

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Meeting to be held on the 16th September 2020

Police & Crime Commissioner Review

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Executive Summary

To receive note the response provided on part one of the national review of the Police and Crime Commissioner model.

Recommendation

The Panel is asked to:

Note the report and response submitted

Information

Towards the end of July 2020 the Government announced the review of the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) model. A copy of the Local Government Association (LGA) briefing on the terms of reference was sent individually to Panel Members on 31st July 2020. It was noted from this that part one of the review was looking at the role of panels and chairs.

The LGA planned to submit a response to the review, covering not only panels but also the issue of fire governance, and looking ahead to issues to be considered in part 2 of the review, potentially including the role of PCCs in relation to domestic abuse, reoffending and other issues.

The Panel will recall the closing date for submission to the Home Office was very short with a date of 4th September 2020.

To help develop the response by the due date, the LGA asked to receive comments, suggestions and evidence from all panels. The LGA invited comments on any issues, although they were particularly interested in views on some of the issues they were aware would likely be considered, or come up in response to the review including:

- Panel powers
- Complaints role
- Panel membership and churn
- Role of panel chair
- Experience of PCC scrutiny in the fire/mayoral context

On 10th August 2020 the Secretary wrote all Panel Members who were provided the key research questions for part one of the review which included further information about the themes the Home Office would like to consider and invited comments.

In the short time available two responses were received from Panel Members as per the attached document and these were submitted to the LGA on 25th August 2020.

Consultations

The Panel was a consultee on this report.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk Management

The requirement for an Independent Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Legal Implications

The Panel is being invited to provide its views as a consultee and interested party in respect of the Review. There are no legal implications.

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

LGA Note and documents July 2020

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate N/A