

## Appendix 'A'

### Statement from Cllr. Chris Maughan:

I was elected to Blackpool Council in May 2011, the youngest ever in the history of Blackpool Council. As a young councillor I will help address the age balance of the council, giving increased representation to what is an underrepresented group of society within local government and the Lancashire Police Authority. I am due to graduate from a chemistry degree this summer and this has equipped me with a range of skills and experiences; especially my analytical and research skills. I believe that my youth and enthusiasm will provide a unique prospective for the Lancashire Police Authority, helping diversify its membership.

Blackpool is an area which suffers high deprivation with a relatively high transient population, an increasing number of HMOs and high levels of unemployment due to the seasonal nature of many of the jobs in the town; these problems fuel anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. The town also has a range of problems associated with binge drinking, being the tourist destination of choice for partygoers nationwide, such as alcohol related crime and a heavy use of and reliance on emergency services. Having lived in Blackpool my whole life I have witnessed the effects of the issues mentioned above and the problems that they bring, making certain areas of the town undesirable to walk through after dark or live in, which can lead to higher crime rates and an increase in deprivation. It is essential that the Police, Councils and other relevant bodies work together to address these problems. I believe that I can assist with this.

I am currently starting my first term in local government and committed entirely to it. I have been given the position of Chair of the Scrutiny Committee; I also sit on the Licensing, Public Protection, Finance and Standards Committees as well as the BSafe Partnership. As a new councillor I will be learning and developing a wide range of skills which will be of importance to the Lancashire Police Authority. I am committed and dedicated to the improvement and development of Blackpool and believe that I will be a valuable member of the Lancashire Police Authority. I am able to commit sufficient time to the role as I see this as an important part of my new position of councillor.

Cllr Chris Maughan

17 May 2011