

Warwickshire Police Authority – 24 September

Annual General Meeting

Report of the Chief Executive

Summary

This report picks up a number of outstanding issues from the Annual General Meeting of the Authority which was adjourned on the 21st May 2008.

Recommendations

1. That Appendix 1 be noted and endorsed.
2. That Ian Francis be appointed Chair of the Authority with effect from the 1st October, 2008.
3. That Phil Robson be appointed Vice Chair (1) of the Authority with responsibility for all Regional Matters with effect from the 1st October, 2008.
4. That Phil Blundell be appointed Vice Chair (2) of the Authority with responsibility for all National Matters with effect from the 1st October, 2008.
5. That the allowances as set out in pages 2 and 3 be confirmed.
6. That a review of the structure be carried out in September/October 2009.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Authority held on the 21st May 2008, Members elected a Chair and Vice Chair and then adjourned the meeting.

The business of the Annual General Meeting now needs to be completed and this includes confirming Member positions within the Governance Structure as approved by the Authority on the 24th September.

In accordance with usual procedure, Members have indicated an interest in the roles and responsibilities available and these have been carefully considered by the Chair and Vice Chair, who have taken into account Members interests and experience and the strategic needs of the Authority.

I attach at **Appendix 1**, the decisions made by the Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with the process set out on page 6 of the Governance Framework, Version 2.5.

The Authority is requested to note and endorse the attached paper which will take effect immediately.

There is a second issue which Members are asked to consider and this relates to the position of the Chair of the Authority. Following discussions with the Chair it has become clear that he has found it increasingly difficult to manage his national work where he chairs the Police Negotiating Board, is a Member of the NPIA and represents Warwickshire with the work involved as Chair of the Authority.

In the circumstances, the Chair has come to a view that the interests of the Authority would be best served if he relinquished the Chairmanship.

Having considered this decision, and bearing in mind the following issues:-

1. The need for a strong national presence given the debates over the Green Paper and subsequent draft legislation.
2. The need for a strong regional presence given the emerging APA policy networks and the need for greater government clarity and collaboration in respect of Counter Terrorism and Serious and Organised Crime.
3. The need for continued stable leadership given the introduction of Police Authority inspections and the consolidation of the LAA, Public Service Board and the Localities agendas

I would suggest that the Authority consider the following suggestions:-

1. That Ian Francis be confirmed as Chair of the Authority.
2. That Phil Robson be confirmed as Vice Chair (1) of the Authority with responsibility for Regional Matters.
3. That Phil Blundell be confirmed as Vice Chair (2) with responsibility for National Issues

I believe the above arrangements would place the Authority in a strong position for the coming year.

If the Authority are minded to endorse this approach, I would suggest two caveats:-

1. The leadership structure is reviewed in September/October 2009 following the County Council elections and prior to the 2010 Annual General Meeting. By this time the outcome of the changes in Governance from the Queens Speech should be clear.
2. That the introduction of a second Vice Chair is dealt with within the current allowances envelope by adjusting the proportion of allowances in relation to the Chair paid to the Vice Chairs subject to Vice Chair (1) having a 10% plussage to reflect the extra governance lead role for Protective Services. This would mean the allowances for the Vice Chairs would be as follows:-

Basic

Sp. Responsibility

Total

	£	£	£
Chair (IF retains p'ship lead)	6000	15860	21860
Vice Chair 1 (regional + Prot. Services lead)	6000	11102	17102
Vice Chair 2 (national)	6000	9516	15516

If the Authority endorses this approach the Governance Framework, Version 2.5 will be revised to incorporate the arrangements and tabled for the next Authority meeting.

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Background Papers: As attached where appropriate

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