

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Police and Crime Panel</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>7 February 2017</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Independent Co-opted Member – Term of Office</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Assistant Chief Executive's Office, Rotherham MBC</b>

### **5. Summary**

The Panel currently has two co-opted independent Members in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 6 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. In September 2017, the four-year term of office of Mr Alan Carter is due to cease. This report invites the Panel to consider how it wishes to proceed in respect of the upcoming vacancy.

### **6. Recommendations**

The Panel is asked to consider if it would wish to extend the term of Mr Alan Carter, independent co-opted members, or to proceed with an appointment process.

### **7. Background**

7.1 Police and Crime Panels were established under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Schedule 6 to the Act provides for Panels to appoint two independent (non-councillor) co-opted Members. In making these co-options, the Act requires that the Panel must ensure the overall membership meets the balanced objective in skills, knowledge and experience necessary to discharge its functions effectively.

7.2 There are presently two co-opted Members appointed to the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel – Mr Alan Carter and Mr Steve Chu. Ideally, co-opted Member appointments should be co-terminous with that of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Such an arrangement was not possible given the change of co-opted Members during the first four years of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel. Mr Alan Carter's term of office ceases in September 2017 and it is therefore necessary for the Panel to confirm how it wishes to proceed.

7.3 There are two options available to the Panel:

- a) If Mr Carter wished to continue, the Panel could extend his term of office as a co-opted member. There is no obvious statutory reason why he could not be reappointed.

b) The Panel could undertake a selection process to recruit a new co-opted member. Mr Carter would be able to reapply.

7.4 If the Panel were minded to pursue option b) then a further report detailing a proposed recruitment process would be submitted to the next available meeting. Previous experience of recruiting independent co-opted members indicates that the process takes approximately six months to complete. It is therefore imperative that the Panel determines its preferred approach before the end of February 2017 to enable recruitment to take place if required.

## **8. Finance**

None

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Panel should have regard to the continuity provided by the independent co-opted members and consider the general experience of all Panel Members when determining its preferred approach.

## **10. Background Papers**

Nil

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