



Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The Old Court Room, Town Hall, Wakefield

Police & Crime Panel Membership 2024/25

Item 2

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## 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

- Inform the Panel of Police & Crime Panel Membership for 2024/25
- Prompt the Panel to consider and confirm Local Authority Co-optees.

## 2. Background

2.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 made provision for the establishment of Police and Crime Panels. The Act made detailed provision on the composition of Police and Crime Panels.

2.2 Where a force area consists of less than ten local authorities, as is the case for West Yorkshire, the number of Panel members is ten, not including the co-opted members.

2.3 Additional councillors may be co-opted onto the PCP, as long as two lay co-optees (independent members) are also included and the Secretary of State approves the co-options.

## 3. West Yorkshire Position

3.1 The West Yorkshire Leaders previously agreed in 2012 that in order to achieve geographical and political balance within the sub-region, a panel of 12 elected members should be sought.

3.2 The Secretary of State agreed to a request for a further local authority co-opted member in 2019 and on the basis that additional local authority membership would provide greater geographical and political balance, bringing the number of local authority members on the Panel to 13.

3.3 It was agreed that the following Councils should hold the following number of seats:

Calderdale	1 + 1 co-optee
Kirklees	2 + 1 co-optee
Wakefield	2
Bradford	2 + 1 co-optee
Leeds	3

- 3.4 Following annual local elections, political proportionality is reviewed and agreed by the West Yorkshire Local Authority Leaders prior to appointments being made by the local authorities.
- 3.5 Co-optees are nominated by the local authority and agreed by the Police and Crime Panel at the Annual Meeting, subject to their appointment meeting the balanced appointment objective.
- 3.6 Following the outcome of the local elections held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the apportionment of PCP places to meet political balance across West Yorkshire as a whole, was considered by West Yorkshire Leaders. Following political changes across West Yorkshire as a whole, it was determined that the third additional balancing place was not required to best achieve the best political and geographical representation for West Yorkshire during 2024/25. Leaders agreed to the following places:

Authority	Local Authority Appointment			Places for LA to nominate PCP to appoint				Total Places per authority
	Lab	Cons	Lib Dem	Lab	Cons	Lib Dem	Green	
Bradford	2						1	3
Calderdale	1				1			2
Kirklees	1		1					2
Leeds	2	1						3
Wakefield	2							2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>

- 3.7 Independent Co-opted Panel Members are recruited by the Panel through a process of open recruitment. Independent Panel members were recruited in October 2021 for a period of 3 years in line with the term of office of the Mayor of West Yorkshire. This means that a recruitment process is required at the end of summer for appointments to be agreed in October. A report will be brought to the July Panel meeting to agree the timescales and process.
- 3.8 All members of the Panel, including local authority co-optees and independent co-optees, have equal rights on the Panel.

#### 4. Panel Membership for 2024/25

- 4.1 Local Authority Membership for 2024/25 has been put forward as follows

Bradford: Cllr Chris Hayden (Lab), Cllr Nussrat Mohammed (Lab)  
 Calderdale: Cllr Mohammed Shazad Fazal (Lab)

Kirklees: Cllr Gwen Lowe (Lab), Cllr Anthony Smith (Lib Dem)  
Leeds: Cllr Eileen Taylor (Lab), Cllr Nicole Sharpe (Lab),  
Cllr Andrew Carter (Cons)  
Wakefield: Cllr Jackie Ferguson (Lab), Cllr Lynn Masterman (Lab)

4.2 Local Authority Co-opted Membership has been put forward for Panel approval as follows:

Bradford: Cllr Celia Hickson (Green)  
Calderdale: Cllr Brenda Monteith (Cons)

4.3 Independent Members are:-

Mr Trevor Lake  
Mrs Jo Sykes

## 5.0 Recommendations:

5.1 The Panel is asked to:

- Note the 10 local authority appointed members
- Note the 2 independent co-opted members
- Consider and approve the 2 local authority co-opted member nominees set out at 4.2.