

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on the 15 May 2014**

Report submitted by: The Chief Executive

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
All

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

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Executive Summary

The appointment of the County Council's representative to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire.

Recommendation

The Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of one member to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire until the Annual Meeting of the Full Council in 2015.

Background and Advice

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced Police and Crime Panels (PCP) as formal joint committees of all the local authorities in a police force area, with the following main responsibilities:

- making recommendations on the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Police and Crime Plan and Annual Reports.
- consider the PCCs appointment of a Chief Constable with the Panel having power of veto over the appointment
- consider the level of precept to be set by the PCC, again with a power of veto,
- review certain senior appointments by the PCC,
- scrutinise and support the activities of the PCC,

For Lancashire the police force area includes the County Council, 12 District Councils and the two Unitary Councils. The first meeting of the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire was held on the 31 July 2012.

Constitution of the PCP

In Lancashire, the Panel is made up of 15 elected members, one from each Authority, and an additional 3 elected members to achieve the 'balanced appointment objective' so that when taken together the members of the Panel represent the political make up of the relevant local authorities for the police area.

The Panel has also appointed 2 independent co-opted members, who are not elected representatives, to serve on the Panel until July 2016.

In July 2013 the Panel resolved:

That the constitution of the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire, on the basis of appointments made by each local authority, be noted and agreed as 18 Elected Members on the basis of 9 Labour, 7 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent Member, reflecting the political leadership of each authority and three additional appointments, as now reported, to satisfy political balance requirements.

It has previously been agreed that Council Members of the Panel will serve a 12 month term and that the political balance of the Panel will be reviewed after local elections in May. As the County Council do not have any elections in May it is not expected that there will be any required change in the Council's representation.

County Councillor Jenny Mein was appointed as the County Council's representative on the Panel for 2013/14

Terms of Reference, Arrangements and Roles and Responsibilities

The Terms of Reference of the Panel, Arrangements for the Panel and Operational Procedure for the Panel have previously been noted and agreed by the County Council. There have been slight changes since in relation to appointment of sub committees, task groups and the approval of a public questions procedure.

Decision Required

Full Council is asked to appoint a member to the Police and Crime Panel for 2014/15.

Consultations: N/A

Implications: This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The requirement for 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
Nil		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate - N/A		