

REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP – UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Panel on the changes to the Panel's membership to meet the balanced appointment objective.

Information and Advice

2. The Secretary of State has now approved the Panel's proposals to co-opt one further Councillor (from Nottinghamshire County Council's Conservative Group) and two further Independent Members (with a community and voluntary sector background).
3. Councillor John Handley has been appointed as the County Council's Conservative Group member (the name of the appointee will need to be reported to the Secretary of State).
4. With regard to the recruitment process for the Independent Members, an advertisement has been placed in The Nottingham Post, The Mansfield and Ashfield Chad, The Newark Advertiser, The Worksop Guardian and The Retford Times. The advertisement has also been circulated to various community and voluntary sector groups, utilising the circulation lists of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
5. A sub-group of the Police and Crime Panel will act as the recruitment panel for the Independent Member process. The sub-group membership and shortlisting / interviewing dates are currently in the process of being finalised. It is proposed that the panel will consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, one of the existing independent members and one of the Nottingham City Council members. The interviews are due to take place in mid-October. Following the interviews, the sub-group will recommend the successful candidates to the Panel meeting of 30 October 2013 for approval.

Other Options Considered

6. The Panel could choose to continue with its current membership but this would prevent political balance being achieved and would not address the identified gap in terms of community and voluntary sector experience and skills.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To update the Panel on progress with the proposals unanimously agreed at the meeting on 24 June 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the latest position and the planned recruitment process be noted.

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) Report to meeting of Police and Crime Panel – 24 June 2013 – 'Review of Membership – Balanced Appointment Objective' and minutes of that meeting (published).

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