

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out how the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Panel (PCP) is meeting the balanced appointment objective in its Membership for the 2023/24 municipal year.
2. This paper recommends the co-option of three additional local authority members to the PCP, to enable the Panel to better meet the balanced appointment objective.

Recommendation(s)

3. **That the Panel notes its Membership for the 2023/24 municipal year, as laid out in Table 2 of this report.**
4. **That Councillor Luigi Gregori and Councillor David Podger are appointed to the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel, as Local Authority Co-opted Members, and Councillor Jack Davies and Councillor John Hutchinson as Deputy Local Authority Co-opted Members, representing the Liberal Democrat Group.**
5. **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

6. 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.
7. 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.

8. A table outlining the political make-up of the local authorities in the policing area, as at June 2023, is attached as Table 1.

POLICE & CRIME PANEL PROPORTIONALITY 2023/24									
Authority	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Green	Alliance Group (IOW)	Community Campaign Hart	Independent and other	Vacancies	TOTAL number of seats
Basingstoke & Deane	23	9	10	1			11		54
East Hampshire	19	14	1	2			7		43
Eastleigh	1	35					3		39
Fareham	24	4					3		31
Gosport	10	16	2						28
Hampshire County	53	17	3			0	5		78
Hart	11	11				10	1		33
Havant	30	2	4	1			1		38
Isle of Wight	16	3	1		13		6		39
New Forest	26	14	1	3			4		48
Portsmouth	8	18	7				9		42
Rushmoor	23	2	14						39
Southampton	9	3	38	1					51
Test Valley	26	17							43
Winchester	12	30		2			1		45
Total	291	195	81	10	13	10	51	0	651
Proportionality %	44.70%	29.95%	12.44%	1.54%	2.00%	1.54%	7.83%	0.00%	100.00%

Table 1

9. Following notification of appointments, from the County Council and the local district, borough, unitary authorities across the Hampshire Policing Area, the appointed Membership of the PCP for 2023/24 is outlined in Table 2.

Name	Appointing Authority	Political Group
Councillor Vivian Achwal	Winchester City Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Tonia Craig	Eastleigh Borough Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Phillip Davies	East Hampshire Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Jason Fazackarley	Portsmouth City Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Toqeer Kataria	Southampton City Council	Labour
Councillor Phillip Lashbrook	Test Valley Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Karen Lucioni	Isle of Wight Council	Independent (Alliance Group)

Councillor Lesley Meenaghan	Hampshire County Council	Conservative
Councillor Simon Minas-Bound	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Alan Oliver	Hart District Council	Community Campaign Hart
Councillor Martin Pepper	Gosport Borough Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Dan Poole	New Forest District Council	Conservative
Councillor Gwen Robinson	Havant Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Maurice Sheehan	Rushmoor Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Seán Woodward	Fareham Borough Council	Conservative

Table 2

10. In order to meet the balanced appointment objective, the data in tables one and surmise that the political balance of the PCP for the 2023/24 municipal year should, as far as is reasonably practical, be:

	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Green	Alliance Group (IOW)	Community Campaign Hart
Local Authority Appointed Members (15 seats):	8	4	1		1	1
Proportional appointment required (18 seats):	8	6	2	0	1	1

Table 3

Co-option of Local authority Members

11. 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.
12. 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.

13. A decision of the Panel to co-opt a person who is a member of a local authority in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Policing 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).
14. 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.
15. Councillor Tony Jones is currently appointed as a Local Authority Co-opted Member for the Labour Group until 2024.
- 1.1. Liberal Democrat group leaders across the Hampshire and Isle of Wight policing area were written to on 13 June 2023, via their nominated contact, and asked to propose two collective nominations for co-option to the Panel. The Panel received notification that Councillors Luigi Gregori and David Podger had been selected as the Liberal Democrat Group nominees, and Councillors Jack Davies and John Hutchinson nominated as Deputy Local Authority Co-opted Members.
- 1.2. If the nominated appointments are agreed by the Panel, as recommended, Table 3 demonstrates that the Membership of the Panel for the 2023/24 Municipal year, is politically proportionate for the purposes of the balanced appointment objective.

REQUIRED LEGAL INFORMATION:

Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rules of Procedure of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel	http://documents.hants.gov.uk/partnerships/hampshire-pcp/PoliceandCrimePanelRulesofProcedure.pdf
The Police and Crime Panels (Nominations, Appointments and Notifications) Regulations 2012	http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2012/1433/pdfs/ukSI_20121433_en.pdf