

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Date of meeting: 22 September 2017

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

Subject : Appointment of Independent Members

1. Report Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the outcome of the recruitment process to appoint independent members to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Panel is recommended to:
- (i) Appoint Mr Evan Morris MBE as a member of the Panel to serve until 30 September 2019.
 - (ii) Reappoint Mr Robert Fousert to serve until 30 September 2020 and Mrs Sally Hardwick to serve until 30 September 2021 as independent members of the Panel.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 3 February 2017 the Panel appointed a Recruitment Panel made up of Councillors Amanda King and Andrew Dawson together with Mr Eric Hodgson to advise on the most appropriate way to move forward with appointments to the Panel arising from the vacancy following the resignation of Mr Hodgson, and the expiry of the terms of office of the two other independent Members of the Panel. An update on the work of the Recruitment Panel was received by the Police and Crime Panel at its meeting on 23 July and the terms of office of Mr Robert Fousert and Mrs Sally Hardwick were extended until the work of the Recruitment Panel had been completed.
- 3.2 The Recruitment Panel met on 30 June. A note of that meeting is attached as Appendix I. In summary, the Panel recommended that Mr Evan Morris MBE be appointed to serve on the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel for a term of two years, until September 2019.
- 3.3 In relation to the other two independent members of the Panel, the Recruitment Panel were of the view that both Mr Robert Fousert and Mrs Sally Hardwick should be reappointed to serve a further term. Mindful that a decision had been

taken some months ago that the terms of office of independent members should be staggered, the Recruitment Panel felt unable to recommend which of the two should have the longest term of office, as each had made an excellent contribution to the work of the Police and Crime Panel. Both Mr Robert Fousert and Mrs Sally Hardwick have indicated that they would wish to be reappointed to the Panel and would be happy to serve either a three or four year term. It was the view of the Chairman, Mr Fousert and Mrs Hardwick that the fairest way of selecting who served which term was by tossing a coin. This was done on 12 September by the Chairman and the outcome was, subject to the Panel's agreement, that Mr Fousert will serve for three years and Mrs Hardwick for four.

- 3.4 Should the recommendations made in this report be adopted, the Panel would have three independent members whose terms of office would extend to September 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the recommendations in this report, insomuch as the Panel's budget for 2017/18 includes the cost of allowances to a Panel made up of 13 members.

5. Equality Implications

- 5.1 There are no equality implications.

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