

## **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

Meeting to be held on 8th July 2016

### **UPDATE OF PANEL ARRANGEMENTS**

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### **Executive Summary**

This report is presented to the Panel to consider an update to the Terms of Reference recommending that the Lancashire Police & Crime Panel Arrangements be updated to include arrangements governing the Removal of, or Resignation of, appointed and co-opted Members, which have not been previously determined and to reference the ongoing consideration of members allowances.

### **Recommendation**

The Panel is asked:

To approve the changes to the Lancashire Police & Crime Panel Arrangements as set out in this report to provide for:

- (i) the Removal of, or Resignation of, appointed and co-opted Members
- (ii) confirmation of public participation arrangements
- (iii) the reflection of decisions in progress with regard to member allowances

### **Background and Advice**

#### (i) Co-opted Members

Currently there is no provision in the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel Arrangements governing the Removal of, or Resignation of, appointed and co-opted Members. The arrangements in Appendix B paragraph 5.1 simply advise that the *'arrangements (are) to be decided'*.

It is suggested that the Panel address this omission by amending as follows:

#### **“5. Removal of, or resignation of, appointed and co-opted Members**

5.1 ~~Arrangements to be decided~~ Co-opted members will cease membership of the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel after a maximum of 8 years (2 x 4 year terms)

5.2 Any co-opted member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Lancashire Police & Crime Panel shall cease to be a member unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel

5.3 A person may resign as a co-opted member of the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel by written notice served on the Secretary and the resignation shall take effect on the date specified in the notice.

5.4 Where a co-opted member ceases to be a member for any reason, the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel shall appoint a replacement for a term of 4 years.”

(ii) Public Participation

Currently the Terms of Reference of the panel do not reflect the Panel decision taken at the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in respect of public participation. The arrangements in Appendix C paragraph 12 currently incorrectly state `the Panel to determine`, whereas the information is available via the Police and Crime Panel web pages.

It is suggested therefore that this be updated as follows:

**“12. Public participation**

~~The Panel to determine~~ The procedure for public questions was agreed by the Panel at their meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and full details are set out on the Police & Crime Panel Website

[www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Procedure-for-Public-Questions.aspx](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Procedure-for-Public-Questions.aspx)

and via the Secretary to the Panel.”

(iii) Members Allowances

Pending the conclusion of considerations of the payment of members allowances which have been subject to a number of reports to the Police and Crime Panel the Terms of Reference of the panel have not been updated.

A further report on the payment of member allowances is presented separately on this Agenda.

Subject to which the terms of reference will be updated to reflect the latest position in this regard.

**Consultations**

N/A

**Implications:**

This item has the following implications as indicated:

**Legal Implications**

The proposals to update the terms of reference of the Panel are in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

### **Financial Implications**

None

### **Risk management**

The provision of an independent Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Panel should regularly review its Terms of Reference and Arrangements, to ensure continued accuracy and transparency, which this proposal addresses.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

#### **List of Background Papers**

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact/Directorate/Tel</u>
Lancashire Police & Crime Panel (LPCP) Terms of Reference	As Updated	David Fairclough, Secretary (01254) 585642
Minutes LPCP	October 2013	
Reports on Members allowances To PCP	Various 2013-2019	
Reasons for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		