

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

21 May 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1** To consider the appointment of a member to fill the vacancy created by the removal of Councillor Jason Zadrozny from the Police Authority membership.

2.0 Background

- 2.1** The Police Authority in April removed Councillor Jason Zadrozny from membership of the Police Authority as he had not attended a meeting for 3 months. As a result the Police Authority has requested that a replacement member be appointed. In accordance with the Police Act 1996 the nomination to fill this vacancy cannot be the previously appointed member. At the meeting of the Joint Committee on 19th June 2009 a decision was made that joint nominations from political groups across the City and County Councils should be made to the Joint Appointments Committee for any vacancies arising on the Police Authority; providing there was consensus across the groups.

- 2.2** The political balance for the Police Authority is:-

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| Labour | 4 |
| Conservative | 3 |
| Liberal Democrats | 1 |
| Independents | 1 |

- 2.3** Following the decision of the Police Authority there is therefore a vacancy on the Authority for a Liberal Democrat member.

- 2.4** The leaders of the Liberal Democrat Groups on the City and County Councils have been contacted with a view to submitting a nomination for this position. This will be reported to the meeting.

- 2.5** Under new guidance being issued by the Association of Police Authorities while the overriding principle in appointing elected members on to Police Authorities remains that of achieving political balance, councils are also now expected to take four other factors into account so far as reasonably practicable when appointing members to Police Authorities. The factors that need to be taken into account when appointing members are that:

1. they need to represent the interests of a wide range of people in the community;
2. they should have skills, knowledge or experience which are under-represented among the existing members of the police authority;
3. they should promote diversity within the force and police authority;
4. they can commit sufficient time to take an effective role on the police authority.

3.0 Statutory and Policy Implications

- 3.1 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.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That consideration be given to the appointment of a Liberal Democrat member for a period of office expiring on the date of the first meeting of the Joint Committee for Appointments to Nottinghamshire Police Authority following the City Council Elections in 2011.

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5.0 Background Papers Available for Inspection

- 5.1 Letter from Deputy Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire Police Authority dated 7 April 2010.

6.0 Legal Services Comments

The legal position with regard to appointments to the Police Authority is as set out in the report. (JFW 11.5.10)