

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

26th May 2011

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 City Council elections.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 The Police Authority by statute consists of 17 Members (9 Councillors appointed by the Joint Committee and 8 Independent Members). The Joint Committee met two years ago following the County Council elections in 2009 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 Following decisions made at the last meeting of the Joint Committee and appointments made since then, current appointments are:-

County Councillors

Name	Party
John Clarke	Labour
Glynn Gilfoyle	Labour
Eric Kerry	Conservative
Keith Longdon	Liberal Democrat
Mike Quigley MBE	Conservative
Les Ward	Independent
Gordon Wheeler	Conservative

City Councillors

Jon Collins	Labour
Ian Malcolm	Labour

The term of office of all these Councillor members expire on the date of the Joint Committee on 26th May 2011.

- 2.3 In the light of the outcome of the recent City 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.

- 2.4 Following the City Council elections and by elections at the County Council 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	15	9	8
Nottingham City Council	5	50	0	0
TOTAL	40 (32.78%)	65 (53.28%)	9 (7.38%)	8 (6.56%)

- 2.5 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 up from 2.95)

Labour – Five Members (rounded up from 4.79)

Liberal Democrats – One Member (rounded up from 0.66)

Independent – No Member (rounded down from 0.59)

- 2.6 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. The meeting of the Joint Committee on 19th June 2009 decided that joint nominations be received from the political groups across the 2 Councils provided that there was consensus within the group.
- 2.7 As Members will be aware the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill currently before Parliament proposes the abolition of Police Authorities and their replacement with elected Police Commissioners. It is proposed that this changeover will occur in May 2012. It is suggested however that because of the current uncertainties with the Bill in Parliament, the appointments to the Police Authority are made until the date of the Joint Committee following the County Council election in May 2013 or the abolition of the Police Authority whichever is the sooner
- 2.8 With regard to the task of appointment, I attach information received from the Local Government Association setting out guidance for those bodies who have responsibility for appointing Members of Police Authorities.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That consideration be given to the appointment of nine Councillor Members to the Police Authority and that the period of office be determined.

MICK BURROWS
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. Legal Services Comments

The legal position with regard to appointments to the Police Authority is as set out in the report. (JF-W 17.5.11)