

WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

19 JUNE 2017

THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR POLICE AND CRIME PANELS

Recommendation

- 1. The West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP) are asked to consider the feedback provided from the exploratory meeting held on 17 February about the formation of an Association of Police and Crime Panels.**

Background

2. Discussions have taken place at the Police and Crime Panel Conference, Regional Networks and Panel meetings regarding the formation of a National Association for Police and Crime Panels. It was felt that Panels have struggled to make their voice heard in their dealings with the Home Office in relation to the lack of clarity of the role and lack of any real powers to be able to hold Police and Crime Commissioners to account.
3. At its meeting on 7 February 2017, the Panel agreed that Councillor Sebastien Bowen, Herefordshire County Council would attend an exploratory meeting on behalf of the Panel regarding the formation of an Association of Police and Crime Panels on 17 February 2017 and report back to the Panel.
4. Feedback from the Exploratory Meeting is attached at Appendix 1.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Feedback from the exploratory meeting in respect of the formation of an Association of Police and Crime Panels on 17 February 2017 from Councillor Sebastien Bowen, Herefordshire County Council

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda and Minutes of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel

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