



Friday, 14th June 2019
Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall
Police and Crime Panel Membership

**Police & Crime Panel
Secretariat
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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Inform the Panel of Police and Crime Panel Membership for 2019/20
- Prompt the Panel to consider and confirm Local Authority co-optees, including the proposal for an additional co-optee for 2019/20

2. Background

- 2.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 made provision for the establishment of Police and Crime Panels. The Act also 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 panel, as long as two lay co-optees (independent members) are also included and the Secretary of State (authority now delegated to the Minister for Policing and the Fire Service) approves the co-options. Home Office approval cannot be secured until the panel itself approves the co-option of additional members.

3. West Yorkshire Position

- 3.1 In 2012 West Yorkshire Leaders agreed that to achieve geographical and political balance within the sub-region, a panel of 12 elected members should be sought.
- 3.2 This request was submitted to the Secretary of State and on the basis that additional local authority membership would provide greater geographical and political balance, the additional co-opted places were agreed.
- 3.3 It was agreed that the following Councils should hold the following number of seats:

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| Calderdale | 1 + 1 co-optee |
| Kirklees | 2 |
| 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 2nd May 2019, West Yorkshire Leaders agreed that elected members for each local authority should be nominated to the panel in accordance with the political balance of their own authority. This means that, in order achieve political balance across West Yorkshire, an additional elected member would need to be co-opted, increasing the number of elected members on the panel from 12 to 13.
- 3.7 Given the political balance within authorities, this extra place would need to be from the Liberal Democrat party, and it was agreed that, if approved, this place would be allocated to Kirklees.
- 3.8 Based on the above, the apportionment of panel places to meet political balance across West Yorkshire as a whole has been agreed by Leaders as follows:

| Authority | Local Authority Appointment | | | Places for LA to nominate PCP to appoint | | | Total Places per authority |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|--|----------|----------|----------------------------|
| | Lab | Cons | Lib Dem | Lab | Cons | Lib Dem | |
| Bradford | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | 3 |
| Calderdale | 1 | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Kirklees | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 3 |
| Leeds | 2 | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| Wakefield | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| Totals | 7 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 |

- 3.9 Following this recommendation from leaders, the panel now needs to resolve whether or not to seek to co-opt the additional member. If the panel decides to do so, an application will need to be submitted to the Home Office for approval of the extra co-opted member.
- 3.10 Independent Co-opted Panel Members are recruited by the panel through a process of open recruitment. Independent Panel members were recruited in October 2016 for a period of 4 years, in line with the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner, meaning that current Independent Members will remain in place for this municipal year.

3.10 All members of the panel, including local authority co-optees and independent co-optees, have equal rights on the panel.

4. Panel Membership for 2019/20

4.1 Local Authority Membership for 2019/20 has been put forward as follows

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| Bradford: | Cllr Richard Dunbar (Lab), Cllr Russell Brown (Cons) |
| Calderdale: | Cllr Mohammed Naeem (Lab) |
| Kirklees: | Cllr Masood Ahmed (Lab), Cllr Mark Thompson (Cons) |
| Leeds: | Cllr Mohammed Iqbal (Lab), Cllr Peter Gruen (Lab), Cllr Amanda Carter (Cons) |
| Wakefield: | Cllr Stuart Heptinstall (Lab), Cllr Alan Wassell (Lab) |

4.2 Local Authority Co-opted membership has been put forward for panel approval as follows:

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| Bradford: | Cllr Tariq Hussain (Lab) |
| Calderdale: | Cllr Sophie Whittaker (Cons) |
| Kirklees: | Cllr Cahal Burke (Lib Dem) <i>subject to panel and Home Office approval</i> |

4.3 Independent Members remain:-

Mr Roger Grasby
Mrs Jo Sykes

4.4 Members should note that panel membership may need to be reviewed should the panel and/or Home Office decline the additional co-opted member.

5. 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 local authority co-opted member nominees (see 4.2)
- Agree that an application be made to the Home Office for approval to co-opt an additional local authority member