

# HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

## Report

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| <b>Title:</b>           | Appointments and Co-option Report        |
| <b>Report From:</b>     | Democratic Services Officer to the Panel |

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### Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out how the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP) is meeting the balanced appointment objective in its Membership for the 2022/23 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 2022/23 municipal year, as laid out in Table 2 of this report.**
- **Nominations for local authority co-opted members will be sought following confirmation of the Panel's appointed membership for 2022/23, which will enable the Panel to better meet the balanced appointment objective. These appointments will be considered by the Panel at its next meeting on 21 October 2022.**

### Panel Proportionality

4. 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.
5. 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.

6. A table outlining the political make-up of the local authorities in the policing area, as at May 2022, is attached as Table 1.

**POLICE & CRIME PANEL PROPORTIONALITY 2022/23**

| Authority           | Conservative | Liberal Democrat | Labour    | Green    | Alliance Group (IOW) | Community Campaign Hart | Independent and other | Vacancies | Total number of seats |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Basingstoke & Deane | 29           | 7                | 10        |          |                      |                         | 8                     |           | 54                    |
| East Hampshire      | 31           | 8                |           | 1        |                      |                         | 3                     |           | 43                    |
| Eastleigh           | 1            | 34               |           |          |                      |                         | 4                     |           | 39                    |
| Fareham             | 25           | 5                |           |          |                      |                         | 1                     |           | 31                    |
| Gosport             | 10           | 16               | 2         |          |                      |                         |                       |           | 28                    |
| Hampshire County    | 55           | 17               | 3         |          |                      |                         | 3                     |           | 78                    |
| Hart                | 11           | 11               |           |          |                      | 10                      | 1                     |           | 33                    |
| Havant              | 35           |                  | 2         |          |                      |                         | 1                     |           | 38                    |
| Isle of Wight       | 18           | 1                | 1         |          | 17                   |                         | 2                     |           | 39                    |
| New Forest          | 44           | 13               |           |          |                      |                         | 3                     |           | 60                    |
| Portsmouth          | 13           | 17               | 9         |          |                      |                         | 3                     |           | 42                    |
| Rushmoor            | 28           | 2                | 9         |          |                      |                         |                       |           | 39                    |
| Southampton         | 21           | 1                | 26        |          |                      |                         |                       |           | 48                    |
| Test Valley         | 26           | 12               |           |          |                      |                         | 5                     |           | 43                    |
| Winchester          | 15           | 27               |           | 1        |                      |                         | 2                     |           | 45                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>362</b>   | <b>171</b>       | <b>62</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>17</b>            | <b>10</b>               | <b>36</b>             | <b>0</b>  | <b>660</b>            |

*Table 1*

7. In order to meet the balanced appointment objective, the data in appendix one surmises that 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 2*

8. 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 2022/23 is outlined in Table 3.

At the time of the publication of this report, confirmation of appointments from Hart District Council and Isle of Wight Council remain outstanding and therefore subject to potential change. For those Authorities, the Members appointed in 2021/22 remain appointed to the Panel, and are highlighted in italics in Table 3.

| Name                            | Appointing Authority   | Political Group   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Councillor Stuart Bailey</i> | Hart District Council  | Liberal Democrats |
| Councillor Narinder Bains       | Havant Borough Council | Conservative      |

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 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 Phillip Lashbrook | Test Valley Borough Council           | Conservative     |
| Councillor David McKinney    | East Hampshire Borough Council        | Conservative     |
| Councillor Lesley Meenaghan  | Hampshire County Council              | Conservative     |
| 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     |
| <i>Cllr Ian Stephens</i>     | Isle of Wight Council                 | Independent      |

*Table 3*

### **Co-option of Local authority Members**

9. 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.
10. 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.

11. 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).
12. 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.
13. Councillor Tony Jones is currently appointed as a Local Authority Co-opted Member for the Labour Group. The two remaining Local Authority Co-opted Member positions are vacant, following the resignation of Councillor Lee Jeffers and the appointment of Councillor Matthew Renyard as Southampton City Council's representative on the Panel.
14. When appointments to the Panel are confirmed by Hart District Council and Isle of Wight Council and the final Panel makeup is known, nominations for local authority co-opted members will be sought in accordance with confirmed political proportionality. These nominations will be reported for consideration by the Panel at its next meeting on 21 October 2022.
15. Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat Party group leaders across the Hampshire Policing area were written to on 23 June 2022, alerting them to these forthcoming appointments in order to facilitate appropriate nominations from each Party.

## REQUIRED LEGAL INFORMATION:

### Significant Links

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

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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1433/pdfs/uksi_20121433_en.pdf)