

CABINET

Lancashire Police and Crime Panel 6 August 2019

Report of the Leader of Cabinet

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To make appointments to the Police and Crime Panel for the municipal year 2019-2020			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral from Cabinet Member
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision	N/A		
This report is public.			

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEADER OF CABINET

- (1) That Councillor Sinclair, the portfolio holder for Communities and Justice, be appointed to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for the municipal year 2019/2020.
- (2) The Cabinet names a substitute Member to go to Panel meetings should Councillor Sinclair be unable to attend.

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, is responsible for requesting relevant appointments from each Lancashire Authority.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 Negotiations regarding the political composition of the panel as a whole are still ongoing. However, Blackburn-with-Darwen officers have informed the City Council that, at this stage, one Labour Member is to be appointed. The relevant portfolio holder is Councillor Sinclair, therefore the recommendation is to appoint him to the Panel. There are three places still to be determined on the Panel, so it may be that the City Council is able to make a further appointment in due course, when the composition issues have been settled.

2.2 Blackburn-with-Darwen officers have also requested that each local authority name a substitute member to attend meetings of the Panel if the appointed member has to give apologies for absence.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 Cabinet is recommended to appoint Councillor Sinclair to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel and to name a substitute to attend Panel meetings if Councillor Sinclair is unable to be present.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

Council Plan – Clean Green and Safe Neighbourhoods.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Human Resources, 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, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces:

None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The s151 officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The PCP is a joint committee comprising representative from different local authorities. Part 2, Section 6 of the Council's constitution deals with "Joint Arrangements" [p45]. This provides:

"The Cabinet may appoint Councillors to a Joint Committee from outside the Cabinet in the following circumstances:

(a) the Joint Committee has functions for only part of the area of the Council. In such cases, the appointees to the Joint Committee may include any Councillor who represents a Ward which is wholly or partly contained within the area; and

(b) the Joint Committee is discharging a function in relation to five or more local authorities; or the function which the Joint Committee is discharging is a function which is required by statute to be discharged by a Joint Committee.”

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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