

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority

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Report of the Chief Executive and Clerk to the Police Authority

Appointment of Independent Member (PA/05/272)

RECOMMENDATION that the Authority appoint a panel of 5 Members comprising 4 Councillors and 1 Lay Justice, with delegated powers to interview and appoint an Independent member

As Members are aware Christine Ryan will be resigning from the Police Authority at the end of July and there is a need to undertake a process to appoint a new member.

Regulations provide that the initial sift of applications will be undertaken by a panel comprising 3 members – an authority appointee; a Home Secretary appointee; a person appointed by the other two members. The Authority's representative has been Brian Greenslade. The panel will send to the Home Secretary details of candidates four times the number of vacancies to be filled – in this case therefore four names will be submitted. Two names will be returned from which the Authority can select the final candidate for appointment.

On the basis that the Authority has only recently undertaken a process to appoint an Independent member – Craig Bulley – there is no need to advertise the vacancy and the panel can select from the applications received earlier in the year. Taking this into account the Chairman has agreed that for continuity Brian Greenslade should serve on the initial selection panel for this appointment.

Once the final two names are returned by the Home Secretary there is a need for a panel to undertake an interview and final selection.

In accordance with the protocol agreed by the Authority the panel should comprise 5 members – 4 Councillors and 1 Lay Justice.

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