

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

18 JUNE 2007

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Appointment of Councillor Members to the Nottinghamshire Police Authority

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of Councillor Members to the Nottinghamshire Police Authority in the light of the result of the recent City Council elections and the period of office of certain Members.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 The Joint Committee last met two years ago following the County Council elections in 2005 to determine the political composition of the Nottinghamshire Police Authority having regard to the political balance of the two Councils taken as a whole.
- 2.2 New Members of the Joint Committee may find the following explanation of the background to how the nine Councillor Members on the Police Authority are appointed useful. On the basis of statistical information for the City and County Councils on population, precept and electorate it was previously agreed by the Joint Committee that the County Council would provide seven Councillor Members and Nottingham City Council two. The political balance of the nine Councillor Members was then determined having regard to the political balance of the two Councils taken as a whole.
- 2.3 Following decisions made at the last meeting of the Joint Committee and appointments made since then, current appointments and terms of office can be set out as follows:-

County Councillors

| Name | Party | Expiry of Office |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| W J Clarke | Labour | 1.6.09 |
| M J Cox | Conservative | 1.6.09 |
| Ellie Lodziak | Labour | 1.6.09 |
| Jim Napier | Labour | 1.6.09 |
| Dave Shaw | Labour | 1.6.09 |
| Parry Tsimbiridis | Labour | 1.6.09 |
| Keith Walker | Conservative | 1.6.09 |

City Councillors

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|--------------|------------------|--------|
| Ian Malcolm | Labour | 1.6.07 |
| Brian Markin | Liberal Democrat | 1.6.07 |

2.4 In the light of the outcome of the recent City Council elections it is now necessary to undertake a further review of Police Authority membership and the remainder of the report deals with this matter.

2.5 Following the City Council elections the political composition of the two Councils has changed and is as set out in the table below.

| | CONSERVATIVE | LABOUR | LIB DEM |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Nottinghamshire County Council | 26 | 36 | 5 |
| Nottingham City Council | 7 | 42 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 33 (27.05%) | 78 (63.93%) | 11 (9.02%) |

2.6 On the basis of the revised figures in the table above and rounding percentages to the nearest whole number, the following political composition is arrived at:-

Conservative – Two Members (rounded down from 2.43)

Labour – Six Members (rounded up from 5.75)

Liberal Democrats – One Member (rounded up from 0.81)

2.7 In the circumstances, therefore, the Joint Committee needs to consider the appointment of one Member from each of the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups on the City Council.

2.8 In connection with the period of office for these appointments, it is suggested that these be made for four years.

2.9 With regard to the task of appointment, I again attach information received from the Local Government Association setting out guidance for those bodies who have responsibility for appointing Members of Police Authorities. Although this guidance on skills and competencies was issued in 2002, I am unaware that it has been replaced and it appears, therefore, to remain relevant to the task in hand.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That consideration be given to the appointment of two Councillor Members from the City Council, one Labour Member and one Liberal Democrat Member, for a period of office of four years expiring on 1st June 2011.

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4. Statutory and Policy Implications

This report has been compiled after consideration of the implications in respect of finance, legal, equal opportunities, personnel and crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described within the text of the report.

5. Background Papers Available for Inspection

None.

6. Strategic Director (Resources) Financial comments

There are none associated with the proposals. NS 1.6.07

7. Legal Services comments

The legal position with regard to appointments to the Police Authority is as set out in the report. JMF 1.6.07