

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Date of Meeting: 19 July 2024

Report of: Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services and Governance, Host Authority

Subject: Appointment of an independent member to the Police and Crime Panel

1.1 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the Panel to consider how it wishes to proceed when Miss Yasmin Somani's term of office as an independent co-opted member of the Panel comes to an end on 30th September 2024.

2. Recommendation

2.1 Recommended:

- (i) That the Panel consider how to proceed when Miss Yasmin Somani's current term of office comes to an end on 30 September 2024.

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 Miss Somani has served one term on the Panel. She was appointed following a rigorous recruitment process. Her current term of office expires on 30 September 2024.
- 3.3 The Panel's Procedure Rules as adopted in June 2022 state that:

When the appointment period for an independent member expires, a Recruitment Panel will be established in order to determine whether reappointment should be offered, or a full recruitment process should be carried out, except in the case of the expiry of the second term of office of

an independent member, at which time a full recruitment process must be carried out.

In June 2023 the Procedure rules were amended to include the provision that:
When the Panel Chair or Deputy Chair is an Independent co-opted member whose term of office is due to expire whilst they are serving as Chair or Deputy Chair, the Panel may if they wish, irrespective of how many terms of office they have served, and without reference to a Recruitment Panel, extend that term of office for a further three-year term

- 3.4 Should Miss Somani have been re-elected as Deputy Chair of the Panel for 2024/25, the provisions adopted in 2023 could, subject to the views of the Panel, be applied, and her term of office extended to 30 September 2027. Alternatively, the Panel could choose to establish a Recruitment Panel in order to determine whether reappointment should be offered, or a full recruitment process should be carried out.

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 Miss Somani'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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