

INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To confirm the terms of office of the existing and newly appointed Independent Co-Opted Members following the recent recruitment process.

Information and Advice

2. Following an open and comprehensive recruitment process, the Police and Crime Panel meeting of 7 February agreed the recruitment panel's recommendations to appoint Lesley Darby and re-appoint Christine Goldstraw, Suma Harding and Bob Vaughan-Newton as Independent Co-Opted Members.

3. The Panel Arrangements state the following about such appointments:-

Independent members will be appointed for a term of 2 years. There will be no restriction on the overall time period that an independent member can serve on the Panel.

For clarification, this does not mean that the recruitment process takes place every 2 years. It is for the Panel to decide how often the recruitment process is undertaken.

4. The Panel agreed at its meeting of 23 April 2018 that the end date of the terms of office of the existing Independent Co-opted Members should be confirmed once the outcomes of the recruitment process were known, thereby enabling any resulting reappointments to be factored in.

5. The other existing Independent Co-Opted Member, Rizwan Araf, who had previously confirmed his intention not to re-apply as part of the recruitment process, remains an Independent Member at this stage.

5. It is proposed that the existing terms of office of all four current Co-opted Members should cease on 31 May 2019 and that the new terms of office of Lesley Darby and the re-appointed Members (Christine Goldstraw, Suma Harding and Bob-Vaughan-Newton) should commence on 1 June 2019, running until 31 May 2021.

6. It is also proposed that a report be brought to the Panel towards the end of 2020 to consider any reappointments / recruitment the Panel would like to action at that stage.

Other Options Considered

None - the Panel Arrangements specify two year terms of office for Independent Co-Opted Members, whilst also underlining that there is no restriction on the number of times Members can be subsequently reappointed.

Reason for Recommendation

To enable confirmation of the terms of office of the Panel's independent co-opted membership and to agree the initial steps in making future appointments / reappointments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the terms of office of the existing Independent Co-Opted Members (Rizwan Araf, Christine Goldstraw, Suma Harding and Bob Vaughan-Newton) cease on 31st May 2019.
2. That the terms of office of the new Independent Co-Opted Member (Lesley Darby) and the reappointed Independent Co-Opted Members (Christine Goldstraw, Suma Harding and Bob Vaughan-Newton) run from 3rd June 2019 to 31 May 2021.
3. That a report be brought to a future meeting of the Panel in 2020 to enable consideration of any reappointments / recruitment at that stage.

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) Reports to the Police and Crime Panel meetings of 24 June 2013, 30 October 2013, 16 December 2013, 15 June 2015, 24 April 2017, 23 April 2018 and 7 February 2019 and the minutes of those meetings.

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