



Friday, 7th June 2013

Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall

Police & Crime Panel Membership

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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

- Inform the Panel of Police & Crime Panel Membership for 2013/14
- 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 that in order 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:

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 Authorities at the AWYA Leaders' meeting 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 As there were no local elections in May 2013, the political proportionality has remained the same as in 2012/13 – see table below

Authority	Local Authority Appointment			Places for LA to nominate PCP to appoint			Overall		
	Lab	Cons	Lib Dem	Lab	Cons	Lib Dem	Lab	Cons	Lib Dem
Leeds	2	1					2	1	
Bradford	1	1		1			2	1	
Kirklees	1	1					1	1	
Wakefield	2						2		
Calderdale	1					1	1		1
Totals	7	3	0	1	0	1	8	3	1

- 3.7 Independent Co-opted Panel Members are recruited by the Panel through a process of open recruitment. Independent Panel members were recruited in September 2012 for a period of 18 months, meaning that current Independent Members will remain in place for a further year.
- 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 2013/14

- 4.1 Local Authority Membership for 2012/13 has been put forward as follows

Bradford: Cllr Sarah Ferriby (Lab), Cllr Michael Walls (Cons)
 Calderdale: Cllr Steve Sweeney (Lab)
 Kirklees: Cllr Ken Smith (Lab), Cllr David Hall (Cons)
 Leeds: Cllr Alison Lowe (Lab), Cllr Mohammed Iqbal (Lab),
 Cllr Les Carter (Cons)
 Wakefield: Cllr Jean Askew (Lab), Cllr Alan Wassell (Lab)

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

Bradford: Cllr Imran Hussain (Lab)
 Calderdale: Cllr David Kirton (Cons)

4.3 Independent Members remain:-

Roger Grasby
Jo Sykes

4.4 The Panel need to be made aware that Calderdale Council have nominated a Conservative Councillor for their co-opted member, rather than a Liberal Democrat Councillor, and this is not in line with the political balance previously agreed by the Association of West Yorkshire Authorities.

4.5 Any changes to Calderdale's nomination would need to be made at its next Council meeting on 24th July

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 local authority co-opted member nominees (see 4.2) if the Panel feel that these meet the necessary requirements.