

**Appointment to the Lancashire  
Police and Crime Panel  
16 December 2020**

**Report of the Head of Democratic Services**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To enable Council to make an appropriate nomination for a member of the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel following recent changes to Cabinet.

**This report is public**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) That Council nominates the most appropriate Cabinet portfolio holder for the Lancaster District seat on the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2020/21.**

**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.

**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. On 24 June 2020, Councillor Sinclair, being the most appropriate Member as the Cabinet portfolio holder for Communities and Social Justice, was appointed for the municipal year 2020/21. Councillor Wood was appointed as the Council's named substitute. Councillor Sinclair is no longer a Cabinet member and therefore Council is asked to nominate a Councillor the role, and this would usually be the most relevant portfolio holder.

### 3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 Making a nomination at this meeting will enable Lancaster City Council to be represented at the Panel's meeting for the remainder of the municipal year.

#### **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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