

Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel

21 November 2024

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

Recommendation

That the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel agrees to re-appoint Mr Andrew Davies 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 of the current independent members, Mr Andrew Davies, is due to expire in December 2024 and Mr Davies is seeking reappointment for a further term of four years.
- 1.2 The Panel may choose to re-appoint Mr Davies 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 full recruitment process in the autumn of 2020, the Panel agreed to appoint Mr Andrew Davies as independent co-opted member of the Panel, with effect from 6 December 2020. Mr Davies has indicated that he would like

to serve another four-year term and is seeking re-appointment at this time. During his time on the Panel, Mr Davies has built on the skills he demonstrated during the recruitment process through active involvement in not only the Panel but the Planning and Performance Working Group and Complaints Sub-Group in addition.

- 2.4 Should Mr Davies not be re-appointed his tenure will end on 5 December 2024 and a recruitment process will need to be conducted.

Background Papers

None.

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