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**Item 2**

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**Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall**

**Police & Crime Panel Membership**

**1. Purpose**

* 1. The purpose of this report is:
* Inform the Panel of Police & Crime Panel Membership for 2018/19
* Prompt the Panel to consider and confirm Local Authority Co-optees

**2. Background**

2.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 made provision for the establishment of Police and Crime Panels. The Act made detailed provision on the composition of Police and Crime Panels.

2.2 Where a force area consists of less than ten local authorities, as is the case for West Yorkshire, the number of Panel members is ten, not including the co-opted members.

2.3 Additional councillors may be co-opted onto the PCP, as long as two lay co-optees (independent members) are also included and the Secretary of State approves the co-options.

**3. West Yorkshire Position**

3.1 The West Yorkshire Leaders previously agreed that in order to achieve geographical and political balance within the sub-region, a panel of 12 elected members should be sought.

3.2 This request was submitted to the Secretary of State and on the basis that additional local authority membership would provide greater geographical and political balance, the additional co-opted places were agreed.

3.3 It was agreed that the following Councils should hold the following number of seats:

Calderdale 1 + 1 co-optee

Kirklees 2

Wakefield 2

Bradford 2 + 1 co-optee

Leeds 3

3.4 Following annual local elections, political proportionality is reviewed and agreed by the West Yorkshire Local Authority Leaders prior to appointments being made by the local authorities.

3.5 Co-optees are nominated by the local authority and agreed by the Police and Crime Panel at the Annual Meeting, subject to their appointment meeting the balanced appointment objective.

3.6 Following the outcome of the local elections held on 3rd May 2018, the apportionment of PCP places to meet political balance across West Yorkshire as a whole, has been agreed by Leaders as follows:

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| Authority | Local Authority Appointment | Places for LA to nominate PCP to appoint |  |
| Lab | Cons | Lib Dem | Lab | Cons | Lib Dem | Total Places per authority |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bradford | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 3 |
| Calderdale | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 2 |
| Kirklees | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |
| Leeds | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| Wakefield | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Totals** | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12 |

3.7Independent Co-opted Panel Members are recruited by the Panel through a process of open recruitment. Independent Panel members were recruited in October 2016 for a period of 4 years, in line with the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner, meaning that current Independent Members will remain in place for this municipal year.

3.8 All members of the Panel, including local authority co-optees and independent co-optees, have equal rights on the Panel.

**4. Panel Membership for 2018/19**

4.1 Local Authority Membership for 2018/19 has been put forward as follows

Bradford: Cllr Richard Dunbar (Lab), Cllr Russell Brown (Cons)

Calderdale: Cllr Steve Sweeney (Lab)

Kirklees: Cllr Amanda Pinnock (Lab) *Lib Dem to be confirmed*

Leeds: Cllr Alison Lowe (Lab), Cllr Salma Arif (Lab),

Cllr Amanda Carter (Cons)

Wakefield: Cllr Steve Tulley (Lab), Cllr Alan Wassell (Lab)

4.2 Local Authority Co-opted Membership has been put forward for Panel approval as follows:

Bradford: Cllr Tariq Hussain (Lab)

Calderdale: Cllr Sophie Whittaker (Cons)

4.3 Independent Members remain:-

Mr Roger Grasby

Mrs Jo Sykes

**5.0 Recommendations:**

5.1 The Panel is asked to:

* Note the 10 local authority appointed members (including the Lib Dem member from Kirklees yet to be confirmed)
* Note the 2 independent co-opted members
* Consider and approve the local authority co-opted member nominees (see 4.2).