

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Police and Crime Panel** held in Committee Room 1A - County Hall, Durham on **Monday 22 October 2018 at 9.30 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor L Hovvels (Chair)**

### **Durham County Council:**

Councillors D Boyes, P Brookes, P Crathorne, J Nicholson, A Savory and M Simmons

### **Darlington Borough Council:**

Councillor H Scott, Mr N J H Cooke and Mr D K G Dodwell

### **Independent Co-opted Members:**

Mr N J H Cooke and Mr D K G Dodwell

#### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Crumbie, Jones and Knowles.

#### **2 Substitute Members**

Councillor H Scott as substitute Member for Councillor Jones.

#### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4 Proposed Appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Chief Executive**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided information on the process to be undertaken to hold a confirmation hearing for the post of Chief Executive and also considered a report from the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for the proposed candidate for the post of Chief Executive for the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham (for copy see file of Minutes).

Mr Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) for Durham informed the Panel about the procedure and process undertaken for the appointment process to the post of Chief Executive.

The PCVC informed the Panel that there was an allegation that Mr White had been required to pay back expenses claimed during his period of Chair of the Police Federation. The PCVC had made enquiries with the Police Federation who had

provided written confirmation that there was no such issue and that the allegation was baseless.

The Panel then questioned Mr White on issues around the following issues:

- His course of action if the Commissioner was preparing to do something he felt unwise;
- How he aimed to win the confidence of all key partners whilst maintaining personal integrity;
- How he would ensure a constructive relationship between the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner and the Panel was maintained;
- How he would use his role to ensure that Durham Constabulary remained the best in the country;
- How he would work with the PCVC to engage with the community

Mr White provided the Panel with full responses to all questions asked. The Panel thanked Mr Hogg and Mr White for their attendance.

## **5. Exclusion of the Public**

### **Resolved:**

That under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following discussion on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

## **6 Proposed Appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Chief Executive**

The Panel discussed the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioners recommendation to appoint Stephen White as Chief Executive. It was **moved** by Councillor Boyes, **seconded** by Councillor Brookes and

### **Resolved:**

That the Panel endorse the appointment of Stephen White to the post of Chief Executive for the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham Constabulary in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.