

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO CLEVELAND
POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

30 JULY 2015

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF
LAW AND DEMOCRACY**

APPOINTMENT OF A NON POLITICAL INDEPENDENT MEMBER

SUMMARY

This report relates to the appointment of a replacement Non Political Independent co-opted member to the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel ("the Panel"), under provisions within the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

That Chu Chu Nwajiobi be appointed as a Non-Political Independent Member to the Panel, with immediate effect, and the Home Secretary be notified accordingly.

DETAIL

1. At its meeting on 3 February 2015 the Panel agreed arrangements for the appointment of a replacement Non-Political Independent Member (NPIM), following the resignation of one of the two existing NPIMs.
2. As part of the arrangements the Panel appointed 5 members to service on a Sub Panel, which would consider applications, undertake interviews and make recommendations with regard to the appointment. The Panel comprised:

Cllr Norma Stephenson (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Paul Thompson (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Ian Jeffrey (Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council)
Cllr Terry Laing (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Bernie Taylor (Middlesbrough Council)
3. The positions were widely advertised throughout the Cleveland Police area and some 12 or more individuals requested application forms. However only one completed form was received by the original deadline. The period for submission of applications was extended for two weeks and that was again widely publicised. Further requests for application packs were received, but no additional applications were submitted.
4. The Sub Panel met to consider the one application received and agreed to ask the applicant to attend for interview. The interview was conducted on the 28 April and the Sub Panel unanimously agreed to recommend that the candidate be appointed. .

5. The proposed NPIM has been invited to this meeting and it is envisaged that, should the Panel agree to her appointment, she will take up her position with immediate effect.
6. The term of office of the NPIM will be for the period beginning on the day of this Panel meeting and expiring on the 6 December 2016.

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