

Warwickshire Police Authority – 30 July 2008

Appointment of Independent Members to the Police Authority

Report of the Chief Executive

Summary

Report on the progress of the selection process for the appointment of four independent members to the Police Authority.

Recommendation

That Angela O'Boyle be appointed as an Independent Member of the Police Authority for 4 years from the 1st August 2008 until the 31st July 2012 and that Michael Edwards and Ian Francis be appointed with effect from 1st October 2008 until the 31st March 2013.

Members will recall that a Joint Selection and Interview Panel was established to appoint four new independent members to the Police Authority. The Selection Panel comprised Phil Robson, Alan Woodward, John Vereker, Pauline Allwood (Home Office Appointee) and Jacqui Francis (Independent Assessor).

Having considered over 50 applications, the Panel decided to shortlist 8 candidates for interview from which 3 new Independent Members would be selected. The interviews took place on the 30th June and the 1st July 2008.

All candidates underwent a detailed and rigorous interview process following which the Panel were unanimously agreed that the following candidates should be recommended for appointment to the Police Authority:-

Michael Edwards
Ian Francis
Angela O'Boyle

As Members are aware, the Authority is currently operating with one vacancy amongst its Independent Members following the retirement of John Rennie. It is therefore suggested that Angela O'Boyle is appointed for four years with effect from the 1st August 2008. This will allow her to take up her role with the Authority immediately rather than to wait until the 1st October 2008 as originally proposed.

With regard to the fourth Member, the Panel agreed that, as this position was required to be filled by a Lay Justice, they would retain any existing applications from Lay Justices and provide an opportunity for any further expressions of interest to be submitted. The Panel will then meet at the end of July/early August to consider this additional appointment.

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