

REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP – BALANCED APPOINTMENT OBJECTIVE

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Panel's membership and any changes required to meet the balanced appointment objective as required by legislation.

Information and Advice

2. The Panel needs to review its membership at its Annual Meeting in June (or following elections which may have affected the Panel's political balance).

Elected members and proportional representation

3. The Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011 stipulates that Police and Crime Panels must represent all parts of the relevant area, be politically balanced and have a membership that has the necessary skills, knowledge and experience.
4. The Panel membership for 2021/22 was:
Ashfield District Council (1); Bassetlaw District Council (1); Broxtowe Borough Council (1); Gedling Borough Council (1); Mansfield District Council (1); Newark & Sherwood District Council (1); Nottingham City Council (2); Nottinghamshire County Council (2); Rushcliffe Borough Council (1), plus 4 Independent Member co-optees.
5. An annual review has been undertaken, with the political balance across the County being recalculated. This has confirmed that the option that best ensures
6. the balanced appointment objective is retaining 11 elected members, apportioned as follows:

Total Seats	Labour	Conservative	Ashfield Ind.	Independents
11	5	4	1	1

7. This option provides the best balance while respecting the percentage differential between the groups. To increase the number of members further, while representing a greater number of political groups, would lose that differentiation.

Council Representatives

8. Constituent Councils have been asked to confirm their appointees for the 2022/23 municipal year. This has identified some changes to representation on the Panel made by the relevant Councils. These are as follows:

- i. Councillor Scott Carlton replaces Councillor Andre Camilleri as one of the two Nottinghamshire County Council representatives
9. At the time the agenda was being finalised, the name of the nominated members from Newark and Sherwood District Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council was not available. The representatives of these two Councils will be confirmed verbally at the Panel's meeting.

Independent Members

10. In order to retain the existing knowledge, ensure greater continuity of membership and help the Panel's membership reflect the communities it serves, the Panel agreed on 15 November 2021 that the term of office of all four Independent co-optees be extended by two years to 31 May 2024.

Other Options Considered

11. The Panel is required to ensure that its membership meets the balanced appointment objective.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. Retaining the current size of the Panel will ensure it meets the balanced appointment objective.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Panel agrees to retain 11 elected members to enable political balance to be best achieved.
- 2) That the changes in Council representation on the Panel, as detailed in paragraph 8 above, be noted.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- 1) Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (published)
- 2) Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel's Panel Arrangements (published)
- 3) Political Balance calculations
- 4) Report to Police and Crime Panel of 15 November 2021 and minutes of that meeting (published)

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