

# **To the Chair and Members of the Cleveland Police Authority Executive Meeting 4 August 2011**

Executive and Presenting Officer: Mrs Julie Leng, Acting Chief Executive  
Status: For agreement.

## **Councillor Membership and nominations for answering questions at Council Meetings**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 A meeting of the Cleveland Police Joint Committee was held on Friday 10 June 2011. It agreed the appointment of the nine Councillor Members from the four Unitary Authorities to serve on Cleveland Police Authority.
- 1.2 A report confirming the membership was submitted to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23 June 2011. An amendment to the report was recorded at that meeting following the resignation of Councillor Paul Kirton which was received on Wednesday 22 June 2011. This left a vacancy to be filled by Stockton Borough Council and this appointment was agreed at a meeting of Cleveland Police Joint Committee on Friday 15 July 2011.
- 1.3 This report is to confirm the appointment agreed by the Joint Committee on Friday 15 July 2011. One of the key roles of the Member will be to answer questions on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority at their Council meetings.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members note the appointment of Councillor Norma Stephenson from Stockton Borough Council to the Police Authority.
- 2.2 That Members note that as previously agreed at the Police Joint Committee on Friday 10 June 2011 that this appointment would be for a period of four years or until any change in legislation surrounding Police Authorities occurs, and that this is dependent on future Government decisions around the governance of policing in the future.

- 2.3 That member's agree that Councillor Norma Stephenson be appointed as one of the Stockton Council representatives to answer questions on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority.

### **3. Implications**

#### **3.1 Finance**

Members receive an annual allowance as detailed within the Code of Corporate Governance and this is accounted for within the Police Authority annual budget.

#### **3.2 Diversity & Equal Opportunities**

There are no Diversity or Equal Opportunity issues surrounding this process.

#### **3.3 Human Rights Act**

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

#### **3.4 Sustainability**

There are no Sustainability implications arising from this report.

#### **3.5 Risk**

The Government is currently reviewing Policing Governance procedures and therefore Police Authorities as they exist at present may be replaced from May 2012. This report has identified this consideration and the Joint Committee has agreed that the membership would remain until any future change of legislation in relation the current Police Authority structure or a four year term dependent on future legislation decisions.

### **4. Conclusions**

#### **4.1 Cleveland Police Authority Membership**

The seventeen Members of Cleveland Police are confirmed as follows:

##### **Councillor Members**

- Councillor Chris Abbott
- Councillor Barry Coppinger
- Mayor Stuart Drummond
- Councillor Ray Goddard
- Councillor Terry Laing
- Councillor Ron Lowes
- Councillor Sean Pryce
- Councillor Carl Richardson
- Councillor Norman Stephenson

## **Independent Members**

- Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer
- Mr Chris Coombs
- Mr Ted Cox JP
- Mr Geoffrey Fell
- Mr Peter Hadfield
- Mr Aslam Hanif
- Mr Mike McGrory JP
- Mr Peter Race MBE

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**Background Papers:–**

**Minutes of the Police Joint Committee held on 10 June 2011 and 15 July 2011 and associated reports.  
Code of Corporate Governance**