

**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 Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011 specifies that Police and Crime Panels must represent all parts of the police force area, be politically balanced and that members should have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary.
3. 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

4. Legislation 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.
5. The panel membership for 2015/16 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 & 2 co-optees); Nottinghamshire County Council (1 & 3 co-optees); Rushcliffe Borough Council (1), plus 4 Independent Member co-optees.
6. There have been some changes to representation on the Panel made by the relevant Councils. These are as follows:-
 - i. Councillors Azad Choudhry and Mike Edwards have replaced Councillors Eunice Campbell and Neghat Khan as two of the City Council's representatives;
 - ii. Councillor Keith Girling has replaced Councillor Tony Roberts as Newark and Sherwood District Council's representative.
7. As these changes are like-for-like in terms of political group representation and there were no local Council elections in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire in May 2016, the political balance of the Panel therefore remains unchanged.

Independent Members

8. In order to retain the existing knowledge, to ensure greater continuity of membership and to help the Panel's membership reflect the communities it serves, the Panel agreed in June 2015 that the term of office of all four Independent co-optees be extended to June 2017.

Other Options Considered

9. None – it is proposed that no changes to the Panel's membership are required at this point to achieve the balanced appointment objective.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To inform the Panel of recent changes in membership and to give assurances that the balanced appointment objective continues to be met.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the changes in Council representation on the Panel, as detailed in paragraph 7 above, be noted.
- 2) That, in light of the balanced appointment objective being met, no further changes to the Panel's membership be pursued at this point.

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

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