

Members of the public will not be permitted to bring placards, banners or notices into the meeting room. Photography, video or sound recording of Commission proceedings is not permitted.

All press enquires must be made to the IPCC Press Office on 020 7166 3142 or to the IPCC Press Officer in attendance at the meeting.

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