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Council Chamber, County Hall, Wakefield

Police & Crime Panel Membership 2021/22

Item 2

Police & Crime Panel Officer
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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

- Inform the Panel of Police & Crime Panel Membership for 2021/22
- 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 in 2012 that in order to achieve geographical and political balance within the sub-region, a panel of 12 elected members should be sought.

3.2 The Secretary of State agreed to a request for a further local authority co-opted member in 2019 and on the basis that additional local authority membership would provide greater geographical and political balance, bringing the number of local authority members on the Panel to 13.

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

Calderdale	1 + 1 co-optee
Kirklees	2 + 1 co-optee
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 6th May 2021, the apportionment of PCP places to meet political balance across West Yorkshire as a whole, has been agreed by Leaders as follows:

Authority	Local Authority Appointment			Places for LA to nominate PCP to appoint			Total Places per authority
	Lab	Cons	Lib Dem	Lab	Cons	Lib Dem	
Bradford	1	1		1			3
Calderdale	1				1		2
Kirklees	1	1				1	3
Leeds	2	1					3
Wakefield	2						2
Totals	7	3	0	1	1	1	13

- 3.7 Independent 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. However, as a result of the pandemic and postponed elections, the Panel agreed to extend the term of office for a further year, in line with a one year extension of Local authority Panel members. A recruitment process is due to commence in the summer with a view to Independent appointments being in place by October this 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 2021/22

- 4.1 Local Authority Membership for 2021/22 has been put forward as follows

Bradford: Cllr Richard Dunbar (Lab), Cllr Paul Sullivan(Cons)
 Calderdale: Cllr Sarah Courtney (Lab)
 Kirklees: Cllr Masood Ahmed (Lab) Cllr Mark Thompson (Cons)
 Leeds: Cllr Mohammed Iqbal (Lab), Cllr Nicole Sharpe (Lab),

Wakefield: Cllr Amanda Carter (Cons)
Cllr Maureen Tennant-King (Lab),
Cllr Jacqueline Williams (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)
Kirklees: Cllr Cahal Burke (Lib Dem)

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
- Note the 2 independent co-opted members
- Consider and approve the three local authority co-opted member nominees (see 4.2).