

# **LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 24 June 2021**

## **Review of Panel Membership**

### **Purpose of this Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to consider the Panel's membership and any changes required to meet the balanced appointment objective as required by legislation.

### **Background and current arrangements**

2. The Panel needs to review its membership at its Annual General Meeting in June and/or following elections which may have affected the Panel's political balance.

### **Elected Members and proportional representation**

3. The statutory requirement is for a Panel of 10 Councillors and 2 Independent Members. The ten Councillors **must** include one from each local authority in the area i.e. City, County, Rutland and 7 Districts. However, in establishing the Panel it is necessary to ensure the membership:-
  - i) Represents all parts of the relevant police area (geographic balance);
  - ii) Represents the political make-up of the relevant authority or relevant authorities (when taken together);
  - iii) Has the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to discharge the functions effectively.
4. When the Panel was established in 2012 ,the decision was taken to establish a Panel of 15 Members made up as follows:
  - 8 Members representing the County Area (7 nominated by the Districts and 1 by the County)
  - 4 City Members
  - 1 Rutland Member
  - 2 Independent Co-opted Members
5. This make-up was to ensure that 'all parts of the relevant police area' were appropriately represented hence the decision to allow 4 City representatives to reflect the fact it accounts for nearly 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the population served by the Police.
6. Based on this and the current political balance and control of local authorities as set out in the table at Appendix A **the following Panel membership is suggested:**
  - 7 Conservatives Nominees from County Council, Rutland, Harborough, Melton, Charnwood, Blaby, NWLDC
  - 4 Labour City Council
  - 2 Liberal Democrats Nominees from Hinckley & Bosworth and Oadby & Wigston

- 2 Independent Co-opted Members (non-political and already in place)

*Note 1 – Due to the geographical balance requirement (see point 3 above) the Labour Party has a slightly higher representation than the overall political balance would suggest.*

*Note 2 – The size of the PCP was agreed with the Home Office and any decision to increase the size would need Home Office approval. It is therefore proposed that the size of the Panel remain unchanged.*

7. Council elections were held in the panel's area this year on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and changes to membership have been notified. It is proposed that no changes are required to the political make-up of the membership for this municipal year.
8. For information the current Council nominated Members are as follows:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>
Cllr Les Phillimore (Cllr Sharon Coe – substitute)	Blaby
Cllr Leigh Harper-Davies (Cllr Jonathan Morgan – substitute)	Charnwood Borough
Cllr Simon Whelband	Harborough
Cllr Michael Mullaney	Hinckley & Bosworth
City Mayor Sir Peter Soulsby	Leicester City
Cllr Piara Singh Clair	Leicester City
Cllr Kirk Master	Leicester City
Cllr Elly Cutkelvin	Leicester City
Cllr Deborah Taylor	Leicestershire County
Cllr Malise Graham	Melton Borough
Cllr Andrew Woodman	North West Leicestershire
Cllr Kevin Loydall	Oadby & Wigston
Cllr Lucy Stephenson	Rutland

9. Following a recruitment process undertaken in December 2017, two Independent Co-opted Members (Keith Culverwell and Mehrunnisa Lalani) were appointed. The terms of office for each of these Members runs until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. At this point therefore no further changes are required to the Independent Co-opted membership. A report will be presented to a future meeting of the Panel to begin the process for considering any reappointments/recruitment as necessary.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

To agree that no changes are required to the political make-up of the panel and that the Membership of the Panel be noted.

### Background Papers and Published Documents

- i. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (published)
- ii. Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel Arrangements (published).

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