

HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to outline the co-option of two additional local authority members to the PCP, to enable the Panel to better meet the balanced appointment objective, as noted by the Panel at its meeting on 8 July 2022.

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Panel notes its Membership for the 2022/23 municipal year, as laid out in Table 2 of this report.
3. That Councillor John Gledhill and Councillor Sarah Vaughan are appointed to the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel, as a Local Authority Co-opted Members representing the Conservative Group.
4. That (subject to the appointment proposed above) the Panel notes the Panel Membership is, at the current time, politically proportionate for the purpose of the balanced appointment objective as outlined within Table 3.

Panel Proportionality

3. The PCP Arrangements set out that the Panel must secure that (as far as reasonably practicable) the "balanced appointment objective" is met. This is the objective that local authority members of the Panel (when taken together) represent all parts of the police area as well as the political make-up of the local authorities in the police area (when taken together); and have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the Panel to discharge its functions effectively.
4. The PCP is currently made up of 15 representatives from each of the local authorities in the Hampshire Police area. This includes the unitary authorities of Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight, 11 Hampshire Borough

and District councils and Hampshire County Council. To better meet the balanced appointment objective, three additional local authority members have been co-opted to the PCP following agreement from the Home Secretary. Two non-political members of the Panel are also appointed to add to the collective spread of experience and knowledge.

5. As reported to the previous meeting, in order to meet the balanced appointment objective, the political balance of the PCP for the 2022/23 should, as far as is reasonably practical, be:

	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Sub Total	Green	Alliance Group (IOW)	Community Campaign Hart	Independent and other	Vacancies	Total number of seats
Proportionality %	54.85%	25.91%	9.39%	90.15%	0.30%	2.58%	1.52%	5.45%	0.00%	100.00%
Therefore of the 15 seats (to 2 decimal points)	8.23	3.89	1.41	13.52	0.05	0.39	0.23	0.82	0.00	15
Rounded up/down	8	4	2	14	0	0	0	1	0	1
Therefore of the 18 seats (to 2 decimal points)	9.87	4.66	1.69	16.23	0.05	0.46	0.27	0.98	0.00	18
Rounded up/down	10	5	2	17	0	0	0	1	0	1

Table 1

6. Following notification of appointments, from the County Council and the local district, borough, unitary authorities across the Hampshire Policing Area, the Membership of the PCP for 2022/23 is outlined in Table 2.

Name	Appointing Authority	Political Group
Councillor Stuart Bailey	Hart District Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Narinder Bains	Havant Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Geoff Blunden	New Forest District Council	Conservative
Councillor Simon Bound	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Joanne Bull	Fareham Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Tonia Craig	Eastleigh Borough Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Portsmouth City Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Tony Jones	Local Authority Co-opted Member	Labour
Councillor Phillip Lashbrook	Test Valley Borough Council	Conservative

Councillor David McKinney	East Hampshire Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Lesley Meenaghan	Hampshire County Council	Conservative
Councillor Karen Lucioni	Isle of Wight Council	Independent
Councillor Martin Pepper	Gosport Borough Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Margot Power	Winchester City Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Matthew Renyard	Southampton City Council	Labour
Councillor Maurice Sheehan	Rushmoor Borough Council	Conservative
Dave Stewart	Independent Co-opted Member	N/A
Shirley Young	Independent Co-opted Member	N/A

Table 2

Co-option of Local authority Members

7. In accordance with Schedule 6, paragraph 4 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (“the Act”), the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (“the Panel”) may resolve to appoint up to three additional co-opted members in order to meet the balanced appointment objective, subject to authorisation from the Secretary of State.
8. The Panel’s Rules of Procedure state that the Panel may resolve, with the Secretary of State’s agreement, to appoint up to three additional co-opted members, who may be members of the local authorities in the Hampshire police area. Appointments will usually be for a four-year term (and subject to the terms of the Panel Arrangements on continuation in office), coterminous with that of the PCC, in line with Rule 21 paragraph (1). The Panel must, from time to time, decide whether the Panel’s exercise of this power would enable the balanced appointment objective to be, or would contribute to that objective being, met or more effectively met, and if the Panel decides that the exercise of the power would do so, must exercise that power accordingly. At its meeting on 29 June 2012, the Panel resolved to have three additional local authority co-opted Members, to allow it to meet, or more effectively meet the balance appointment objective.

9. A decision of the Panel to co-opt a person who is a member of a local authority in the Hampshire Police area must be a unanimous decision of the Panel and must be notified to the Secretary of State in writing (including the Panel's reasons for deciding that co-opting that person would enable the balanced appointment objective to be, or contribute to the objective being, met or more effectively met).
10. The term of appointment for local authority co-opted members of the Panel runs counter terminus with that of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), subject to annual review to ensure the political proportionality of the PCP is maintained.
11. Conservative group leaders across the Hampshire policing area were written to on 3 August 2022, via their nominated contact, and asked to propose collective nominations for the vacant co-optee position before 9 September 2022. The Panel received notification that Councilor John Gledhill and Councillor Sarah Vaughan had been selected as the Conservative Group nominees.
12. If the nominated appointments are agreed by the Panel, as recommended, Table 3 demonstrates that the Membership of the Panel for the 2022/23 Municipal year, is politically proportionate for the purposes of the balanced appointment objective.

	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Other	Vacant
Proportional appointment (18 seats):	10	5	2	1	
Confirmed and proposed appointments (18 seats):	10	5	2	1	

Table 3

REQUIRED LEGAL INFORMATION:

Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> Minutes of the meeting of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=185&MId=10072&Ver=4	<u>Date</u> 8 July 2022
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u> Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents/enacted <u>The Police and Crime Panels (Nominations, Appointments and Notifications) Regulations 2012</u> http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1433/pdfs/uksi_20121433_en.pdf Rules of Procedure of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel http://documents.hants.gov.uk/partnerships/hampshire-pcp/PoliceandCrimePanelRulesofProcedure.pdf	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None