

URGENT BUSINESS
Appointment to the Lancashire
Police and Crime Panel
15 June 2016

Report of the Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appoint one Member to the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for Lancashire.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That Council considers appointing one Labour Group Member to the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire.**

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 the Council's Annual Meeting it was not known if Lancaster City Council would be asked to appoint one or two members, or from which political party or parties. Council therefore resolved to make the appointment at this meeting, when further information would be available.

2.2 The Administrator for the Panel, Blackburn-with-Darwen Council has now confirmed that Lancaster City Council is required to appoint one member from the Labour Group. The reason for urgency is that the next meeting of the PCP is before the next meeting of Council. Making the decision now will allow Lancaster City Council to be represented

at the next PCP meeting.

In view of this Council are asked to consider appointing one Labour Group Member to the Panel.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 Council is asked to consider appointing one Labour Group member to the PCP for Lancashire.

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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