

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

7 FEBRUARY 2020

CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Purpose of the Report

1. The Panel currently has one vacancy for the Co-opted Independent Member of the Surrey Police and Crime Panel and the terms of office of the current Co-opted Independent Member is due to come to an end in May 2020. Therefore an open recruitment exercise is currently being undertaken to recruit two new Co-opted Independent Members with one starting as soon as possible and the other at the next meeting of the Panel after May 2020.

Background

2. Two compulsory non-political independent members are required to form part of the Police and Crime Panel under Schedule 6 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
3. The appointment of independent co-opted members provides an opportunity for the Panel to broaden its experience, knowledge and skills. The Panel currently has one independent member whose current term of office comes to an end in May 2020. Independent members have full voting rights and are selected through a thorough, fair and transparent recruitment process.
4. As stated in paragraph 2.18 of the Surrey Police and Crime Panel Constitution, independent co-opted members may serve a maximum of two terms – the current independent member will have served two terms by May 2020 and therefore will have to stand down from the Panel.

Recommendations

The Panel is asked to note:

The current open recruitment process to appoint two independent co-opted members to the Panel.

Next Steps

The Committee Manager will liaise with the Chairman to continue the current open recruitment process led by the Chairman's chosen selection panel to assist with the shortlisting and interviewing process.

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Sources/ Background paper:

Police and Crime Panels: Guidance on appointing independent and co-opted members

Surrey Police and Crime Panel - Constitution (version 2018)