

Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 9th December 2019

LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL FORWARD PLAN 2019/20

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Executive Summary

This report sets out an updated forward plan for the Panel for the Municipal Year 2019/20. (Appendix `1` refers)

Recommendation

The Panel agree the updated Forward Plan for the Municipal Year 2018/19 for publication.

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 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.

The Forward plan has now been updated to reflect the creation of the Task & Finish Groups for 2019/20 as referenced separately on this Agenda and the now adjusted timetable for reports back to the full Panel on their work.

The Secretary has also updated the timetable for a report on the changes to the Complaints process to be presented to the Panel, based on the likely timeframe for the new regulations to be in place.

The updated Forward plan is attached as Appendix `1` to this report.

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