

# WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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## NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: **Strategic Policing and Crime Board and Joint Audit Committee – Constitution and Appointments**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This decision determines the re-constitution of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board and appointments offered to applicants for positions on the Board with effect from 15 July 2014, and also re-appoints the members and Independent Chair to the Joint Audit Committee.

### **DECISION**

1. That the constitution of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board comprise the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, three Assistant Police and Crime Commissioners and four non-executive members.
2. That the Audit Committee constitution be five members comprising an independent chair and four non-executive members of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board.
3. The following persons are offered appointment to the Strategic Policing and Crime Board:-

Mohammad Nazir (Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner – responsibility for Wolverhampton and Walsall Borough areas).

Judy Foster (Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner – responsibility for Dudley and Sandwell Borough areas).

Faye Abbott (Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner – responsibility for Coventry and Solihull Borough areas).

Brendan Connor (Non-Executive).

Cath Hannon (Non-Executive).

Ernest Hendricks (Non-Executive).

Tim Sawdon (Non-Executive).

4. Mrs Susan Davis be appointed as Chair of the Joint Audit Committee.
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**West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....Yvonne Mosquito.....

Date.....15 July 2014.....

## **NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

5. The Strategic Policing and Crime Board (SPCB) was established in 2013 by the previous Police and Crime Commissioner, Bob Jones. The purpose of the SPCB is to ensure that the Commissioner is able to effectively engage and represent all areas of the West Midlands and to support the Commissioner in his role of ensuring an efficient and effective police service for the West Midlands through the setting of the strategic direction for the Force, and holding the Chief Constable to account for the exercise of his functions.
6. The contracts of the SPCB members came to end upon the death of Mr Jones on 1 July 2014. The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel met on 14 July 2014 and appointed an Acting Police and Crime Commissioner to hold office until the elections take place and the new Commissioner takes up office. There are no plans to appoint an Acting Deputy Commissioner.
7. This decision re-instates the SPCB, based on the structure which previously existed save for the position of Acting Deputy Commissioner, as follows:-

The Acting Commissioner

3 Assistant Police and Crime Commissioners

4 Non Executive members

8. The Joint Audit Committee is composed of all non-executive members of the SPCB with one independent member who is the Chair of the Committee.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD**

9. The following persons are formally proposed for appointment:-

Mohammad Nazir (Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner – responsibility for Wolverhampton and Walsall Borough areas).

Judy Foster (Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner – responsibility for Dudley and Sandwell Borough areas).

Faye Abbott (Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner – responsibility for Coventry and Solihull Borough areas).

Brendan Connor (Non-Executive).

Cath Hannon (Non-Executive).

Ernest Hendricks (Non-Executive).

Tim Sawdon (Non-Executive).

### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE**

10. Mrs Susan Davis is appointed as Chair of the Joint Audit Committee.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. The costs associated with the SPCB and the Joint Audit Committee will be met from within the existing budget.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. The Assistant Police and Crime Commissioners, Non-Executive members and the Chair of the Joint Audit Committee will be engaged on a contract for services on the basis agreed by the previous Commissioner, set out in decision 001 2013.
13. Appointments offered will become effective upon persons appointed entering into a contract for services.

## **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

14. Appointments were made in accordance with the Commissioner's equality policy.

## **Schedule of Background Papers**

None.

## **Public Access to Information**

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.