

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Meeting to be held on the 6th December 2021

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Annual Police (Fire) and Crime Panels Conference 2021

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Executive Summary

This report gives details of the 10th National Conference for Chairs, Members and Officers of Police (Fire) and Crime Panels held on 1st and 2nd November 2021.

Recommendation

That the Panel note the report.

Background and Advice

The 10th National Conference for Chairs, Members and Officers of Police (Fire) and Crime Panels was held on Monday 1st November and Tuesday 2nd November 2021, organised by Frontline Consulting in collaboration with Grant Thornton, at the University of Warwick.

The Chair, Jackie Oakes attended the Conference, along with the Secretary to the Panel, Asad Laher, and Phil Llewellyn.

Conference Details

After last year's event being held virtually because of Covid-19, it was clear that delegates were pleased to be back in person and able to network and share good practice.

The Opening Conference Plenary discussed the recent Home Office Review and the danger of PCC's having to particularly focus on national targets, as well as discussion on the scope for a wider role for PCCs in the Criminal Justice System and for wider collaboration with PCCs across regions.

Dr Rick Muir, Director of the Police Foundation, reported on the results of the Strategic Review of Policing, setting out substantial recommendations for a modern police service capable of meeting the challenges of the 21st Century, with Part 1 of the Review focussed on the Challenges, and Part 2 on the Capacity of the Police to meet these challenges.

The Review had looked at how the Capacity issues highlighted needed to be addressed, and the resulting resource implications. The Review is due to be published in January 2022.

The Panel's three delegates made sure they attended separate Conference Breakout Sessions in order to gain as much information as possible, with the following sessions attended:

- Code of Conduct
- Solutions Room for Support Officers
- Scrutinising the Commissioner/Performance Networks
- Solutions Room for Chairs
- Councillors and Police and Crime Panels
- Complaints Handling

All three delegates found the Conference very informative and particularly useful in terms of networking and benchmarking, and the Chair has already had discussions since the Conference with the Chair of another Panel to gauge if any of their approaches would be of benefit to this Panel.

Attendance at such Conferences and Seminars (such as the Annual LGA PCP Workshop) are a very helpful way of checking the Panel is on the right track when carrying out its functions and is receiving the latest information on emerging policy developments and best practice.

Financial Implications

Attendance at the Conference, including travel and accommodation, was funded via the Home Office Grant to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel.

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

Paper	Date	Contact
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