



LANCASHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
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PART I

SPECIAL INTEREST ROLES

Issue for Consideration

The allocation of Member special interest roles within the Authority for 2009/10.

Information

The Authority introduced special interest roles in 2004, to enable Members to develop awareness and expertise in particular areas of business and to act as the Authority's lead member on all matters relating to that area.

The Authority's role statement for Members with special interests roles is currently being revised as part of the Authority's work for the Member Development Charter and a report on this is presented elsewhere on the Agenda.

The special interest roles have been an effective way of dealing with a range of issues that are of importance to the Authority and of recognising member involvement. Each year, the Authority's special interest roles have been revised in the light of the Authority's priorities for the new year, its business plan, and member skills and preferences.

The initial proposals before the Authority for the allocation of roles in 2009/10 have been produced, largely from the individual Member Development interviews held by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Chief Executive. The proposals are as follows:

| Allocation of Special Interests 2009/10 | |
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| Special Interest | Member |
| Citizen Focus | All Members of Professional Standards and Citizen Focus Committee |
| Equality, Diversity and Human Rights | Miss Afzal |
| Protecting Vulnerable People | County Councillor Penney |

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| Independent Visiting and Volunteering Scheme | Councillor Bell and Mrs Webster |
| Sustaining Excellence | Councillor Doherty |
| Learning and Development | Ms McGirr and Councillor Bell |
| Retention and Progression/ Workforce Modernisation | County Councillor Jones |
| Victims and Witnesses/ Restorative Justice/Criminal Justice | Mrs Hendrix, JP and Mrs Webster |
| Performance Scrutiny (including continuous improvement and efficiency plans) | Mr Shazad Sarwar |
| Inspections | Mr B Jassi |

In previous years, Members have indicated their willingness to provide a “focal point” for the Authority in particular areas outside the formal special interest framework. However, under the revised Member Development framework, each Member will have agreed objectives within their annual personal development plan and it is considered that this will effectively replace the need for focal points of interest.

Decisions Required

The Authority is asked to

1. consider the suggestions set out above and agree the allocation of special interest roles for 2009/10;

Background Papers

Nil.

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