

Minutes of the Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel Meeting held on 23 April 2018

Present: David Williams (Chairman)

Ann Edgeller
Carl Bennett
Randolph Conteh
Paul Darby (Co-Optee)

Mr K. Walker (Co-Optee)
Doug Pullen
Simon Gaskin

Also in attendance: Susan Finney (ETAP)

Apologies: Stephen Doyle, Brian Edwards, Peter Jackson and Jill Waring

PART ONE

46. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

47. Consideration of the Proposed Appointment to the post of Interim Chief Finance Officer in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

As required under Schedule 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility the Panel held a Confirmation Hearing for the proposed appointment of an Interim Chief Finance Officer in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Panel was being asked to consider the Commissioners proposal to appoint Ms Jane Heppel as Interim CFO with the Commissioner explaining. . his wish to make the appointment on an Interim basis given that the Police and Fire and Rescue Services were in a transition stage with ultimate requirements in terms of Financial leadership to be defined.

The Commissioner summarised the skills, qualities and experience that made Jane Heppel a suitable candidate for the role. In turn, Jane Heppel answered Members' questions on her employment history, professional qualifications and negotiating skills, for example when dealing with colleagues' aspirations for service development when resources were limited.

48. Exclusion of the Public

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below.

49. Panel decision on the proposed appointment to the post of Interim Chief Finance Officer for Staffordshire (exemption paragraph 1)

The Panel discussed the information given by the Commissioner and by Ms Heppel. Particular comments were made on the frequency of appointments to the Chief Finance Officer post in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

RESOLVED: That the Police and Crime Commissioner be advised that this Panel recommends that he proceeds with the appointment of Ms Jane Heppel as Interim Chief Finance Officer ; the Chairman to pursue with the Commissioner the Panel's concerns at the frequency of appointments to this post.

Chairman