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RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED PANEL MEMBER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek members views on the re-appointment of an Independent Co-opted member with effect from 1 February 2021.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Panel consider the reappointment of Claire George for a further four years from the 1st February 2021 as permitted under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and provided for in the Panel’s Procedure Rules.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 Co-opted Members appointed to the Panel may be re-appointed for a further term of four years provided that the balanced appointment objective is met by that re-appointment.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires that the Panel appoint two independent co-opted members. In doing so the Panel must take account of the need for its membership to meet the balanced objective in skills, knowledge and experience necessary to discharge its functions effectively.

In line with legislation the Panels Procedure Rules provide for the reappointment of a Co-opted member for one further term of four years if two-thirds of the members present at the meeting vote in favour. This provides the opportunity to benefit from the co-optee’s experience and knowledge by enabling them to serve an additional term.

Claire George has served as an independent co-opted member of the Panel since 2016 and has indicated a willingness to serve for a further four-year term if the Panel so wishes. The alternative option available to members is to authorise a full, open recruitment exercise.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The term of office for the existing co-opted independent member comes to an end in 31st January 2021

This report outlines the option for extending the term of office for the existing co-opted independent member for another four years. Otherwise, the Panel could choose to recruit a new co-opted independent member, which would result in the Panel having to establish a selection panel to short list and interview candidates; this could take up to three months.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial and staffing resource implications as existing resources are available through the Police and Crime Panel Grant and Secretariat respectively.

There are no IT implications.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act requires Police and Crime Panels to appoint two co-opted independent members. Therefore, there is no requirement to consult on whether to appoint co-opted members.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None

10. APPENDICES

None