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RE-APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT CO-OPTED PANEL MEMBER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Members' view on the re-appointment of an Independent Co-opted Member with effect from November 2022.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Panel consider reappointing Edward Leigh for a further four-year term from today's date, as permitted under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and provided for in the Panel's Rules of Procedure.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 Co-opted members appointed for a further term of four years provided that the balanced appointment objective is met by that appointment.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires that the Panel appoints two independent co-opted members. In doing so the Panel must consider 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 Panel's Procedure Rules, provide for the reappointment of a co-opted member, for a further term of four years, if a two thirds majority of those present at the meeting, vote in favour. This provides the opportunity to benefit from co-optee's experience and knowledge, be enabling them to serve an additional term.

Edward Leigh has served as an independent co-opted member of the Panel since 2014 and is now in his sixth year as Chair of the Panel. He has indicated a willingness to serve for a further four years if the Panel so wishes. The alternative option available to Members, is to authorise a full, open recruitment exercise and appoint a new Chair.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The term of office for the existing co-opted independent member ends in November 2022.

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 shortlist and interview candidates; this could take up to three months.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial or staffing resource implications as existing resources are available through the Police and Crime Panel Grant and Senior Democratic Services Officer (Police and Crime).

There are not IT implications.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 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

- 8.1 *None*

9. APPENDICES

- 9.1 *None*