

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 3rd April 2017

POTENTIAL FORMATION OF AN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE AND CRIME PANELS

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Executive Summary

This report advises of the potential formation of an Association of Police and Crime Panels.

Recommendation

The Panel is asked to note the report and provide its view on the potential formation of an Association of Police and Crime Panels.

Background and Advice

A meeting was held at Grant Thornton's Offices in London on 17th February 2017 to discuss the potential formation of an Association of Police and Crime Panels. The invitation was to Chairs of Panels and to supporting officers.

The Chair agreed that the Vice Chair, Paul Elms would attend the meeting to represent the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel, along with Phil Llewellyn from the host authority on behalf of the secretary.

The meeting was very well attended by 37 members and officers from 25 PCPs. The meeting was convened and facilitated by Frontline Consulting.

A note of the meeting is attached at Appendix A.

The main identified benefits of an Association were suggested to be the ability to collaborate, lobby and network. It was noted that a number of regional networks exist, but currently there is no network for the Lancashire Panel to work with.

It was agreed that a steering group be set up to further scope out the potential for an Association and that proposals would be submitted to all PCPs, who will then be invited to respond to the proposals.

Clearly the benefits of joining an Association would need to be demonstrable with cost and resource implications fully identified, alongside other more regional working options.

Consultations

The views of the Panel are being sought.

Implications:

N/A

Legal Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

None at this stage.

Risk management

N/A

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

None.

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Reasons for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A