

## **Police and Crime Panel**

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

### **The Scrutiny Function of the Police and Crime Panel.**

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### **Executive Summary**

This report sets out the latest guidance in relation to the scrutiny role of the Police and Crime Panel.

#### **Recommendation**

The Panel is asked to consider the guidance set out at Appendix 'A' in relation to its role in scrutinising the PCC.

#### **Background and Advice**

At the last meeting there was some discussion in relation to the scrutiny role of the Panel and it was reported that the Centre for Public scrutiny and the Local Government Association was due to publish Guidance in relation to scrutiny for Police and Crime Panels.

A copy of the recently published Guidance is attached as Appendix 'A'. The Guidance outlines the scrutiny landscape in the new police governance arrangements; links to other scrutiny bodies; and processes for scrutiny work. The Panel is asked to consider the Guidance in relation to its role in scrutinising and supporting the PCC and relationships with other bodies.

#### **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
LGA/CfPS Guidance for PCPs on Scrutiny	November 2012	M Neville, Office of the Chief Executive 01772 533431
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		