

<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 7</b>
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**Secretary of State Update - Appointment of Third Independent Co-opted Member**

**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The report is intended to inform the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel that approval from the Secretary of State to increase the number of co-opted independent members from two to three has been received.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel:
- a) Notes that approval has been received from the Secretary of State under Schedule 6 Part 2 Paragraph 4(4) of the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 to increase the number of independent co-opted members from 2 to 3.
  - b) Notes the co-option of Susan Hartropp as an independent member of the Panel under Schedule 6 Part 2 Paragraph 4 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 with effect from the date of this meeting 14 June 2017.

**3. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 3.1 Under the Panel’s Arrangements, two Independent Co-opted Members shall be appointed to the Panel. This to be changed to “three Independent co-opted Members shall be appointed to the Panel” now approval has been received from the Secretary of State.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 At the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 meeting, the Panel agreed to seek the approval of the Secretary of State under Schedule 6 Part 2 Paragraph 4(4) of the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 to increase the number of independent co-opted members from 2 to 3.

**5. KEY ISSUES**

- 5.1 The Schedule 6 Part 2 Paragraph 4(4) of the 2011 Act permits a Police and Crime panel to make a resolution changing the number of co-opted members on the panel, provided that:
- The number of co-opted members is greater than two;
  - The total membership of the panel, including both local authority members and co-opted members, does not exceed 20; and
  - The Secretary of State agrees that the panel should have that number of co-opted members.

In practice, a Police & Crime Panel seeking to change the number of co-opted members included in its membership is required to make a formal resolution to do so and to write to the Secretary of State setting out the case for the change and seeking approval for it.

Susan Hartropp has been invited to attend this meeting and once the Panel notes the approval

from the Secretary of State then Susan Hartropp can be formally co-opted onto the Panel.

**6. IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None

**7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 None

**8. NEXT STEPS**

8.1 N/a.

**9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011

Police & Crime Panels (Nominations, Appointments and Notifications) Regulations 2012

**10. APPENDICES**

10.1 None