

## **Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire**

Meeting to be held on the 9th March 2020

### **Task & Finish Group Update**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Panel to receive the latest updates from the work of the Task& Finish Groups

### **Recommendation**

The Panel is asked to note the reports and make any recommendations for further scrutiny or action.

### **Background and Advice**

It was agreed at the September meeting of the Panel that Subject Task and Finish Leaders (Champions) be nominated from the membership as follows:

Councillor Berry agreed to lead on Frontline Policing

Councillor Whipp agreed to lead on the Contact Centre

The Task and Finish Leaders, supported by their group members will update the wider Panel on progress and feedback issues/recommendations for consideration at the meeting.

### **Consultations**

All Members of the Panel are consulted in relation to Task and Finish Group work as set out in this report.

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Legal Implications**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced Police and Crime Panels (PCP) as formal joint committee of all the local authorities in a police force area, with the following main responsibilities.

- making recommendations on the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Police and Crime Plan and Annual Reports;
- consider the PCCs appointment of a Chief Constable, with the Panel having power of veto over the appointment;
- consider the level of precept to be set by the PCC, again with a power of veto;
- review certain senior appointments by the PCC;
- scrutinise and support the activities of the PCC.

The creation of Task & Finish Groups to fulfil the scrutiny of the work of the Commissioner is appropriate and meets the legislative function of the Panel.

## **Financial Implications**

The costs of operating and supporting Task& Finish Groups are borne from the Home Office Grant supporting the Panel.

## **Risk Management**

The requirement for an Independent Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire 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**

None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate N/A