

## **LANCASHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

Meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR POLICE AND CRIME PANELS**

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### **Executive Summary**

This report gives a summary of the Sixth National Conference for Police and Crime Panels held in Warwick 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### **Recommendation**

The Panel is asked to note the report, and agree that the Panel will be represented at the next Conference in November 2018.

### **Background and Advice**

Frontline Consulting held their Sixth National Conference for Police and Crime Panels on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Warwick Conference Centre.

Following discussion with the Chair and Secretary it was agreed that the Vice Chair, Councillor Paul Elms, and Phil Llewellyn attend the Conference, as they had previously been involved in discussions on the proposed National Association for Police and Crime Panels, which was one of the main items on the Programme. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, Councillor Paul Elms was unable to attend the conference, and the Chair and Secretary agreed that Asad Laher, Head of Governance, attend the Conference.

The Conference, as well as being a good opportunity to hear about the latest policy developments was also a good opportunity to meet representatives from other Police and Crime Panels and share good practice.

The Conference was very well attended, with representatives (Councillors and Officers) attending from the vast majority of Police and Crime Panels across England and Wales.

Key speakers debated the matters on the horizon for PCPs, which included potential scrutiny of PCC's with Fire responsibilities, the need to get information from a variety of sources when carrying out scrutiny, the need to better engage with residents and the need for faster resolution of complaints.

In terms of the proposed National Association, there was clear support for a LGA supported Special Interest Group (SIG) to be set up, and it was suggested that each Panel who joined make a £200 contribution, and there was debate on whether Members and Officers should both sit on the SIG, with the favoured approach being

Members only. Volunteers were sought for a Steering Group, with the aim of making the necessary suggestions and recommendations by March 2018. This Panel will be kept up to date on developments relating to the SIG as they occur.

A number of workshops were available on topics including Complaints Handling, Public Engagement and Partnership Working.

Representatives also met in the afternoon in regional groups to discuss common issues, before the Conference was brought to a close by a presentation from the Head of Police at Grant Thornton on emerging themes in the sector and reflections on discussions at the Conference.

The Conference provided a good opportunity to hear of the experiences of other PCPs and to make new contacts in other PCPs, and it is recommended that the Panel is represented at the next Conference, which will be again at Warwick on 12th November 2018.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

N/A

### **Legal Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

N/A

### **Risk management**

N/A

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

None.

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N/A