

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

Date of Meeting: 5 October 2021

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 18 October 2021

Report of: Chief Executive & Growth Director

Title: Government Consultation on Giving Police and Crime Commissioners Greater Powers of Competence

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Is this an Executive or Council Function?

Council

1. What is the report about?

The report provides details of the Government's consultation on giving Police and Crime Commissioners greater powers of competence, which ends on 27 October 2021. The Government is specifically inviting views from councils. The report also includes draft responses to the Government's prescribed questions.

2. Recommendations:

That Executive recommends approval of and full Council approves the response to the consultation.

3. Reasons for the recommendation:

To enable the council to register its views on the Government's proposals.

4. What are the resource implications including non-financial resources?

There are no financial implications.

5. Section 151 Officer comments:

There are no financial implications for Council to consider contained within this report.

6. What are the legal aspects?

There are no legal aspects associated with this proposal.

7. Monitoring Officer's comments:

This report raises no issues for the Monitoring Officer, as it is simply a response to the current consultation exercise.

8. Report details:

Details of the Government's proposals are set out in the consultation paper at Annex A. Draft responses to the prescribed questions are included at Annex B.

9. How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Plan?

The potential for enhanced partnership working contributes to a well-run council.

10. What risks are there and how can they be reduced?

No adverse impact has been identified.

11. Equality Act 2010 (The Act)

11.1 Under the Act's Public Sector Equalities Duty, decision makers are required to consider the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other prohibited conduct;
- advance equality by encouraging participation, removing disadvantage, taking account of disabilities and meeting people's needs; and
- foster good relations between people by tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

11.2 In order to comply with the general duty authorities must assess the impact on equality of decisions, policies and practices. These duties do not prevent the authority from reducing services where necessary, but they offer a way of developing proposals that consider the impacts on all members of the community.

11.3 In making decisions the authority must take into account the potential impact of that decision in relation to age, disability, race/ethnicity (includes Gypsies and Travellers), sex and gender, gender identity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, pregnant women and new and breastfeeding mothers, marriage and civil partnership status in coming to a decision.

11.4 In recommending this proposal no potential impact has been identified on people with protected characteristics as determined by the Act because: because the report is not council activity or policy.

12. Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

No direct carbon/environmental impacts arising from the recommendations.

13. Are there any other options?

Not applicable.

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Background papers used in compiling this report:-

As attached.

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