

# COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## Appointment to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel 26 June 2014

### Report of the Chief Officer (Governance)

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appoint one Labour councillor to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for 2014/15.

**This report is public**

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That one Labour member of Lancaster City Council be appointed to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for 2014/15.**

#### 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.

#### 2 Background

- 2.1 In 2013/14 the City Council was allocated one Labour and one Conservative place on the Panel to effect political balance. Councillor David Smith and Councillor Malcolm Thomas were appointed by Council. When the appointment for 2014/15 went to Council on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 however, the political balance for the year was not yet known, and it was resolved to delegate the appointment to this meeting of Council Business Committee.
- 2.2 Further to the local government elections in May 2014, the political balance has been recalculated, and Lancaster City Council has been asked to nominate one Labour member.

### 3. Conclusion

- 3.1 It is recommended that Council Business Committee appoints one Labour member of Lancaster City Council to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel, which will hold its first meeting of the year on 7 July 2014.

#### **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 comment.

#### **MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comment.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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