

# **Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel**

**15 July 2019**

## **Appointment/Re-appointment of Co-opted Independent Member**

### **Report of the Secretary**

#### **1. Purpose of the report**

1.1 To seek members views on the appointment of a Co-opted member with effect from November 2019.

#### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 That the Panel reappoint Mr Keith Walker for a further four years from 5 November 2019 as permitted under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and provided for in the Panel's Procedure Rules.

#### **3. Background**

3.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires that the Panel appoint two independent co-opted members. In doing so the Panel must take account of the need for its membership to meet the balanced objective in skills, knowledge and experience necessary to discharge its functions effectively.

3.2. In line with legislation the Panels Procedure Rules provide for the re-appointment of a Co-opted member for one further term of four years if two-thirds of the members present at the meeting vote in favour. This provides the opportunity to benefit from the co-optee's experience and knowledge by enabling them to serve an additional term, whilst, in the longer term, enabling the recruitment of new lay representation potentially bringing a different perspective to the Panel's work.

3.3. Mr Walker has served as a co-opted member of the Panel since 4 November 2015. He has indicated a willingness to serve for a further four year term if the Panel so wishes. The alternative option available to members is to authorise a full, open recruitment exercise which would need to commence in the near future to meet the November deadline for a new appointment.

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