## CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS & STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (CASOC)

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The Conference Arrangements and Standing Orders Committee (CASOC) holds a specific portfolio of duties and responsibilities within the DPF.

These responsibilities include:

- Supervising arrangements for Annual Conference
- Supervising the submission of Conference Motions and Rule amendments
- Supervising elections to the National Executive Committee (NEC)
- Determining questions in respect of interpretation of the Rules of the Federation
- Determining appeals under the Rules of the Federation.

Since the June 2022 Annual Conference, CASOC has been working diligently and steadfastly in the background supporting the work of the Federation. When called upon, CASOC will undertake work on behalf of the National Officers and the NEC. Should the need arise, CASOC can and does call upon the specialist legal advice and expertise of the DPF's solicitors.

For good organisational and practical reasons, Annual Conference 2023 is being held by digital means on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023. This creates challenging dynamics for DPF-HQ, the National Officers, Area Secretary's and the Branch Representatives as Annual Conference remains the most important event in the DPF's calendar.

Annual Conference, being the supreme policy making body, remains crucial to the on-going work of the Federation. Annual Conference sets the tone, strategy and direction on all the major

issues that face the Federations members. CASOC works tirelessly to ensure that the Annual

Conference runs smoothly and remains an effective means by which Branch Representatives

can represent the views of their Branch membership.

In that regard, CASOC is busy organising the formal business of Annual Conference not least

of which is overseeing the submission of Motions to be debated, elections to the NEC and the

several other Constitutional and Statutory matters which must be dealt with by Annual

Conference.

Immediately following Annual Conference 2023, CASOC will continue its work on the

fundamental review of the DPF's Rules & Constitution to ensure that they are "future-proof"

and that they continue to be fit for purpose in an ever-changing, challenging and fast paced

policing world and to ensure that the Rules do not inhibit the vital work of the Federation over

the coming years.

CASOC would wish to extend its thanks to the DPF-HQ staff (Theresa and Jo), the National

Officers and Area Secretary's for the support that they render to CASOC in the work that it

does.

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