

## **STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 23 April 2018**

### **Proposed Establishment of a National Police and Crime Panel Special Interest Group (of the Local Government Association) - Update**

#### **Report of the Secretary**

I have previously reported to members on discussions at various national meetings of Police and Crime Panel representatives on the possible formation of a national body for Panels as a way of raising their profile, strengthening their lobbying voice and sharing best practice.

Members' views were sought on the various options available and the preferred choice was the formation of a Special Interest Group, under the 'wing' of the Local Government Association. The advantages of this option are that it is relatively swift and inexpensive to establish and provides access to existing support services and established networks.

Work on the formation of the Group has been led by the Hertfordshire PCP chairman, Councillor Tim Hutchings. The Inaugural meeting of the Group is to be held at the Local Government Association's offices on Thursday 19 April 2018. Agenda items include:

- Terms of Reference for the Group
- Management /support structure and subscriptions
- Initial work plan

Your Chairman and Vice-Chairman were unable to accept the invitation to attend this meeting therefore your Support Officer will attend in an observer capacity and report back to this Panel meeting on discussions.

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Secretary to the Panel

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