

Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 18th September 2019

LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2019/20 - UPDATE

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Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

That the Panel agree an updated 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.

As considered at the AGM in July, 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, December 2019 and March 20.

Unfortunately, due to the issues reported separately on this Agenda as regards Panel membership for 2019/20 it has not been possible to date to finalise full membership of Task and Finish Groups for 2019/20. However once those issues are resolved the Secretary will 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 of chosen areas of scrutiny.

The proposed Forward Plan has therefore been amended to reflect the delay to the establishment of the Task and Finish Groups. The title of the report due from these Groups will also be inserted following decisions taken at this meeting.

In addition, the Government was also due to introduce new regulations regarding the implementation of new complaints and conduct legislation in 2019. However, the laying of this legislation is now not expected until at the earliest, December 2019. The updated Forward Plan now reflects this later date.

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