

# **Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel**

**18 March 2021**

## **Re-Appointment of Independent Member to the Police and Crime Panel**

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the panel agrees to re-appoint Mr Andy Davis as co-opted independent member of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel.

### **1.0 Key Issues**

- 1.1 Legislation requires that the Police and Crime Panel (“the Panel”) membership includes two independent (non-councillor) co-opted members. The term of office of one the current independent members, Mr Andy Davis, is due to expire on 4 May 2021 and Mr Davis is seeking reappointment for a further term of four years.
- 1.2 The Panel may choose to re-appoint Mr Davis as an existing independent member for a further term or agree and conduct a recruitment exercise to appoint a new independent member.

### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (“the Act”) requires that two independent co-opted members are appointed to the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel. The term of appointment for independent members is four years. At the end of that term of office the Panel may appoint new independent members or re-appoint existing independent members for a further period.
- 2.2 The independent co-opted members must not be members of local authorities covered by the Warwickshire Police area. In co-opting an independent member, the Act requires that the Panel must secure that (as far as is reasonably practicable), the appointed and co-opted members of the Panel, when taken together, have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the Panel to discharge its functions effectively. Unless the Panel are re-appointing an existing independent member, a recruitment process to select a new independent member must be carried out.
- 2.3 Following a recruitment process which attracted 8 applicants, the Panel agreed at its meeting on 23 March 2017 to appoint Mr Andy Davis as independent co-opted member of the Panel, with effect from 5 May 2017. Mr Davis has indicated that he would like to serve another four year term and is seeking re-appointment at this time.

- 2.4 Following a similar recruitment process in the autumn of 2020, Mr Andrew Davies was appointed as an independent member of the Panel with effect from 6 December 2020 upon the stepping down of the former Independent Member, Mr Bob Malloy. Mr Davies' term of office will not, therefore, expire until 2024 and is outside the scope of this report.

### 3.0 Conclusion

The panel are requested to consider and approve the recommendation as set out in this report.

### Background Papers

None

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