

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

21 NOVEMBER 2022

APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBER

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this paper is to set out the process that has been followed in order to select a co-opted independent member onto the Surrey Police and Crime Panel and to recommend appointment to the position.

Background

2. Two compulsory non-political independent members, who have full voting rights, are required to form part of the Police and Crime Panel under Schedule 6 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The co-opted independent members must not be members of local authorities covered by the Surrey Police area. In co-opting an independent member, the Act requires that the Panel must secure that (as far as reasonably practicable) the appointed and co-opted member of the Panel has the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the Panel to discharge its functions effectively.
3. A vacancy arose as one co-opted independent member recruited in September 2020 now neither lives nor works in the county.
4. A thorough, fair and transparent recruitment exercise was undertaken. A cross-party selection panel comprising of the Panel's Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the existing independent member met in October 2022 to consider applications.
5. The cross-party selection panel agreed that one candidate demonstrated in interview that she met the Panel's requirements well, and agreed to recommend the individual to the Panel for appointment.
6. The recommended candidate has provisionally accepted the offer and awaits the full Panel's approval of her appointment.

Recommendations

1. That Ms Jane Clark is appointed to the vacant role of co-opted independent member on the Surrey Police and Crime Panel for a four-year term.

Next Steps

None.

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Sources / Background paper:

Surrey Police and Crime Panel - Constitution (version 2018)

Local Government Association - Police and Crime Panels: Guidance on Appointing Independent Co-opted Members (2012)