

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
23 SEPTEMBER 2019

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REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP – BALANCED APPOINTMENT
OBJECTIVE - UPDATE

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 Panel needs to review its membership at its Annual Meeting in June (or following elections which may have affected the Panel’s political balance). The Panel agreed at its meeting on 3 June 2019 to receive a further update report following the results of two by-elections, for Broxtowe Borough Council and Mansfield District Council, which were still due to be held at that point.

Elected Members and Proportional Representation

3. The Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011 stipulates that Police and Crime Panels must: -
 - a. represent all parts of the relevant area;
 - b. be as politically balanced as possible; and
 - c. have a membership that has the necessary skills, knowledge and experience.
4. The various Council appointments can now be confirmed as follows: -

<u>Council</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Political Party</u>
Ashfield District Council	Cllr Jason Zadrozny (named substitute – Cllr Daniel Williamson, Ashfield Independents)	Ashfield Independents
Bassetlaw District Council	Cllr Tony Eaton (named substitute - Cllr Kevin Greaves, Labour)	Labour
Broxtowe Borough Council	Cllr Richard MacRae	Independent Councillor
Gedling Borough Council	Councillor David Ellis	Labour
Mansfield District Council	Executive Mayor Andy Abrahams	Labour
Newark & Sherwood District Council	Councillor Scott Carlton	Conservative
Nottingham City Council	Cllr Linda Woodings Cllr Leslie Ayoola (named substitute – Cllr Michael Edwards, Labour)	Labour Labour
Nottinghamshire County Council	Cllr Francis Purdue Horan	Conservative
Rushcliffe Borough Council	Cllr Rob Inglis	Conservative

5. Each constituent Council of the Panel is able to appoint whichever Councillor is deemed by that Council to be its most appropriate representative. Having received nominations, the host authority is required to action those and to also highlight if any further actions are required that could better achieve political balance across the Panel's geographical area.
6. No political party has overall control at Broxtowe Borough Council and the Council has nominated an Independent Councillor to sit on the Panel. There are 409 seats in total across the various Councils in the Panel's area, 22 of which are taken by Independent, non-aligned Councillors. This number, which is larger than the seats of any other political parties that are not currently represented on the Panel, is sufficient to qualify for a seat on the Panel.
7. In light of this, it can be deemed that the Panel is politically balanced with 10 Councillor Members and it is recommended that no further actions are required at this stage. The Home Office will be subsequently informed of the current position and membership as part of the grant process.

Other Options Considered

8. None – the Panel is required to consider the balanced appointment objective on an annual basis.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. To enable the Panel to consider the balanced appointment objective as required by legislation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Panel notes the current membership.
- 2) That the Home Office be informed of the revised membership of the Panel as appropriate.

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
- 4) Report to Police and Crime Panel meeting of 19 October 2012 and minutes of that meeting (published)
- 5) Reports to Police and Crime Panel of 4 June 2018 and 8 October 2018 and minutes of those meetings (published).
- 6) Report to Police and Crime Panel of 3 June 2019 and minutes of that meeting (published).

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