

HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This paper outlines the co-option of an additional local authority member to the PCP, to enable the Panel to better meet the balanced appointment objective, as recommended by the Panel at its meeting on 2 July 2021.

2. Panel Proportionality

- 2.1. 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
- 2.2. As reported to the previous meeting of the Panel, in order to meet the balanced appointment objective, the political balance of the PCP for the 2021/22 should, as far as is reasonably practical, be:

	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Other	Vacant
Proportional appointment (18 seats):	11	4	2	1	
Current appointments (18 seats):	10	4	2	1	1

Table 1

- 2.3. The appointed Membership of the PCP for 2021/22 is:

Name	Appointing Authority	Political Group
Councillor Dave Ashmore	Portsmouth City Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Stuart Bailey	Hart District Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Narinder Bains	Havant Borough Council	Conservative

Councillor John Beavis MBE	Gosport Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Simon Bound	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Trevor Cartwright MBE	Fareham Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Tonia Craig	Eastleigh Borough Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Andrew Joy	Hampshire County Council	Conservative
Councillor Philip Lashbrook	Test Valley Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor David McKinney	East Hampshire Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Ken Muschamp	Rushmoor Borough Council	Conservative
Councillor Margot Power	Winchester City Council	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Mark Steele	New Forest District Council	Conservative
Councillor Ian Stephens	Isle of Wight Council	Alliance Group (Isle of Wight)
Councillor Sarah Vaughan	Southampton City Council	Conservative
Councillor Tony Jones	Additional Local Authority Co-opted Member	Labour
Councillor Matthew Renyard	Additional Local Authority Co-opted Member	Labour
Dave Stewart	Independent Co-opted Member	N/A
Shirley Young	Independent Co-opted Member	N/A

Table 2

3. Co-option of Members

Local authority co-opted Members

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. 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) or that 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.
- 3.3. 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).
- 3.4. The political proportionality for the Hampshire Policing area demonstrated that the balanced appointment objective would be best met through the co-option of two additional Labour and one additional Conservative Members to the Panel.
- 3.5. At its meeting on 2 July 2021 the Panel co-opted two additional Labour local authority members to the Panel and resolved to seek nomination from the Conservative Group for the vacant additional local authority co-opted Member.
- 3.6. Conservative group leaders across the Hampshire policing area were written to on 16 August 2021 and asked to propose a collective nomination for the vacant co-optee position before 17 September 2021.
- 3.7. On 12 September the Panel received notification that Councilor Lee Jeffers had been selected as the Conservative Group nominee.
- 3.8. If the nominated appointment is agreed by the Panel, as recommended below, Table 3 demonstrates that the Membership of the Panel for the 2021/22 Municipal year, is politically proportionate for the purposes of the balanced appointment objective.

	Con	Lib Dem	Lab	Other	Vacant
Proportional appointment (18 seats):	11	4	2	1	
Confirmed and proposed appointments (18 seats):	11	4	2	1	

Table 3

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. That the Panel notes its Membership for the 2021/22 municipal year, as laid out in Table 2 of this report.
- 4.2. That Councillor Lee Jeffers is appointed to the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel, as a Local Authority Co-opted Member representing the Conservative Group.
- 4.3. 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.

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

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