

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Date of Meeting: 11 June 2021

Report of: Brian Reed , Head of Democratic Services and Governance,
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Subject: Independent member of the Police and Crime Panel

1.1 Report Summary

1.1 This report asks the Panel to consider how it wishes to fill the position of independent co-opted member when Mr Bob Fousert's term of office comes to an end.

2. Recommendation

2.1 Recommended that:

- (i) That the Panel determine how it wishes to fill the position of independent co-opted member when Mr Bob Fousert's current term of office ends on 30 September 2021.

3. Background information

3.1 The Panel has three independent co-opted members, each of whom currently serve a three-year term of office.

3.2 Mr Bob Fousert joined the Panel on its creation following a rigorous recruitment process; his current term of office expires on 31 September 2021. At the Panel's Annual Meeting in June 2020 the terms of office of all three co-opted members (Mr Bob Fousert, Mrs Sally Hardwick and Mr Evan Morris) were extended by one year as a consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic. Mr Fousert's term of office had been due to expire in September 2020.

3.3 In 2019 when Mr Evan Morris's first term of office came to an end the Panel reaffirmed that serving co-opted members may, with the Panel's agreement, be appointed to a second three-year term of office without the need for a formal recruitment process. No decision has ever been made by the Panel in relation to subsequent terms of office.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications other than the payment of allowances, which would apply, irrespective of whatever decision is made by the Panel regarding filling the position when Mr Fousert's current term of office comes to an end in September.

5. Equality implications

- 5.1 There are no specific equality implications related to this issue, but the Panel may wish to consider the overall gender balance, age and ethnicity of current Panel members when determining the most appropriate way forward.

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