

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 3rd April 2016

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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Executive Summary

This report confirms the appointment of the second Independent Co-Opted Member of the panel following the resignation of Paul Richardson, independent member. The report also recommends that the Lancashire Police & Crime Panel Arrangements be updated to provide for a substitute Independent Co-opted Member to be appointed to substitute in the event of absence of either of the two approved Independent Co-opted members.

Recommendation

The Panel is asked:

(1) to note the appointment of Mr Abdul Mulla to the second role of Independent Co-opted Panel member.

(2) to approve the changes to the Lancashire Police & Crime Panel Arrangements as set out in this report to provide for a substitute Independent Co-Opted Member in the absence of one of the two approved Independent Co-Opted members

(3) subject to (2) above to note the appointment of Katie Gee as substitute Independent Co-opted Panel Member

Background and Advice

As reported previously, the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire can appoint and co-opt to the Panel up to two independent persons.

The Local Government Association produced guidance on how Police and Crime Panels should go about appointing independent co-opted members, and at the previous meeting the Panel approved a selection panel to undertake the appointment in accordance with that guidance.

The selection panel has confirmed that Mr Abdul Mulla be appointed to the role for the designated 4 year term.

The selection panel also confirmed that a second candidate Ms Katie Gee was appointable.

As the Panel will be aware Councils on the Panel can send substitutes for meetings in accordance with the Lancashire Police & Crime Panel Arrangements. Currently there is no provision for substitutes for the additional Independent Co-opted members the Panel.

It is suggested that to maintain the balance of the Panel it would be appropriate to facilitate the substitution arrangements for those occasions when one or both of the Independent Co-opted Panel members are unable to attend meetings of the Panel.

This would require a change to the Lancashire Police & Crime Panel Arrangements as follows:

“3. Independent Members

- 3.1. The Panel has previously agreed to co-opt two independent members onto the Panel for a term of four years.
- 3.2. The lead authority will undertake the selection process on behalf of the Panel for co-opting independent members which will include a reasonable period of public advertisement for the positions. The closing date for the receipt of applications will not be less than two weeks from the date the advertisement is first placed.
- 3.3. Information packs will be prepared and sent to those requesting application forms.
- 3.4. The Panel will determine and agree its Selection Panel in accordance with the “balanced appointment objective”.
- 3.5. Following the interviews, the five members Selection Panel will make recommendations to the Panel about the appointments.
- 3.6. The Selection Panel may recommend appointment of additional Independent co-opted members to the Panel who may act as substitutes at meetings in the event of the absence of one or both of the term appointed (see 3.1 above) independent members of the Panel.”

The recent selection panel identified two appointable candidates for the one vacant Independent Co-opted member position as detailed above.

Should the panel approve the changes to the Lancashire Police & Crime Panel Arrangements, to facilitate substitutions by persons duly appointed under the agreed selection processes, the Panel could note that Katie Gee be appointed to substitute in the event of either Altaf Bagdadi or Abdul Mulla being able to attend a meeting of the Panel.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications as indicated:

Legal Implications

The proposals fulfil the terms of reference of the Panel and are in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

Financial Implications

The costs of the recruitment and its administration have been met from the Grant available for the provision of administrative support to the Panel.

Risk management

The provision of an independent Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Panel should reflect its Terms of Reference and Arrangements, which this proposal addresses.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact/Directorate/Tel</u>
LGA Guidance on appointing Independent co-opted members	June 2012	David Fairclough, HR, Legal & Corporate Services (01254) 585642

Reasons for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A