

Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 8th July 2019

LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2019/20

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Executive Summary

This report sets out an outline forward plan for the Panel for the Municipal Year 2019/20. (Appendix A refers)

Recommendation

That the Panel agree a Forward Plan for the Municipal Year 2019/20 and subject to considerations set out separately on this Agenda, agree the title of, and timetable for the reporting back from any Task and Finish Groups aligned to each area of the Plan (as appropriate).

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 area for scrutiny each year by reviewing the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. The Panel is asked therefore to identify and agree 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, September 2019, December 2019 and March 20.

The Secretary will then liaise with the PCC on the production of more detailed information to be prepared and circulated in advance of the meetings to facilitate full and detailed scrutiny.

Additional areas of scrutiny can be reviewed by Task & Finish Groups, which are discussed in a separate item on this Agenda.

A proposed Forward Plan is set out in Appendix A and this includes sections for the insertion of up to 3 Task & Finish Group reports. The title of the report

due from these Groups will be inserted following decisions taken at this meeting.

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.

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