

Police and Crime Commissioners:

- Community safety
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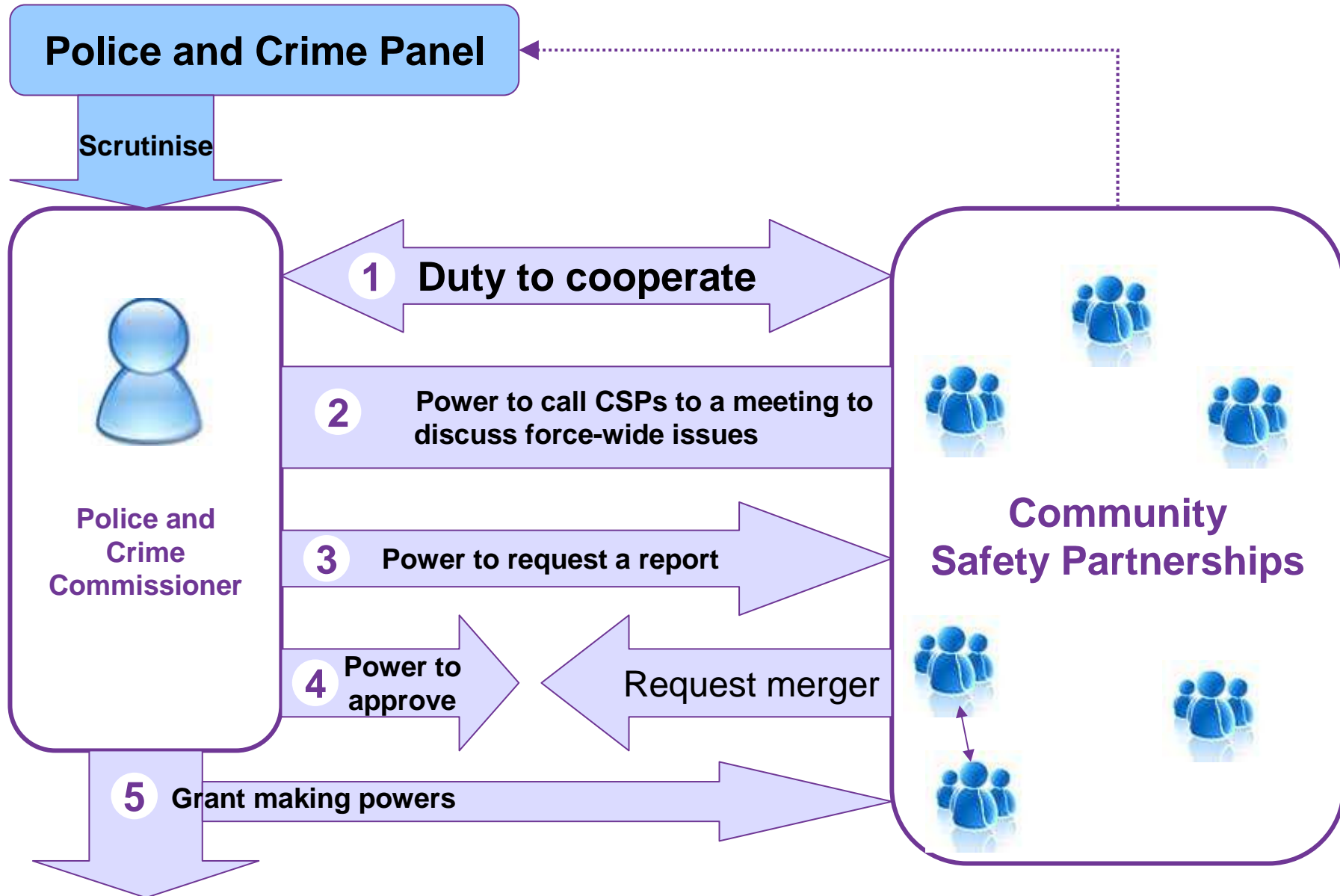
Police and Crime Commissioners – Basic principles

To increase the **accountability** of the police and **strengthen** the link between police and communities we will abolish Police Authorities and replace them with elected Commissioners.

The Commissioner will:

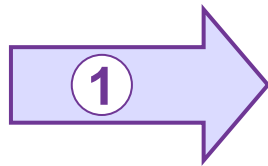
- be responsible for appointing their Chief Constable and holding them to account
- determine local policing priorities, publish the Plan, set a local precept and force budget
- have the power to make community safety grants

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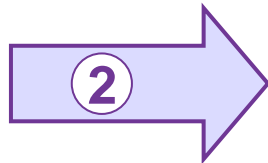


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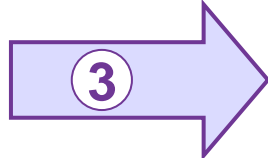
Commissioners will not be a responsible authority on Community Safety Partnerships but they will have the following powers and duties relating to community safety:



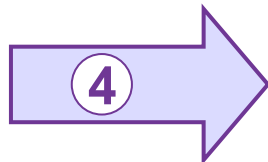
Reciprocal duty for Commissioners and responsible authorities to co-operate with each other for the purposes of reducing crime and disorder



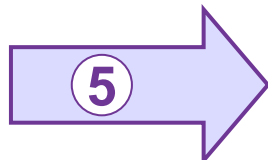
Power to bring a representative of any of all CSPs in their area **together to discuss priority issues**



Power to **require reports** from CSPs about issues of concern



Power to **approve mergers of CSPs** on application of the CSPs concerned



Power to **commission community safety work** from a range of local partners including, but not limited to, CSPs

Police and Crime Panels – Basic principles

Police and Crime Panels will provide an important set of **checks and balances** to Police and Crime Commissioners

Police and Crime Panels will be drawn from local elected councillors and independent lay members.

Panels will be able to:

- scrutinise the activities of Commissioners
- offer advice to them (advice which they are obliged to consider)
- handle any complaints against a Commissioner and require them to resign in certain circumstances

Police and Crime Panels

Composition of Panel

- **minimum** of **10** councillors and **2** independent co-optees
- where there is an elected mayor in force area, they must sit on Panel

Functions

- Require Commissioner to attend a **public hearing** to respond to concerns
- Review draft **Police and Crime Plan** and make recommendations
- Make reports and recommendations about the **Annual Plan**
- Review **expenditure** proposals and make recommendations
- Require **information** in the possession of the Commissioner
- Deal with **complaints** about the conduct of a Commissioner
- Appoint an acting Commissioner from the Commissioner's staff if Commissioner is incapacitated or resigns

Support

- Panels will be supported by a Scrutiny Officer, employed and paid by a lead authority

Veto

- Panel will have the right of veto for the Precept/budget and Chief Constable appointment by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority

Police and Crime Panels – cont.

London

- Mayor or Deputy Mayor takes on Commissioner role
- London Assembly must convene sub-committee to act as Panel
- Panel does not have representation from every borough

Wales

- Panels in Wales similar to England but will have Assembly member represented
- Commissioner and Panel must jointly agree proposals for mergers of CSPs in force area
- Commissioner can request report from CSPs if they have concerns – Panels will have role in agreeing requirement for a report from CSPs. Panel must unanimously agree any requirement for a report by Commissioner

Questions?

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