

Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 7th December 2020

LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2020/21

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Executive Summary

This report updates the forward plan for the Panel for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

Recommendations

The Panel

Agree all the Task & Finish Groups to report for 2020/21 at the March meeting.

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.

To facilitate work in advance of the scheduled meetings for areas selected for further scrutiny the Panel has previously 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.

At the last meeting the following Task & Finish Groups were confirmed:

The responses were as follows:

1. Local & Neighbourhood Policing Strategy – Lead – Councillor Jackie Oakes
2. Police Response Team – Funding & Expenditure – lead – Councillor Roger Berry
3. Violence Reduction Network – Suggested lead - Councillor Sue Berry
4. Building Confidence in Local Communities – lead - Councillor Mohammed Khan

The first two Group have commenced work and originally were due to report back to this meeting. However given ongoing activity it is suggested that these Groups continue their work and report back to the March meeting. Groups 3 and 4 are due to commence their scrutiny activity in the new year and will also report back to the March meeting. This will ensure full debate of all associated work and activities with the wider Panel in this municipal year and allow recommendations to be made to the Commissioner and/or the Panel at the AGM in July 2021.

The Panel is asked to agree the update the scheduling of the Task & Finish Group reporting and the consequential update of the Forward Plan (as attached)

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
LGA Policing and Fire Governance – Guidance for Police & Crime Panels	July 2019	David Fairclough 01254 585642