

**Appointment to the Lancashire  
Police and Crime Panel  
15 May 2017**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council regarding making an appointment to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel.

**This report is public**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) That Council notes that the political balance in Lancashire, following local elections in May 2017, was unknown at the time of drafting this report.
- (2) That, the Council puts forward a Labour Member for appointment to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for the municipal year 2017/18 to enable the Council to be represented at the next meeting of the Panel on 5 June 2017.

**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 A Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for Lancaster was established as a formal Joint Committee of the 15 local authorities for the Lancashire Police force area in 2012. The arrangements, procedural rules and terms of reference of the Panel, put forward by the County Council as Panel co-ordinators, were agreed by Lancaster City Council on 14 May 2012.

1.2 PCPs were established in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The legislation provides that a 'balanced appointment objective' must be met, as far as is reasonably practicable. This means that the members of the Panel, when taken together, should represent the political make up and represent all parts of the relevant local authorities for the police area. Blackburn with Darwen, as the host authority, will instruct other authorities of the appointments to be made.

**2.0 Proposal**

2.1 At the time of writing this report the results of the local government elections on 4 May 2017 are not yet known, therefore it is not known if Lancaster City Council will be asked to appoint one or two members. It has usually been one just one Labour Group Member although there has been at least one year when the City Council has been able to

appoint one Labour and one Conservative member, depending on political balance in the County area.

- 2.2 It is possible that Democratic Services will have received instructions from Blackburn with Darwen Council, after agenda publication. If the Council has been invited to appoint two Members to the Panel for 2017/18 it will be reported before, or at, the meeting and both appointments can be made together.

**CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)**

None.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications for the authority. The administration costs of the panel are paid by the Home Office to Blackburn-with-Darwen Council as the host authority and reimbursement for travel expenses can be claimed from Blackburn-with-Darwen.

**OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Human Resources; Information Services; Property; Open Spaces:** None.

**SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

**MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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