

# Agenda item

## **Police and Crime Panel**

Meeting to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015

## **LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2015/16**

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## **Executive Summary**

This report sets out an outline forward plan for the Panel for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

## **Recommendation**

That the Panel agree a Forward Plan for the Municipal Year 2015/16 and agree membership of the Task Groups aligned to each area of the Plan (as appropriate).

## **Background and Advice**

The report by the Standards in Public Life **Report – Tone from the Top** – elsewhere on this Agenda identified the importance of Forward Plans. The latest guidance document also on the Agenda from the Local Government Association further highlights the importance of Police and Crime Panels being able to focus attention on key area for scrutiny each year by reviewing the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. The Panel is asked to identify and agree from the PCC's Annual Report the 4 areas of particular interest that the Panel will focus on as special interest areas this year at its next two scheduled meetings.

The Secretary will then liaise with the PCC on the production of more detailed information to be prepared and circulated in advance of the meetings to facilitate full and detailed scrutiny.

To facilitate work in advance of the scheduled meetings for each area the Panel is invited to also agree Task Groups to review information in advance of the meetings and engage directly with the PCC & the Office of the PCC as appropriate.

In addition to the areas directly lifted from the Police and Crime Plan the Forward Plan can include other areas for focus of scrutiny and two potential areas for consideration, relating to recently published IPCC Guidance are included separately on this Agenda.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Legal Implications**

Forward Plans are a requirement for local authorities, and a good programme of work, with a forward plan for any public reports, cuts down on 'surprises'; unexpected decisions or issues that a panel may be required to respond to. It is considered that a Forward Plan helps the Panel in carrying out its scrutiny role in an effective manner.

### **Financial Implications**

N/A

### **Risk management**

The provision of effective scrutiny by the Police and Crime Panel is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact/ Directorate/Tel</u>
Good Practice for Police and Crime Panels Guidance Document	May 2015	David Fairclough 01254 585642