

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

19th JUNE 2009

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 County Council elections.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 The Joint Committee last met two years ago following the City Council elections in 2007 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
Peter Barnes	Labour	8.6.09
W J Clarke	Labour	19.6.09
M J Cox	Conservative	19.6.09
Jim Napier	Labour	8.6.09
Dave Shaw	Labour	8.6.09
Parry Tsimbiridis	Labour	19.6.09
Keith Walker	Conservative	19.6.09

City Councillors

Ian Malcolm	Labour	19.6.09
Gary Long	Liberal Democrat	19.6.09

The term of office of all those Councillor members was originally due to expire on 1st June 2009. Following consultation with the members of the Joint Committee their term of office was extended until 19th June 2009. The County Councillor's appointed to the Police Authority only continued as Police Authority members if they were re-elected on the 4th June 2009.

- 2.4** In the light of the outcome of the recent County 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 County Council elections the political composition of the two Councils has changed and is as set out in the table below.

	CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIB DEM	INDEPENDENT
Nottinghamshire County Council	35	13	9	10
Nottingham City Council	7	42	6	0
TOTAL	42 (34.43%)	55 (45.08%)	15 (12.30%)	10 (8.20%)

- 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 – Three Members (rounded down from 3.1)

Labour – Four Members (rounded down from 4.06)

Liberal Democrats – One Member (rounded down from 1.11)

Independents- One Member (rounded up from 0.74)

- 2.7** In the circumstances, therefore, the Joint Committee needs to determine the number of each Group which is appointed from the City and the County Councils.
- 2.8** 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, and seven from the County Council

and that the period of office be determined.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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. Comments of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Service

The legal position with regard to appointments to the Police Authority is as set out in the report. (JMF 11.6.09)