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Police & Crime Panel for Lancashire

Wednesday, 19th September, 2018

9.30 am

Savoy Suite 2, County Hall, Preston

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Verbal update from Councillor Andy Kay and Phil Llewellyn.

10. Annual PCP Conference and AGM of Police, Fire and Crime Panels November 2018

To agree Member and Officer attendance at the Conference and AGM.

11. Annual Finance Seminar at Blackburn Town Hall - 10th December 2018

To note that the Annual Finance Seminar will take place at 5.30pm, prior to the main Panel meeting at Blackburn Town Hall.

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13. Urgent Business

An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the Item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the Secretary of the Panel should be given advance warning of any Members intention to raise a matter under this heading.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be held at 6.30pm on Monday 10th December 2018, in Meeting Room A, Town Hall, Blackburn.

Date Published: 11th September 2018

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2018

Present:

Chair

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Chorley Borough Council

Committee Members

Councillor Adrian Lythgoe, Rossendale Borough Council
Councillor Andy Kay, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Councillor Geoff Driver, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Ivan Taylor, Blackpool Borough Council
Councillor Tony Martin, Burnley Borough Council
Councillor Ben Aitken, Fylde Borough Council
Councillor David Whipp, Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley, Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Brian Rollo, Preston City Council
Councillor Ken Hind, Ribble Valley Borough Council
Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Borough Council
Councillor Roger Berry, Wyre Borough Council

Also in attendance

- Clive Grunshaw, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire
- Angela Harrision, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Steve Freeman, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- David Fairclough, Secretary Lancashire Police and Crime Panel
- Sian Roxborough, Council Solicitor
- Phil Llewellyn , Governance and Democratic Manager

1. Appointment of Chair

The Secretary of the Panel, David Fairclough requested nominations for the Chair of the Panel for 2017/18. Councillor Alistair Bradley was nominated by Councillor Andy Kay which was seconded by Councillor Ben Aitken.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Alistair Bradley be appointed as Chair for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

2. Appointment of the Vice Chair

The Chair requested nominations for the Vice Chair of the Panel for 2018/19. Councillor Alistair Bradley nominated Councillor Andy Kay, which was seconded by Councillor Ben Aitken.

Reference was made to the contribution made by the previous Deputy Chair, Paul Elms, who was no longer on the Panel, and it was agreed that a letter of thanks from the Chair would be sent on behalf of the Panel.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Andy Kay be appointed as Vice Chair of the Panel for 2018/19.

3. Membership 2018

It was reported that following the local elections on the 3rd May 2018, the political balance and the panel had been recalculated and the balance that achieved political balance across the 15 local Authorities was as follows;

18 Elected Members (plus 2 independent persons) on the following basis

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| Labour 9 | Conservative 7 | Lib Dem 1 | Independent Member 1 |
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This reflected the number of seats across the County and respective Council control.

As reported previously Local Authorities combined must “agree” to the balance of the Panel and the Home Office powers to intervene and make appointments if agreement could not be reached locally, though it had been made clear that the best Panel arrangements were those which were locally determined.

Each Local Authority in the Lancashire Police Area had been consulted and the following representatives have been nominated to date to serve on the Panel for 2018/19.

| Local Authority | Representative(s) | Political Party |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Blackburn with Darwen | Andy Kay | Labour |
| 2. Blackpool | Ivan Taylor (tbc) | Labour |
| 3. Burnley | Tony Martin | Labour |
| 4. Chorley | Alistair Bradley | Labour |
| 5. Fylde | Ben Aitken | Conservative |
| 6. | Liz Oades | Independent |
| 7. Hyndburn | Munsif Dad | Labour |

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| 8. Lancashire | Geoff Driver | Conservative |
| 9. Lancaster | Brendan Hughes | Labour |
| 10. Pendle | Margaret Foxley | Conservative |
| 11. | David Whipp | Liberal Democratic |
| 12. Preston | Brian Rollo | Labour |
| 13. Ribble Valley | Ken Hind | Conservative |
| 14. | Terry Hill | Conservative |
| 15. Rossendale | Adrian Lythgoe | Labour |
| 16. South Ribble | Mike Nathan | Conservative |
| 17. West Lancashire | Kevin Wright | Labour |
| 18. Wyre | Roger Berry | Conservative |

The Panel were asked to consider the constitution of the Panel in the view of the above and the requirement to “agree” the membership in order to achieve the “balanced appointment objective”, including the requirement for the Panel to be politically balanced.

The Panel last year agreed that all Members new or continuing should attend an induction session. The Panel was asked to endorse this approach and also ask that the induction session was also open to any persons who were likely to be substitutes during the year as provided for in the Terms of Reference / Panel Arrangements.

Since the nominations had been received, it was reported that Councillor Terry Hill had resigned from the Conservative Group in Ribble Valley, and a replacement Member would be nominated. Reference to the service to the Panel by Councillor Terry Hill was made and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to him.

RESOLVED -

i) That the balance of the Panel 2018/19 – Elected Members (plus 2 independent persons) on the following basis be approved.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Labour 9 | Conservative 7 | Lib Dem 1 | Independent/Other Member 1 |
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ii) That the appointments made be agreed and that these be confirmed as the full membership for 2018/19, with the replacement Conservative Member from Ribble Valley to be confirmed;

iii) That the Secretary be requested to arrange an induction for all Members before the next full meeting of the Panel and that all Members be expected to attend.

4. Apologies

Apologies were received for Councillors Munsif Dad, Brendan Hughes, Mike Nathan, Liz Oades, and Independent Co-opted Members Abdul Mulla and Altaf Baghdadi.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

Councillor Geoff Driver indicated that a report on Management of Policing at the Fracking Protests was not on the agenda as requested, instead a briefing note had been circulated – Cllr Driver requested a formal report for the next agenda.

The Chair suggested that the briefing note be circulated again and then gauge if a formal report was required for the next meeting.

6. Declaration of interests

Cllr Geoff Driver declared an interest in Agenda Item 17 – Monitoring of Complaints.

7. Public Questions

No public questions have been received.

8. Fire Service Governance Consultation

The Commissioner referred to his report submitted with the agenda and recent correspondence with the Panel on the examination of the governance arrangements in Lancashire for the Fire and Rescue Service. A report from the Secretary on the matter had also been submitted with the agenda.

The Policing and Crime Act 2017 placed a statutory obligation on emergency services to collaborate and enabled Police and Crime Commissioners to take on the governance responsibility for fire and rescue services in their area, where there was a local business case made out on grounds of effectiveness, economy, efficiency and public safety. The Commissioner outlined the process followed to date to establish if there was a case for a change of governance in Lancashire and gave details of the procurement of an Options Review Report and then the procurement of a Local Business Case Consultant ahead of future consultation on the matter.

Reference was made to the correspondence between the Chair of the Panel and the Commissioner – the Chair, on behalf of the Panel, had raised concerns about the timing and pace at which the Commissioner had proceeded, without making his intentions known to the Panel at an early stage, and that before proceeding with Consultants and a Business Case that the Panel should have been involved in pre-decision scrutiny.

The Commissioner advised that he was investigating the potential for improved collaboration and savings, and that the options paper was to check the viability of a change of governance arrangements in Lancashire, and that his intention was to protect the services and not make cuts.

Members of the Panel questioned the Commissioner about the early use of consultants before discussions with the Panel, and the associated costs, and also the lack of consultation with Council Leaders in Lancashire with the exception of the Upper Tier Authorities. Councillor Ken Hind advised that he had chaired a meeting of District Leaders, who had listened to what the Commissioner had to say, and that they would also be speaking to the Fire Authority, but that generally they were cynical about any changes to governance arrangements.

Concerns were raised about the democratic deficit that may result under the proposals – with only one accountable person, rather than the existing Fire Authority which was working well, and which was representative of the make-up of Lancashire.

The Commissioner advised that he welcomed the responses, and that there was general agreement that collaboration was the way forward, but he noted the disagreement about the best way to achieve this. A draft Business Case would be produced and the Commissioner suggested that the Panel meet towards the end of July to meet the Consultant and consider the governance options and potential savings which could be reinvested to protect services.

RESOLVED- That the reports be noted and that a meeting be arranged later in July to further discuss Fire Governance in Lancashire.

9. Performance Report

The Commissioner provided Members of the Panel with an update on progress on delivering the current Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire 2016-2021.

Members questioned the Commissioner on his report, in particular in relation to the Force Control Room, and the business case to replicate the South Pod trial across all three policing divisions. This matter would be further investigated by the Frontline Policing Task and Finish Group once membership had been confirmed.

In terms of the recent Child Protection Inspection, significant progress had been made in delivering the action plan. Councillor Geoff Driver referred to the importance of the Police making correct referrals to the MASH, as around 70% led to non-action, and the key was to ensure the right cases were referred to the right agencies.

The Panel discussed the increase in crime reflected in the report, and reference was made to recent issues across Lancashire, including the incident at Thwaites Brewery in Blackburn, and of crime rises in rural areas such as Ribble Valley, which no longer had a front desk to report incidents, and the decreasing Neighbourhood Policing

across boroughs generally. Public order figures were also on the rise and the Commissioner was asked to come back with more detail on the increases reported.

The Chair requested that the Chief Constable be asked to attend the next meeting of the Panel, or a subsequent one if he was not available, to discuss the increases in crime referred to.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted and that the Chief Constable be invited to attend the next meeting or subsequent meeting to discuss the increase in recorded crime.

10. Annual Report 2017/18

The Panel was asked to review the Annual Report attached at Appendix A and make comments or ask questions as appropriate.

RESOLVED- That Panel Members feedback any comments or questions to the Secretary by the end of July 2018.

11. Police and Crime Commissioner Decisions

A report was submitted which highlighted decisions made by the Commissioner and Director since the last meeting of the Panel on 12th March 2018.

RESOLVED- That report be noted.

12. Lancashire Police and Crime Panel Forward Plan 2018/19

A report was submitted which outlined the draft Forward Plan for 2018/19. The Panel was asked to agree the Plan and the title and membership of the Task Groups aligned to each area of the Plan as appropriate.

Councillors Ken Hind and Kevin Wright volunteered to serve on the Contact Management Task and Finish Group, and it was agreed that the Secretary would e-mail Panel Members to ask for volunteers to sit on the other various Task and Finish Groups.

In terms of the Forward Plan, the Secretary reported that the Plan would be updated to include the anticipated attendance of the Chief Constable at the September meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan as amended be agreed and that the Secretary be requested to contact Panel Members to ask for volunteers to sit on the various Task and Finish Groups for 2018/19.

13. Members Expenses and Allowances

The Secretary submitted a report which sought to review and clarify to Members of the Panel the allowances and expenses that could be claimed. The matter was last

considered at the Panel meetings on 7th April 2014 and 25th January 2016, with expenses being referred to as being travel, subsistence, loss of earnings and conference / training costs. It was noted then that reference to “loss of earnings” had caused some confusion.

As the Panel membership had changed over the years and the question of allowances and expenses was regularly raised the report set out the position in this regard.

Members were reminded that in principle, Councillors were already compensated for loss of earnings by the Allowances system operated by each Constituent Council, so a claim could not be made for “loss of earnings” as an expense item.

Each Constituent Council set the allowances for its members who sit on the Panel. Guidance had highlighted the scrutiny role of the Panel and as a result the Panel regularly set out its forward plan for the year ahead and identifies areas it wished to scrutinise in more detail. This could mean more meetings of the Panel and/or its sub-groups than originally envisaged and it was suggested that Members may wish to draw this to the attention of their Constituent Councils when allowances for Panel members are reviewed.

In terms of SRAs for Chairs of Panels, it was down to the relevant authority to consider paying an SRA if their Member has been appointed as Chair of the Panel. A number of authorities did provide the Panel Chair with a SRA equivalent to their Chairs of Scrutiny Committees.

Since the last consideration of this matter by the Police & Crime Panel, a survey was undertaken by Frontline Consulting Associates. The result of their survey completed in January 2018 was attached to the report as Appendix A.

The Panel discussed the report and the Chair referred to the amount of Home Office Grant that had been unclaimed for 2017/18. An allowance for scrutiny work was considered to be an option that also may help to improve attendance by Members.

RESOLVED – That a further report with options be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.

14. Police and Crime Panel Budget 2017/18

Members received a report which outlined Panel expenditure for 2017/18 .The Government had committed to providing limited funding to cover the costs of maintaining Police and Crime Panels. The host authority for a Police and Crime Panel in a Police force area would receive annually up to £53,300 for costs of administering Panels and up to £920 for expenses for expenses per member to a maximum of £11,040 (maximum 20 Panel members). This had been confirmed again by the Home Office for 2017/18 but no commitment had been made to funding for future years had been received.

Home Office funding was provided by a grant agreement which was paid in arrears to Blackburn with Darwen as the host authority.

As part of the agreement to fund Police and Crime Panels the Home Office stipulated that from 2015/16 onwards a transparency requirement was attached as a condition of the single grant payment to allow public scrutiny of PCP spending. This now required PCPs to publish, as a minimum on their website, details of all their expenditure including all Panel administration costs and individual Panel claims for expenses and allowances.

Attached at Appendix 1 was a breakdown of projected costs and expenditure as submitted to the Home Office in early March for the Grant claim for 2017/18.

RESOLVED – That the Panel noted expenditure for 2017/18 which would be published on the PCP website.

15. Timetable of meetings 2018/19

Members reviewed a report which set out a proposed Timetable of Meetings for 2018/19.

The proposed dates for meetings had been selected to meet required statutory deadlines/processes and to ensure that Panel Members were presented with the most relevant information available.

In accordance with previous decisions of the Panel it was suggested that future meetings rotate between Preston, Blackburn and Blackpool and also be held both during the day and in the evening.

The next scheduled meeting after the AGM was due to be held at County Hall, Preston on 19th September 2018. Officers were also looking for a suitable date when an induction meeting would be held for new Members of the Panel (existing Panel Members would also be invited as it will give an opportunity to refresh existing knowledge.

The timetable of meetings for 2018/19 was as follows:

| DATE/TIME/VENUE |
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| Wednesday 19th September 2018 9.30am, Savoy Suite 2, County Hall, Preston. |
| Monday 10th December 2018 6.30pm in Meeting Room “A” at the Town Hall, King William Street, Blackburn. |
| Monday 21st January 2019 (Precept only) 6.30pm in Cabinet Room “C” The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston. |

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| Tuesday 5th February 2019 (If required – dependant on Precept decision) 10.00am in Committee Room D, County Hall, Preston. |
| Monday 11th March 2019 6.30pm in Meeting Room “A” at the Town Hall, King William Street, Blackburn. |
| Monday 1st July 2019 –AGM 10.00am in Conference Room 3A and 3B, Bickerstaffe House, Blackpool. |

RESOLVED -That the Timetable of Meetings for 2018/19 be agreed.

16. Verbal Update on the Police Governance Summit 2018 and Special Interest Group Update

The Chair reported on his recent attendance at the Police Governance Summit 2018 along with Phil Llewellyn.

The Summit had been a good opportunity to meet colleagues from other PCPs and look at the issues happening across the Country, such as Forces Amalgamation and the focus on counter-terrorism work. Other issues raised included the need for the Police to have up to date technology to able to effectively deliver their role. The Chair also referred to the innovative work by certain Panels and the good practice that could be shared between Panels.

In terms of the Special Interest Group (SIG) – Sian Roxborough had attended the inaugural meeting in London in April, where appointments had been made and terms of reference agreed. At the time of the April meetings, 16 PCPs had joined the SIG, with the fee to join being £500, which it was thought may be able to be grant funded. The AGM of the SIG would take place at the Annual PCP Conference in Warwick on 12th November 2018.

Reference was also made to the annual LGA Workshop in London on 11th July, and it was agreed that Phil Llewellyn attend along with a Member of the Panel to be agreed.

RESOLVED – 1) That the update be noted;

2) That the Lancashire PCP join the LGA Special Interest Group; and

3) That a Member of the Panel be identified to attend the annual LGA Workshop on 11th July.

17. Monitoring of Complaints

A report was submitted which set out the current position with regard to communications relating to potential complaints received up to 1st June 2018 in relation to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

RESOLVED – That the update in relation to Communications and Complaints be noted.

18. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

19. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Panel would be held on Wednesday, 19 September 2018 at 10.00am at County Hall, Preston.

Signed.....Chair
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Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th July 2018

Present:

Chair

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Chorley Borough Council

Committee Members

Councillor Andy Kay, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Councillor Geoff Driver, Lancashire County Council

Councillor Munsif Dad, Hyndburn Borough Council

Councillor Ben Aitken, Fylde Borough Council

Councillor Brian Rollo, Preston City Council

Councillor Ken Hind, Ribble Valley Borough Council

Councillor Ged Mirfin, Ribble Valley Borough Council

Councillor Roger Berry, Wyre Borough Council

Also in attendance

- Clive Grunshaw, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire
- Angela Harrison, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- David Fairclough, Secretary to the Panel
- Phil Llewellyn, Governance and Democratic Manager
- Councillor Jonathan Saksena, Preston City Council
- Mark Cooper – Greymalkin Consultants

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received for Councillors Ivan Taylor, David Whipp, Margaret Foxley, Kevin Wright and Liz Oades.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were submitted.

The Panel initially discussed whether the remainder of the meeting should be held in private (Part 2) as indicated on the agenda for the meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed that item 3 – Staff Restructure – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, would be discussed in the public (Part 1) part of the meeting.

3. Staff Restructure – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

The Commissioner presented a report which advised the panel of his decision to appoint a Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.

In summary at the meeting, the Commissioner advised that due to the size of the County, an increased workload and more burdens on his position and office that an individual would be sought on a part time basis who would need experience of engagement and working in a political environment.

The Commissioner cited examples of other Commissioners, many of whom had Deputies and Assistants, and who paid them at higher rates.

The Commissioner was questioned on why he was looking to re-establish a position that was one of the posts disestablished by himself in 2014, on income grounds, and now with less money available he was looking to appoint a Deputy, where the money was needed in other areas, such as recruiting/retaining PCSO's.

In response the Commissioner advised that it was the right decision at the time to disestablish the posts, but circumstances had changed since and the decision had not been just about resources. The Commissioner indicated that he was mindful of the costs, hence his decision to appoint part time and on a lower rate of pay than most other similar positions. The Commissioner advised that he considered the appoint value for money, and that an advert for the position was due to be placed the next day.

Members of the Panel discussed the matter and stated the reasons as to why they felt that the decision of the Commissioner could not be supported, namely:

- Lack of justification of the reasons for the appointment
- Resources would be better used in localities for Frontline Policing where the public had seen reductions of resources and closures of front desks (particularly in rural areas)

In response to a question about who the post was accountable to, Angela Harrison advised that the post, although a political one, was accountable to her, although there would be a relationship with the Commissioner politically.

Following discussion, the Panel agreed that the Commissioner be requested to reconsider the matter and report back to the September Panel meeting with full justification for his proposals, whilst noting that the Commissioner had the right to proceed with his decision in the meantime.

RESOLVED – 1) That the Panel urges the Commissioner to reconsider his decision and report back to the September meeting of the Panel with full justifications for his decision, whilst noting that the Commissioner had the right to proceed if he chose to do so; and

2) That if the Commissioner did still proceed with the Appointment, that the Secretary of the Panel, David Fairclough, oversee the HR process.

Ahead of Agenda Item 4 – Update Presentation – Governance Arrangements for Fire and Rescue Service – there was a further discussion on the reasons for the item to be held in the private (Part 2) part of the meeting.

Following a vote on keeping the meeting in Part 1 or moving into Part 2, which was tied, the Chair, having taken advice from the Secretary, used his casting vote and the decision was made that the rest of the meeting would be held in Part 2.

**AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC WERE
EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

4. Update Presentation – Governance Arrangements for Fire and Rescue Service

Further to the report presented to the Panel at the AGM meeting on the Commissioner's proposals to assume responsibility for Fire Governance in Lancashire, the Panel received a presentation from Mark Cooper, the Consultant appointed by the Commissioner which outlined the potential benefits and improvements that a change in Governance arrangements could deliver.

The Presentation was made up of three parts:

- Why change is necessary
- What changes are required
- How these changes can be achieved

Additionally, two further confidential slides at the end of the presentation were presented, which gave details of potential indicative savings in terms of staff, buildings and governance arrangements, for which cost estimations were changing on a daily basis, but dependent on the model adopted, it was projected that significant savings could be achieved.

The Commissioner advised that he had noted the opposition to his proposals, but that those who opposed them were in favour of looking at greater collaboration between the Police and Fire Services, and suggested a working group be set up involving various parties to consider what elements of the Business Case could be

delivered, and that he would suggest this at his meeting with the Fire Authority later that day.

Members of the Panel each commented on the presentation and proposals, indicating:

- Although the reduced emphasis on governance now being suggested by the Commissioner was welcomed, the Fire Authority was far more democratically accountable than one individual, and fragmentation of services would not be beneficial
- Greater collaboration should be the main focus for the Commissioner, not changing governance arrangements
- The Lancashire Fire and Rescue service received excellent feedback and had delivered efficiencies, why change a system that is working
- One size does not fit all, accountability and democracy are key, the services operate in different ways, there are cultural differences and there is a need to be cautious
- North West Ambulance Service are missing from the conversation

(Councillor Andy Kay in the Chair as the Chair had to leave the meeting).

In response, the Commissioner advised that collaboration with the Police and Fire was being investigated as the two services were coterminous, unlike the North West Ambulance Services, but that could be something to be considered in the future. There were real benefits to shared services, but the Commissioner recognised the concerns about the Governance proposals, and advised that he was quite happy not to pursue these, and would discuss other collaboration opportunities with the Fire and Rescue Service instead, and potential collective governance.

Angela Harrison in response to a request for the consultancy costs, advised that she would contact Councillor Driver with details.

There then followed discussion on what could be reported back to fellow Councillors, and it was indicated that it would be better to wait until the Commissioner had met with the Fire Authority to see if they accepted his proposal.

RESOLVED - That the Presentation be noted, and be circulated to the Panel, minus the confidential slides, after the meeting. It was also noted that the minutes of the Part 2 discussion be published.

Signed.....Chair
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POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 19 September 2018

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to signpost the Police and Crime Panel to the Scrutiny that was undertaken by the Commissioner at his recent meeting with the Chief Constable.

The Scrutiny covers the period 1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel are asked to consider the report and provide any feedback on the presentation from the Constabulary on the current position regarding recorded crime.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a responsibility to hold the Chief Constable to account for the Constabulary's performance as against the police and crime plan priorities by means of the quarterly Strategic Scrutiny meeting.
- 1.2. This link <https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/meetings-and-reports/strategic-scrutiny-meetings/> details the Scrutiny papers received from the Chief Constable and the note of the meeting records the PCC holding the Chief Constable to account.
- 1.3. The Panel are therefore referred to that Scrutiny meeting and may through today's meeting ask the Police and Crime Commissioner issues they feel relevant to that Scrutiny.

2. PERFORMANCE HEADLINES

- 2.1. A major part of that scrutiny meeting focussed on the tackling crime & reoffending priority issue of recorded crime. For the 12 months to the end of June 2018 compared to the 12 months to the end of June 2017, there has been an increase of 24.8% in recorded crime.
- 2.2. The position when compared with others is set out below:

Recorded crime ('all crime') for Lancashire and England & Wales

| AREA | % | Recorded 12M to June-18 | Versus 12M to June-17 |
|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| England & Wales | + 10.2% | 4,912,197 | 4,455,994 |
| Most Similar Group | + 15.9% | 1,198,072 | 1,033,727 |
| North West Region | + 18.6% | 733,926 | 619,025 |
| Lancashire | + 24.8% | 139,701 | 111,899 |

* Data taken from ForceSight V5 updated 3rd August 2018

- 2.3. The increase in crime in Lancashire does not make Lancashire unique, in fact 41 other forces in the UK have also experienced increases in recorded crime.
- 2.4. At Scrutiny there was much discussion about the figures and what we know about the "real" increases in crime.
- 2.5. The Commissioner was of the view that the Panel would be better informed around this issue if they were to receive a presentation on this issue at their Panel meeting. A representative from Lancashire Constabulary will be present to explain the figures and to provide headline explanations and key messages.
- 2.6. It is important to understand that whilst the recording of crime is increasing, crime itself is not going up by that amount, further, that the calls to the police are high, but are remaining fairly static. Police officers are deploying to around only 2% more jobs than previously. However, the amount of recorded crimes that require investigation has risen massively and therefore has an impact on the finite resources available.

3. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- 3.1. At Appendix A is the current performance data for the last quarter covering all the Police and Crime Plan priority areas.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

5. APPENDICES

Appendix A – PERFORMANCE MEASURES

| SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE & VICTIMS | | | |
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| Measure | Previous 12 Month Period (July 16 - June 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (July 17 - June 18) |
| Victims Code of Practice | <i>New measure - data not available</i> | | |
| Rape | 1,114 | up 28.2% (314) | 1,428 |
| Sexual Offences (excl Rape) | 2,242 | up 45.2% (1,013) | 3,255 |
| Sexual Offences Against Under 16's | 1,830 | up 32.9% (602) | 2,432 |
| CSE Crime | 959 | down 1.4% (13) | 946 |
| Modern Slavery Crimes (Only introduced 1st April 2015) | 57 | up 80.7% (46) | 103 |
| Domestic Abuse Crime | 11,146 | up 46.9% (5,233) | 16,379 |
| Hate Crime | 1,361 | up 73.4% (999) | 2,360 |
| Missing Person Incidents | 9,196 | up 2.4% (225) | 9,421 |
| DEVELOPING CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES | | | |
| Measure | Previous 12 Month Period (July 16 - June 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (July 17 - June 18) |
| Local Policing Visibility | <i>New measure - data not available</i> | | |
| User Satisfaction - Burglary | 79.7% | down 6.9% | 72.8% |
| User Satisfaction - Violent | 73.4% | down 0.9% | 72.5% |
| User Satisfaction - Hate | 74.3% | down 2.1% | 75.2% |
| User Satisfaction - Anti-Social Behaviour | 81.1% | down 17.1% | 64.0% |
| Confidence - CSEW (Overall Confidence) | Previous 12 Month Period (April 16 - March 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (April 17 - March 18) |
| <i>CSEW data is 3 months behind</i> | 78.3% | increase 0.4% | 78.7% |

| APPENDIX A - STRATEGIC SCRUTINY MEETING | | | |
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| PROTECTING LOCAL POLICING | | | |
| Measure | Previous 12 Month Period (July 16 - June 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (July 17 - June 18) |
| Proportion of Force Budget Spent on Front Line Policing: visible | £101.9m (36%) | increase £4m (4%) | £105.9m (41%) |
| Proportion of Force Budget Spent on Front Line Policing: non visible | £79.2m (28%) | increase £0.6m (1%) | £79.8m (31%) |
| Measure | Previous 12 Month Period (July 16 - June 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (July 17 - June 18) |
| Grade 1 - Emergency Response Average Time to Arrive | 9.3 mins | up 0.3 mins | 9.6 mins |
| Grade 2 - Priority Response Average Time to Arrive | 28.05 mins | up 2.2 mins | 30.2 mins |
| Grade 3 - Planned Response Average Time to Arrive | 4 hrs | up 2.7 hrs | 6.7 hrs |
| 999 Calls - Service Level | 52.2% | up 20.1% | 72.3% |
| 999 Calls - Average Time To Answer | 13.9 secs | down 2.5 secs | 10.4 secs |
| 101 Calls - Service Level | 24.2% | up 17.3% | 41.5% |
| 101 Calls - Average Time To Answer | 214.8 secs | down 56.6 secs | 158.2 secs |
| TACKLING CRIME & RE-OFFENDING | | | |
| Measure | Previous 12 Month Period (July 16 - June 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (July 17 - June 18) |
| All Crime | 111,899 | Up 24.8% (27,802 Crimes) | 139,701 |
| Serious Assaults | 824 | Up 21.4% (176 Crimes) | 1,000 |
| All Burglary | 12,978 | Up 1.9% (250) | 13,228 |
| Robbery (Personal) | 739 | Up 9.5% (70 Crimes) | 809 |
| Public Order | 3,469 | up 158% (5,480) | 8,949 |
| Business Crime | 10,817 | up 10.7% (1,158) | 11,975 |
| Road Safety - KSI* (*Recording period June-May) | 804 | Down 13.3% (-107) | 697 |
| Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents | 75,932 | down 14.9% (11,280) | 64,652 |
| SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE & VICTIMS | | | |
| Measure | Previous 12 Month Period (July 16 - June 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (July 17 - June 18) |
| Victims Code of Practice | New measure - data not available | | |
| Rape | 1,114 | up 28.2% (314) | 1,428 |
| Sexual Offences (excl Rape) | 2,242 | up 45.2% (1,013) | 3,255 |
| Sexual Offences Against Under 16's | 1,830 | up 32.9% (602) | 2,432 |
| CSE Crime | 959 | down 1.4% (13) | 946 |
| Modern Slavery Crimes (Only introduced 1st April 2015) | 57 | up 80.7% (46) | 103 |
| Domestic Abuse Crime | 11,146 | up 46.9% (5,233) | 16,379 |
| Hate Crime | 1,361 | up 73.4% (999) | 2,360 |
| Missing Person Incidents | 9,196 | up 2.4% (225) | 9,421 |
| DEVELOPING CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES | | | |
| Measure | Previous 12 Month Period (July 16 - June 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (July 17 - June 18) |
| Local Policing Visibility | New measure - data not available | | |
| User Satisfaction - Burglary | 79.7% | down 6.9% | 72.8% |
| User Satisfaction - Violent | 73.4% | down 0.9% | 72.5% |
| User Satisfaction - Hate | 74.3% | down 2.1% | 75.2% |
| User Satisfaction - Anti-Social Behaviour | 81.1% | down 17.1% | 64.0% |
| Confidence - CSEW (Overall Confidence) | Previous 12 Month Period (April 16 - March 17) | In Year Performance Versus Previous 12 Month Period | In Year Performance (April 17 - March 18) |
| CSEW data is 3 months behind | 78.3% | increase 0.4% | 78.7% |

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 19 September 2018

Police & Crime Commissioner Decisions

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to highlight decisions made by

- i) the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, and
- ii) the Director, under delegated authority in the period since the last meeting of the Panel on the 2 July 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to consider the report and raise any issues identified on the decisions presented.

1 Background

- 1.1. Under Section 28(6) of the Police Reform and Social responsibility Act 2011, the Panel is obliged to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner's functions and, where necessary, make reports or recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner with respect to the discharge of the Commissioner's functions.
- 1.2. The Commissioner is under a statutory obligation under the terms of the Specified Information Order to publish details of decisions of significant public interest. In more general terms under Section 13 of the 2011 Act, the Commissioner is obliged to ensure that he provides the Panel with any information that it might reasonably require to allow it to carry out its functions. This would include the provision of information regarding the Commissioner's decisions and actions, irrespective of whether they were to be considered to be of 'significant public interest'.
- 1.3. In this respect, the Commissioner publishes on his website all decisions he has made.
- 1.4. Further details on all these decisions are available for scrutiny on the Commissioner's Website at:-

<http://lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/decisions/>
- 1.5. Additionally, Members may access the Strategic Scrutiny Agenda and Minutes at

<http://lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/meetings-and-reports/strategic-scrutiny-meetings/>

and the Joint Management Board papers at

<http://lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/meetings-and-reports/joint-management-board/>

2 Decisions made and/or published since the last scheduled meeting of the Police and Crime Panel

2.1 Drawing on the information published on the Commissioner's website, a number of decisions have been made since the report to the Panel at its last meeting on 2 July 2018. These are set out in the table below.

| Decision Reference | Decision Title | PCC Priority | Date of Decision |
|--------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| 2018/13 | Pension Forfeiture (restricted) | Supporting Vulnerable people and victims | 31 July 2018 |
| 2018/20 | Joint Audit & Ethics Committee Membership | Governance | 14 June 2018 |
| 2018/21 | Community Action Fund Application | All applications approved support one or more of the priorities. | 13 June 2018 |
| 2018/22 | - | - | - |
| 2018/23 | Policy for dealing with unreasonable / unreasonably persistent / vexatious complaints | Governance | In progress |
| 2018/24 | Reserves Strategy | Governance | 24 July 2018 |
| 2018/25 | 2017-2018 Treasury Management year end position | Governance | 24 July 2018 |
| 2018/26 | OPCC Corporate Risk Strategy | Governance | 24 July 2018 |
| 2018/27 | Community Action Fund Application | All applications approved support one or more of the priorities | 30 July 2018 |
| 2018/28 | Financial Position as at 30 June 2018 | Governance | 30 July 2018 |
| 2018/29 | Recruitment of a Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (restricted) | This decision supports all of the priorities | 25 July 2018 |
| 2018/30 | Approval for police deployment to overseas football matches | Tackling crime and re-offending, Protecting frontline policing, Supporting vulnerable people and victims, | 3 August 2018 |
| | Delegated Decision | Governance | 10 September 2018 |

3. Director's Delegated Decisions

- 3.1 The Panel will recall that the Commissioner has agreed to the Director's delegated decisions being published.
- 3.2 A report detailing the exercise of her delegations made since the last meeting was presented to the Commissioner on the 10 September 2018. This report has been published along with all other decisions made by the Commissioner on the website and is available for inspection via the following link.

<http://lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/decisions/>

4. Conclusion

- 4.2 In accordance with its statutory duty, the Panel has the opportunity to scrutinise and review the decisions made and published as set out in the report now presented.

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Police and Crime Panel

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MEMBERS EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES

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Executive Summary

To review Members Allowances practice and determine if there should be any change to the current arrangements.

Recommendation

That the Panel determine if there is to be any change to the current arrangements.

Background and Advice

The LGA document: "Panel arrangements and the balanced appointment objective" dated May 2012 says:

9 Allowances and Expenses

9.1 Each Authority has the discretion to pay its representatives on the Panel Special Responsibility Allowances, and to reimburse reasonable expenses incurred. No allowance or expenses payments will be made by the Panel itself to elected members.

Any allowances or expenses which may be made to elected members arising out of Panel Membership shall be determined and borne by the appointing Authorities for each Panel Member individually.

9.2 The Host Authority, on behalf of the Panel will reimburse reasonable expenses to co-optees provided that this is agreed as part of the annual budget approved by the Panel."

Current position

The matter was last considered at the Panel meetings on 7th April 2014, 25th January 2016 and most recently, on 2nd July 2018. Expenses are referred to as being travel, subsistence, loss of earnings and conference / training costs”.

As the Panel membership has changed over the years the question of allowances and expenses regularly gets raised and this report sets out the position in this regard.

As members know in principle, Councillors are already compensated for loss of earnings by the Allowances system operated by each Constituent Council, so a claim cannot be made for “loss of earnings” as an expense item.

Currently the panel do not pay any `SRA’s as each Constituent Council is left to set locally any allowances for its members who sit on the Panel.

The scrutiny role of the Panel as it has evolved now regularly sets out its forward plan for the year ahead and identifies areas it would wish to scrutinise in more detail. This may mean more meetings of the Panel and/or its sub-groups than originally envisaged. For this reason members may have/wish to draw this to the attention of their Constituent Councils when allowances for Panel members are reviewed.

Similarly in terms of SRAs for Chairs of Panels, it has been down to the relevant authority to consider paying an SRA if their Member has been appointed as Chair of the Panel.

There is no requirement to pay allowances to co-opted members and it is left to authorities to decide if they should be paid.

Current position

Currently the Panel therefore leaves the payment of SRA’s for panel membership and for the Chair/Vice Chair as a matter for the constituent Councils.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal Implications

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides that the Secretary of State may provide financial and other resources to Members of the Police and Crime Panels in connection with the exercise of their functions. Paragraph 1 above sets out the extract from Guidance that relates to the matter.

Financial Implications

On 18th July a letter was sent to administering authorities (in the Lancashire Panel case – Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council in respect of the 2018/19 grant arrangements. This states that there will be £53,300 for administration costs for the Panel. In addition, £920 will be made available per member of the panel (including additional co-optees) to fund the same expenses as the other members of the panel.

As reported in July 2018, since the earlier considerations of this matter by the Police & Crime Panel, a survey was undertaken by Frontline Consulting Associates. The result of their survey completed in January 2018 highlighted a practice that some Panels are apparently funding the payment of at least some allowances from the Home Office Grant whereas other were not. Payment from the grant for elected Panel Members would be 'at odds' however with the Guidance produced by the LGA in May 2012.

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. The scrutiny role is increasing and the impact upon Panel Members should be reflected in the allowances made to Panel members.

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

The LGA document: "Panel arrangements and the balanced appointment objective" dated May 2012

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LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2018/19

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Executive Summary

This report sets out an updated forward plan for the Panel for the Municipal Year 2018/19. (Appendix `1` refers)

Recommendation

Following updates at the AGM in July 2018 that the Panel agree the Forward Plan for the Municipal Year 2018/19 for publication.

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 areas for scrutiny each year by reviewing the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. The Panel considered in July 2018 the identification 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, December 2018 and March & July 2019.

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

The Forward plan has now been updated to reflect the creation of the Task & Finish Groups for 2018/19 and the timetable for reports to the full Panel on their work.

The Secretary has also updated the timetable for a report on the changes to the Complaints process to be presented to the Panel.

The updated Forward plan is attached as Appendix `1` to this report.

The Panel is also advised that in addition to the areas directly lifted from the Police and Crime Plan the Forward Plan can include other areas for focus of scrutiny.

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.

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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 |

LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL

FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISIONS

SEPTEMBER 2018 – JULY 2019

| ANTICIPATED DATE | KEY DECISION / ITEM OF BUSINESS / CONTACT OFFICER / CONSULTATION DETAILS | CONTACT OFFICER |
|------------------|--|---|
| September 2018 | <p>Police & Crime Plan Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Police & Crime Plan Performance Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Annual Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Update on Consultation – Fire Service Governance Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Decisions Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> | <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> |
| December 2018 | <p>Plan Performance Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Decisions Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Scrutiny Task & Finish Group 1 – Report – Contact Centre Report of the Task & Finish Group</p> | <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Phil Llewellyn BWD – Democratic Services</p> |

| ANTICIPATED DATE | KEY DECISION / ITEM OF BUSINESS / CONTACT OFFICER / CONSULTATION DETAILS | CONTACT OFFICER |
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| | <p>Scrutiny Task & Finish Group 2 – Report – Victim Services Report of the Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Review of Complaints Procedures Report of the Secretary</p> | <p>Phil Llewellyn BWD – Democratic Services</p> <p>David Fairclough Secretary</p> |
| January 2019 | <p>Initial consideration of the Commissioner’s 2015/16 – precept proposals Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Consideration of the PCCs revenue and capital budget proposals</p> <p>Consideration of the PCCs proposed Community Safety Grants</p> | <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> |
| March 2019 | <p>Police & Crime Plan Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Police & Crime Plan Performance Reports Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Decisions Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Scrutiny Task & Finish Group 3 – Report – Frontline Policing Report of the Task & Finish Group</p> | <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Ian Dickinson OPCC</p> <p>Phil Llewellyn BWD – Democratic Services</p> |

| ANTICIPATED DATE | KEY DECISION / ITEM OF BUSINESS / CONTACT OFFICER / CONSULTATION DETAILS | CONTACT OFFICER |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| July 2019 (AGM) | Membership 2019/20 Report of the Secretary Lancashire Police & Crime Panel | David Fairclough Secretary LPCP |
| | Police & Crime Panel Budget Report – 2018/19 Report of the Secretary Lancashire Police & Crime Panel | Phil Llewellyn BWD – Democratic Services |
| | OPCC Annual Report 2018/19 Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner | Ian Dickinson OPCC |
| | Police & Crime Plan – Update Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner | Ian Dickinson OPCC |
| | Police & Crime Plan – Performance Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner | Ian Dickinson OPCC |
| | Decisions Report Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner | Ian Dickinson OPCC |
| | Scrutiny Task & Finish Group 4 – Report – Response to Mental Health Report of the Task & Finish Group | Phil Llewellyn BWD – Democratic Services |
| | Forward Plan 2019/20 Report of the Secretary Lancashire Police & Crime Panel Timetable of Meetings 2019/20 Report of the Secretary Lancashire Police & Crime Panel | David Fairclough Secretary LPCP Phil Llewellyn BWD – Democratic Services |

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Police and Crime Panel

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MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS

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Executive Summary

This report sets out the current position with regard to communications relating to potential complaints received up to 31st August 2018 in relation to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Recommendation

That the update in relation to communications and complaints be noted.

Background and Advice

Since the commencement of the Panel in 2012 there have now been 55 recorded communications which at the outset were described by the complainants as complaints against the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Many of these communications as reported previously however did/do not relate directly to the conduct of the PCC and therefore do not, under the terms of the governing regulations come under the jurisdiction of the Police & Crime Panel.

Many communications received focus on the alleged conduct of police officers or the chief constable, and these are matters for which there are other complaints processes and appropriate authorities to deal with such matters. There has been one (55) further communication of this nature recently.

Outstanding from the report to the last meeting was one complaint (44). This however is now the subject of a Police & Crime Panel Complaints Sub Committee meeting on 19th September 2018. The conclusion of which would be expected to be reported to the next meeting of the Panel.

Also, as reported at the July meeting, a complaint (51) was received on the date of the previous report (1st June 2018). In the event, this complaint did not proceed, as the complainant subsequently failed to provide any further

details relating to their complaint which would have provided for an initial assessment.

A further complaint (52) was received relating to dissatisfaction with the Police & Crime Commissioner however when the complaints form was issued by the secretary requesting more details this was not returned and the matter was subsequently dis-continued from the process.

A complaint (53) was received but on initial assessment the complaint actually related to the alleged conduct of an officer from within the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, so the complainant was referred through to the Director of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner as the appropriate authority for the handling of such complaints.

Similarly a complaint (54) was received which related to information on the Police & Crime Commissioners website. This was resolved via referral through to the Director of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner as the appropriate authority for the handling of such complaints.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal Implications

The procedures adopted by the Panel comply with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 which are issued under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 for the handling of complaints and matters concerning the conduct of the holders of the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. It is proposed the handling of such complaints will be contained within existing resources.

Risk management

The requirement to monitor and record complaints against the PCC and DPCC is in accordance with the provisions of The Elected Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.

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List of Background Papers

| <u>Paper</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Contact/Directorate/Tel</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---|
| Agenda and Minutes from | November 2012 | David Fairclough HR, Legal & Corporate Services 01254 585642 |
| Agenda and Minutes from | July 2014 | David Fairclough HR, Legal & Corporate Services 01254 585642 |
| Agenda and Minutes from | March 2016 | David Fairclough HR, Legal & Corporate Services 01254 585642 |