

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Police and Crime Panel** held in Committee Room 1B, County Hall, Durham on **Thursday 17 October 2019 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor L Hovvels (Chair)

Durham County Council:

Councillors D Boyes, J Nicholson, S Quinn, A Savory, M Simmons and H Smith

Darlington Borough Council:

Councillors Dulston, Heslop and B Jones (Vice-Chair)

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 Brookes, Crathorne and Crumbie.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor H Smith as substitute Member for Councillor P Brookes, Councillor Quinn as substitute Member for Councillor Crathorne and Councillor E Heslop as substitute Member for Councillor Crumbie.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Proposed Appointment of Acting Chief Executive for the Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

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 Acting Chief Executive and also considered a report from the Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for the proposed candidate for the post of Acting Chief Executive for the Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham (for copy see file of Minutes).

Mr Steve White, Acting 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 Acting Chief Executive and recommended that Jon Carling be appointed to the post.

The Panel then questioned Mr Carling around the following issues:

- His main areas of expertise for the role of Acting Chief Executive;
- How he had worked with a range of organisations and stakeholders
- An example of a project which he had led which had made a difference;
- How he would ensure a constructive relationship between the Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner and the Panel was maintained.

Mr Carling provided the Panel with full responses to all questions asked. The Panel thanked Mr White and Mr Carling 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 Acting Chief Executive for the Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

The Panel discussed the Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioners recommendation to appoint Jon Carling as Acting Chief Executive. It was **moved** by Councillor Boyes, **seconded** by Councillor Jones.

Resolved:

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