

HOME OFFICE CONSULTATION ON EXPANDING THE ROLE AND POWERS OF POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICERS

Purpose of the Report

1. To give Panel Members an opportunity to make comments on the Home Office's proposals to expand the role and powers of Police and Community Safety Officers (PCSOs).

Information and Advice

2. The Home Office e-mailed on 6 December 2013 to seek the views of relevant partners (including Police and Crime Panel Members) on its proposals to expand PCSO roles and powers. The covering letter and proposals are attached as Appendix A and B.
3. The proposals seek to enable the introduction of additional discretionary powers to help deliver key areas of neighbourhood policing including community engagement, crime prevention and to address anti-social behaviour.

Other Options Considered

4. Views are requested by 20 December 2013 and therefore the Panel meeting of 16 December offers the only opportunity for Members to discuss these proposals together.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

5. To enable the Panel to formulate a response to the Home Office consultation.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Panel considers the proposals and agrees a response to the Home Office.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None

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