

ADDENDUM FOR THE MEETING OF THE ESSEX POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL 17 JUNE 2021

Agenda Item 5 (EPFCP/09/21) Balanced Appointment Objective

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Since the publication of the report, the Panel secretary has been advised that the proposed decision to appoint a Conservative Member to the Panel from Colchester Borough Council (BC) was not agreed at the Council's Cabinet Meeting held on 9 June 2021. Colchester BC appointed Councillor Beverley Oxford, a member of the Highwoods Independent Group. The decision is subject to call-in under Colchester BC's Cabinet procedures until 5pm on Thursday 17 June 2021.

The original composition of the Panel (based on the expectation that Colchester BC would be appointing a Conservative Member to the Panel) and as advised in the agenda report was:

- 11 Conservative
- 0 Labour
- 1 Liberal Democrat
- 3 Independent / Others

The change to the proposed appointment has affected the composition of the Panel's 15 local authority appointed members to:

- 10 Conservative
- 0 Labour
- 1 Liberal Democrat
- 4 Independent / Others

As advised in the report previously published in the agenda, for the Panel's political balance to reflect the political balance across the county with its current membership of 15 politically appointed individuals, it would need to be comprised as:

- 8 Conservative
- 2 Labour
- 2 Liberal Democrat
- 3 Independent / Others

It is still therefore necessary to appoint two Labour members and one Liberal Democrat member (increasing the Panel's membership from 15 politically appointed members to 18 politically appointed members) in order to achieve the balanced appointment objective.

The recommendation in the report remains the same.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Panel is asked to agree to achieve the balanced panel objective by inviting minority political parties to put forward nominations as follows:
- (a) The Labour Party – two members
 - (b) The Liberal Democrat Party - one member
- 5.2 That the proposal is submitted to the Home Office for confirmation and that subject to the agreement of the Home Office, the nominations received are reported to the next meeting of the panel.