

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

6 AUGUST 2012

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY

Appointment of Co-opted Members of the Panel

SUMMARY

This report relates to the appointment of co –opted members to the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel, under provisions within the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('the Act')

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Panel appoint four co-opted members, two of whom will be elected members of the constituent Councils and two of whom will be non-political independent members.
2. That approval be requested, from the Home Secretary, for the Panel to co-opt the two elected member representatives.
3. That the Panel considers the statement contained at the appendix to the report.

DETAIL

1. Members will be aware that agreed arrangements provide that the Panel will consist of 10 members. However, the arrangements also provide that the Panel will have four co- opted members. Two of these will be non-political independent members as required by the Act. The other two will be elected members of the Councils, subject to the agreement of the Secretary of State.
2. This will result in a Panel consisting of 12 elected Members and 2 non political independent members.
3. In order to comply with these provisions the Panel is asked to agree the recommendations above.
4. The Panel may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, appoint further co- optees, subject to the Panel's total membership not exceeding 20. A statement submitted by Stockton District Independent Advisory Group urges that formal application be made to the Secretary of State to allow this to happen. A copy of the statement is attached as an **appendix**. Members will note that the power to make such requests rests with the Panel and not the Chief Constable, as detailed in the statement.
5. In selecting the non-political independent members, the Panel may wish to have regard to its composition with regard to gender, ethnicity, and age profile. Members of the Panel will be aware that teenagers and

young adults are significantly over-represented among both offenders and victims of crime.

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