

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

10 October 2012

Report of Central Services Director

Part 1- Public

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE AND CRIME PANEL FOR KENT AND MEDWAY

To consider an invitation from Kent County Council to approve the establishment of a Police and Crime Panel for Kent and Medway, including terms of reference, panel arrangements and rules of procedure.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 places a statutory duty on local authorities collectively to establish a Police and Crime Panel for their area. Kent County Council (KCC) has acted as the host authority for the shadow panel which has discussed and agreed to recommend terms of reference/panel arrangements and procedure rules.

1.1.2 KCC, Medway Council and all the borough/district councils in Kent are now being asked to agree the arrangements and rules set out in the appendices to the attached model report prepared by KCC [**Annex**]. This will enable the Police and Crime Panel to be formally constituted by November 2012. The Leaders of the authorities are also being asked to nominate one Member (two in the case of Medway) to serve on the Panel.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 As set out in the model report.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 As set out in the model report.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Not applicable.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 RECOMMENDED That:

- 1) the arrangements and rules set out in the Annex be approved to enable the Police and Crime Panel to be formally constituted by November 2012; and
- 2) a Member be nominated to serve on the Police and Crime Panel.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Central Services Director

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The decision is an internal procedural matter for the Council.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	As above
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		Not applicable

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.