

# Agenda item

## **Police and Crime Panel**

Meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## **LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2017/18**

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## **Executive Summary**

This report provides a proposed Forward Plan for the Panel for the Municipal Year 2017/18. (Appendix ` ` refers)

## **Recommendations**

That the Panel:

- 1) Review and agree the Forward Plan for the Municipal Year 2017/18.
- 2) Agree the membership of the Task Groups due to report as set out in the Forward Plan.
- 3) Agree the membership of the Task Groups for any additional areas of scrutiny that the Panel may add to the Forward Plan and the timetable for their reports.

## **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.

Each year at the AGM, Panel members will be asked to consider options for inclusion of areas of scrutiny for the completion of the Forward plan for the Municipal year.

The Panel has previously identified areas of particular interest that the Panel will focus on as special interest areas this year at its earlier meetings and these are included on the draft plan.

These are:

1. Front Line Policing (Due to report in September 2017)
2. Police and Crime Plan (Due to report September 2017)
3. Victim Services (Due to report March 2018)

The panel are invited to consider if they wish to include additional/new areas for scrutiny for inclusion in the Forward Plan.

Once the areas are confirmed at this meeting the Secretary will then liaise with the PCC on the production of more detailed information to be prepared and circulated to Task Group Members to facilitate more full and detailed scrutiny.

Arrangements will then be made for Task Group members to engage directly with the PCC & the Office of the PCC as appropriate, to facilitate further detailed scrutiny.

At the conclusion of this Task Group Scrutiny process a member from the Task Group will present the Task Group's findings to a full scheduled meeting of the Panel as set out in the forward plan.

Members are reminded that in addition to the area directly lifted from the Police and Crime Plan the Forward Plan can include other areas for focus of scrutiny, subject to the terms of reference for the Police and Crime Panel.

The draft Forward Plan for Municipal Year 2017/18 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