

Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 19th October 2016

LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2016/17

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Executive Summary

This report provides for an update of the Forward Plan for the Panel for the Municipal Year 2016/17. (Appendix ` ` refers)

Recommendation

That the Panel update the Forward Plan for the Municipal Year 2016/17 and agree the title and 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 – identified the importance of Forward Plans.

Police and Crime Panels should focus attention on key area for scrutiny each year by reviewing the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

Following discussions at the AGM in June, Panel members have been asked in the lead up to this meeting to consider options for inclusion of areas of scrutiny for the completion of the Forward plan this year.

The Panel is asked therefore to identify and agree from the PCC's Reports to the Panel 2 (or more) areas of particular interest that the Panel will focus on as special interest areas this year at its meetings scheduled in January 2016 and March 2017.

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.

The current agreed Forward Plan is set out in Appendix ` `

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