

**Appointment to the Lancashire  
Police and Crime Panel  
16 May 2016**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of the options with regard to appointing to the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel.

**This report is public**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) That Council notes the information in this report and determines, from the options in the report, how to make an appointment (or appointments) to the Panel once the political balance is known.**

**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 5 May 2016 are not yet known, therefore it is not known if Lancaster City Council will be asked to appoint one or two members, or from which political party or parties. The Panel's AGM is on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016. It is possible that officers will have received instruction from Blackburn with Darwen Council after agenda publication to enable Council to appoint at this meeting. If not, Council could choose to

- a) delegate the appointment to Council Business Committee, which meets later this month on 26 May; or
- b) appoint at the next Council meeting on 13 July 2016.

**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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