

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL **7 SEPTEMBER 2015**

REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP – BALANCED APPOINTMENT **OBJECTIVE**

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Home Office's response to the Panel's request to co-opt a further Conservative elected member to achieve overall political balance.

Information and Advice

Political Balance

2. In line with The Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Panel reviewed its membership at its Annual Meeting on 15 June 2015.
3. In order to achieve political balance across the entire area which the Panel represents, Members agreed to seek Secretary of State approval to increase the membership to 15 elected members, by co-opting a further Conservative Member.
4. Following the publication of the agenda for the 7 September Panel meeting, the Home Office contacted us on 2 September, confirming that the request had been agreed (**see Appendix**). This item has therefore been added to the agenda as an urgent item of business to enable the new member to be co-opted as soon as possible. Hopefully, they will be appointed in time to attend the forthcoming Induction Day on 5 October 2015.
5. The Panel now needs to decide which Council should be asked to provide this additional Conservative member.

City Council Membership

6. Further to the information reported to the Annual Meeting about changes in membership, the City Council have subsequently amended their membership to replace Councillor Jon Collins with Councillor Nicola Heaton.

Other Options Considered

7. To deal with this matter at the November meeting but this would not enable the new co-opted member to attend the forthcoming Induction Day.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. To enable the Panel to continue to meet the balanced appointment objective to the best of its ability.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Panel agrees which Authority should be approached to provide the additional Conservative member;

Background Papers and Published Documents

- 1) Report to Police and Crime Panel – 15 June 2015 and minutes of that meeting (published).

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