

## DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the **Shadow Police and Crime Panel** held in Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 22 August 2012 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

#### **Members of the Shadow Panel:**

Councillors J Armstrong, D Boyes, M Campbell, L Hovvels, G Huntington, A Laing and D J Southwell (Durham County Council)

Councillors S Harker, I Haszeldine, B Jones (Darlington Borough Council)

### **1 Introduction**

The Monitoring Officer welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Shadow Police and Crime Panel.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **3 Appointment of Chairman**

**Moved** by Councillor Armstrong, **Seconded** by Councillor Haszeldine

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor Hovvels be elected Chairman of the Shadow Police and Crime Panel.

**Councillor Hovvels** in the Chair

### **4 Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

**Moved** by Councillor Harker, **Seconded** by Councillor Laing

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor Haszeldine be elected Vice-Chairman of the Shadow Police and Crime Panel.

## **5 Panel Arrangements**

The Panel considered a report of the Monitoring Officer which set out the arrangements for Durham Police and Crime Panel which included details relating to membership, casual vacancies, independent members, terms of office, elected members, allowances and validity of proceedings (for copy see file of minutes).

The Panel were asked to endorse the arrangements and authorise the Monitoring Officer to present their approval, at a future meeting, when the Panel is formally constituted.

The Panel while noting that the membership of elected members was to be undertaken on an annual basis, and that both constituent authorities had agreed to this, members felt that in due course there would be merit in changing this so that members were appointed for a longer term for reasons of experience and continuity. It was noted that any change in the future would be subject to endorsement by both authorities' councils.

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

## **6 Terms of Reference**

The Panel noted a report of the Monitoring Officer that set out the Terms of Reference for the Durham Police and Crime Panel (for copy see file of minutes).

### **Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

## **7 Rules of Procedure**

The Panel considered a report of the Monitoring Officer which detailed the draft rules of procedures for the Panel with a view to them being approved by the fully constituted Panel.

In response to comments raised, the Monitoring Officer clarified points on quorum, allowances and named substituted members.

### **Resolved:**

That the draft rules of procedure be agreed, subject to the addition of a named substitute per member being incorporated into the procedure.

## **8 Recruitment of Independent Co-opted Members**

The Panel considered a report of the Monitoring Officer that proposed the selection criteria, advertising arrangements together with the membership of the appointment panel required to appoint the two Independent Co-opted Members to the Panel (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Monitoring Officer advised the selection panel would need to comprise of at least one representative from each of the constituent authorities. The Panel felt that five members would be appropriate. It was suggested that the five panel members be appointed, together with one reserve.

The Panel discussed and agreed that the appointment panel would appoint on ability, and the criteria should not necessarily be one person from each of the areas of County Durham and Darlington.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the selection criteria and advertisement of positions be approved;
- (ii) That five members be appointed to the selection panel: Councillors Boyes, Campbell, Haszeldine, Huntington and Laing, and Councillor Harker be appointed as reserve.

## **9 Development of the Panel's Work Programme**

The Panel considered a report of the Monitoring Officer which provided information on the development of the Panel's work programme. The Overview and Scrutiny Manager gave a presentation outlining the key responsibilities, deadlines, responding to the needs of the Panel and review of topics (for copy of report and slides of presentation see file of Minutes).

Members suggested topics for training, discussed the Panels relationship with its partners and welcomed officers compiling the work programme.

Members agreed that the venues for future meetings of the Police and Crime Panel be held at Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council offices.

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.