

Council

13 December 2018

Police and Crime Commissioner Representation

Recommendation

That the Police and Crime Commissioner be invited to become a co-opted member of the Council for the purposes of section 7 Policing and Crime Act 2017

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 Section 7 Policing and Crime Act 2017 ("the 2017 Act") enables a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to seek representation on the Fire and Rescue Authority. The Warwickshire PCC has formally requested to become a co-opted member of the full council for the purpose of exercising his functions in relation to emergency services collaboration under the Policing and Crime Act 2017.
- 1.2 The Council is obliged to consider the request and if granted the PCC would become a co-opted member of the Council with rights to speak and vote on matters relating to fire and rescue services. If the Council does not wish to grant the request it must give reasons.
- 1.3 As a co-opted member of the Council the PCC would be subject to the Council's member Code of Conduct in the same way as any other elected member. The only difference is that in the event of a complaint being made against the PCC the complaint must be referred to the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) before the Council can take action. If the Panel make a report or recommendation to the PCC it may also make a report back to the Council.
- 1.4 If the Council agrees the recommendation above the Dispensations Sub-Committee would be invited to sit to enable the Police and Crime Commissioner to receive the same dispensations under the code of conduct as other elected members. This would allow him to fulfil his role under the legislative regime.

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

Council decisions have immediate effect.

Background papers

None

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