

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report

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Title:	Independent Co-opted Member Recruitment
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this paper is to propose appointments to the Independent Co-opted Member vacancy on the Panel and the second Independent Co-opted Member position that needs to be re-appointed to by the AGM in 2024 for the next term of office.

Recommendations

2. **That the Panel agrees the appointment of Trevor Cartwright to the Independent Co-opted Member vacancy on the Panel, to start immediately.**
3. **That the Panel agrees the appointment of Shirley Young to continue in the second Independent Co-opted Member role for a further term commencing from the AGM in Summer 2024.**
4. **That the term of office for both Independent Co-opted Members will now run until the AGM of the Panel in 2028.**

Independent Co-opted Membership

5. The Panel's Rules of Procedure state that the Panel "must appoint two co-opted members who may not be members of the local authorities in the Hampshire police area. Appointments will usually be for a four-year term (and subject to the terms of the Panel Arrangements on continuation in office), coterminous with that of the PCC.
6. At its meeting on 21 July 2021 the Panel resolved to appoint Mr Dave Stewart and Mrs Shirley Young as independent co-opted members of the Police and Crime Panel until the annual meeting of the Panel in 2024.

7. On 23 August 2023 the Panel received written notice from Mr Dave Stewart that he intended to resign from his role as Independent Co-opted Member with effect from 31 August 2023.
8. As the Panel is required both legally and in accordance with its Rules of Procedure to appoint two independent co-opted Members, at the Panel meeting on 20 October 2023 it was agreed that a recruitment process be undertaken led by a cross-party task and finish group of the Panel.
9. Due to the proximity of the end of the term for the currently appointed independent co-opted Member it was agreed that candidates be sought for two independent co-opted Members, one to start in January 2024 and the other to start with effect of the Panel's AGM in 2024. It is proposed that both appointments are made with a term running until the Panel's AGM in 2028.
10. The opportunity to become an Independent Co-opted Member on the Panel was advertised on the Panel Website from 20 November 2023 to 11 December 2023. Four applications were received and the task & finish group met to shortlist the applications for interview. All four were invited to interview, with interviews held on 4 January 2024. The candidates had a range of backgrounds and all demonstrated relevant skills and experience. The Task & Finish Group Members compared the candidates and came to unanimous agreement that two of the candidates, Shirley Young and Trevor Cartwright, best demonstrated that they met the Panel's requirements and that they be recommended to the Panel for appointment to the two independent co-opted member roles.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rules of Procedure	Police and Crime Panel Rules of Procedure - Updated January 2023 (hants.gov.uk)
Schedule 6, Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011	Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (legislation.gov.uk)

