

## **Police and Crime Panel**

Meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012

### **Update on the constitution of the Police and Crime Panel**

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#### **Executive Summary**

An update regarding the formal approval by the Home Secretary regarding the establishment and membership of the Panel and the requirement for an additional three co-opted elected members.

#### **Recommendation**

The Panel is asked to note the Home Secretary's approval to the appointment to the Panel of the three co-opted elected representatives.

### **Background and Advice**

At the Police and Crime Panel in October it was reported that following the initial meeting formal notification of the establishment and membership of the Panel for Lancashire had been sent to the Home Office as required by the Regulations.

With regard to the appointment of an additional three co-opted elected members to satisfy the political balance requirements it was reported that the necessary formal approval by the Home Secretary was still awaited. At that time the Home Office had indicated that the submission for Lancashire would be included in the next tranche of requests to be put to the Home Secretary for consideration once ministers returned to Parliament after Recess and a formal response was expected.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 the Director General of the Home Office (Crime and Policing Group) wrote to the Chief Executive of the County Council to confirm that the Home Secretary had formally approved the co-option of the following three additional elected representatives to the Panel.

Councillor N Mottershead (Burnley)  
Councillor I Oades (Fylde)  
Councillor M Thomas (Lancaster)

A copy of the letter was circulated to all members of the Panel and the three additional co-opted members were also informed individually.

Recently Burnley Borough Council have confirmed that Councillor Mottershead has been replaced on the Panel by Councillor Kennedy

Confirmation of the appointments completes the full membership of the panel with 18 elected representatives and 2 independent co-opted members all of whom have full voting rights.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

The provision of an independent Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

#### **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Letter from the Director General (Crime and Policing Group) Home Office	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2012	M Neville, Office of the Chief Executive 01772 533431

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A