

**Appointment to the Lancashire
Police and Crime Panel
24 June 2020**

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable Council to make an appropriate nomination for a member, and substitute member, of the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That Council nominates Councillor Sinclair, portfolio holder for Communities and Social Justice, for the Lancaster District seat on the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for the Municipal Year 2020/21.**
- (2) That a named substitute is also nominated.**

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, effect the political balance and have asked Councils to put forward their nominations as soon as possible.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 In the past, where one nomination has been requested the Cabinet Member whose portfolio includes community safety has been put forward. Last year Councillor Sinclair, the Cabinet member for Communities and Social Justice, was appointed and he would appear to be the appropriate nomination again this municipal year. It is also prudent to nominate a substitute member for the Panel and all Councils have been asked to do

so.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 The Panel's next meeting will be held on 6 July 2020. Making a nomination at this meeting will enable Lancaster City Council to be represented at that meeting.

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 comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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