**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – CO-OPTION OF AN ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED MEMBER**

The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel was established in late 2012 to support and scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Nottinghamshire County Council is the host authority for the Panel, thereby organising and supporting all the Panel’s meetings and work.

Each year, the Panel is required to assess how the composition of its membership can best reflect the communities and political make-up of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. It also needs to ensure a wide and appropriate mix of skills and experience amongst its members.

The Panel’s current membership is as follows:

* Mayor Andy Abrahams – Mansfield District Council
* Councillor Teresa Cullen – Broxtowe Borough Council
* Lesley Dalby – Independent Co-opted Member
* Councillor Boyd Elliott – Nottinghamshire County Council
* Councillor David Ellis – Gedling Borough Council (Vice-Chair)
* Mrs Christine Goldstraw OBE – Independent Co-opted Member (Chair)
* Mrs Suma Harding – Independent Co-opted Member
* Councillor Rob Inglis – Rushcliffe Borough Council
* Councillor Mike Introna – Nottinghamshire County Council
* Councillor Sajid Mohammed – Nottingham City Council
* Councillor Madelaine Richardson – Bassetlaw District Council
* Councillor Paul Taylor – Newark and Sherwood District Council
* Mr Bob Vaughan-Newton – retiring Independent Co-opted Member
* Councillor John Wilmott– Ashfield District Council
* Councillor Linda Woodings – Nottingham City Council

The terms of office for the current Independent Co-opted Members ends at the end of May 2024. The Panel reviewed the position at its meeting in November 2023 and agreed to offer existing Independent Co-opted Members the opportunity to extend their terms of office until the end of May 2026. After some consideration, one of the four Independent Co-opted Members decided they wanted to retire from the Panel. The Panel is therefore recruiting to fill that vacancy.

Independent co-optees and elected members on the Panel have the same responsibilities and duties. All co-optees are full voting members and will have access to the same level of support and information as elected members on the Panel. On average, it is anticipated that you will need to spend approximately two days every two months in preparing for and attending Panel meetings.

The Panel is a joint Committee and as such is required to meet in public unless there is a legitimate reason why some business should be conducted in private.

The Panel has agreed to hold its meetings at County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham and the following dates have been agreed for the 2024/25 municipal year.

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| Monday 17 June 2024 (AGM) | 2:00pm |
| Monday 16 September 2024 | 2:00pm |
| Monday 18 November 2024 | 2:00pm |
| Monday 3 February 2025 (Budget and precept meeting) | 2:00pm |
| Monday 17 February 2025 (reserve date for budget and precept if required) | 2:00pm |
| Monday 24 March 2025 | 2:00pm |
| Monday 16 June 2025 (AGM) | 2:00pm |

There will also be two non-public budget workshop meetings which are expected to occur in January 2025.

The timescales for the new Independent Co-opted Members commencing their membership will be agreed by the Panel following the recruitment process. The new Independent Co-opted Members would be welcome to observe the public Panel Meetings ahead of commencing their membership officially, as part of their induction process.

Panel Members can claim expenses (including travel, subsistence and related training costs) of up to £920 per year. The County Council also pays an allowance of £691 per year to the Independent Co-opted Members, in line with its rate of payments to other statutory co-optees (this allowance is paid in monthly instalments).

Agendas, minutes and reports of previous Panel meetings are available through the County Council’s website:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>

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