

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Appointment of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises the outcomes of the confirmatory hearing held by the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel into the proposed appointment of Councillor Yvonne Mosquito as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. The Panel has expressed its support for her appointment.

DECISION

That Councillor Yvonne Mosquito be appointed as my Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner with effect from 10 September 2014 subject to the terms and conditions set out in Annex A.

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.....David Jamieson.....

Date.....19 September 2014.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with schedule 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, before the Police and Crime Commissioner makes an appointment to the position of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, he must accept or reject the recommendation of West Midlands Police and Crime Panel as to whether or not the candidate should be appointed. The Panel met on 8 September 2014. As part of their proceedings a Confirmatory Hearing for the position of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner was held. Councillor Yvonne Mosquito, the nominee of the Commissioner for the position, was in attendance and was questioned by the Panel in respect of her proposed role. In this connection, the Panel had been circulated with a copy of the criteria used by the Commissioner to determine his nomination, the proposed terms and conditions of appointment, Councillor Mosquito's declaration of her eligibility for appointment and a copy of her CV. A copy of the paper considered by the Panel is attached at **Annex A**.

On 10 September 2014, Councillor Darren Cooper, Chair of the Panel wrote to the Commissioner recommending that the appointment of Councillor Mosquito should proceed. A copy of the letter is attached at **Annex B**. I will notify the Panel of my decision to accept their recommendation as required by legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The salary and expenses for the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner are contained within the budget agreed by the Commissioner for his office..

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Under section 18 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 a Commissioner may appoint a person as deputy police and crime commissioner. Schedule 1 to the Act sets out the eligibility requirements and scrutiny requirements of appointments to such a post. This includes the requirement for a confirmatory hearing to be held of the proposed appointment by the police and crime panel for the police area.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The Act specifically excludes section 7 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 which requires the appointment of staff on merit. However in making this appointment the Commissioner had regard to the needs of the diverse population who live and work in the West Midlands.

Schedule of Background Papers

Confirmatory Hearing Papers considered by West Midlands Police and Crime Panel on 8 September 2014.

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.