

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Date of Meeting: 24 March 2017

Report of: Brian Reed- Head of Governance and Democratic Services

Subject/Title: Policing Insight Online Magazine and Weekly Newsletter

1. Report Summary

It was previously agreed that the Panel should subscribe to “Policing Insight”, an online magazine and weekly newsletter, providing analysis and insight on policing governance, policy, politics and legislation. It has been suggested by a Panel member that the subscription should be renewed.

2. Recommendation (s)

1. That the Panel consider whether the subscription to Policing Insight should be renewed:-
2. That, if the subscription is to be renewed, the Panel consider whether access should be to all members of the Panel, at a cost of £950 per annum, or for a limited number of Panel members, at a cost of £250 per member, per annum.

3. Background information

Policing Insight is published by CoPaCC, an independent organisation, established shortly after the first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections in November 2012, to monitor policing governance in England and Wales. Since those PCC elections, CoPaCC has published a regular, subscriber only, Policing Report with analysis of PCC activity as well as strategic level policing developments and has launched PolicingInsight.com, an online magazine and weekly newsletter, providing analysis and insight on policing governance, policy, politics and legislation. The online magazine improves access to, and complements, historical and new material already covered in the CoPaCC Policing Reports, whilst broadening the range and depth of insight and analysis from guest contributors and prominent journalists with expertise in the police sector. It draws on contributions from over sixty experts with relevant knowledge of policing and related disciplines.

Registering an account with Policing Insight is free of charge and entitles users to access selected subscriber articles and reports. Subscribers with an annual subscription to the CoPaCC Policing Report have unlimited access to Policing Insight. Further details of the information available are included in the attached leaflet and on the Policing Insight website.

The Panel had previously taken out a subscription to the website, but this has lapsed. The Panel is requested to consider whether the subscription should be renewed. If the subscription is to be renewed, the Panel may wish to consider whether access should be granted to all members of the Panel, or a limited number of Panel members. As the Panel is a founder subscriber, the cost would be £950 per annum for full Panel member access. The cost for individual membership would be £250 per member, per annum.

4. Financial Implications

The cost of a public sector subscription, which would allow access to all Panel Members is £950 per annum. The charge for Individual membership is £250 per member. Funding for this is available from the grant allocation.

5. Equality Implications

There are no specific equality implications related to this report.

6. Contact Information

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