

OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Chief Executive

DECISION NO. Year/2018

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REASON FOR SUBMISSION:

For Decision

SUBMITTED TO:

Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Legally Qualified Chair

SUMMARY:

- 1. This Paper proposes the appointment of Mr Harry Ireland to the list of legally qualified chairs for police misconduct panels as maintained by the Regional Police and Crime Commissioners.
- 2. Mr Ireland's application has been fully considered by the Members Misconduct Oversight Panel and is recommended for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

The PCC is requested to appoint Mr Harry Ireland to the list of nominations of legally qualified chairs for the purposes of regulation 25 of the Police Conduct Regulations 2012, for the period until 31st December 2019 (When the appointments to the current list of nominations expire) and as maintained on behalf of the Regional Police and Crime Commissioners.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC/CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature

Date 08/11/18

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

With effect from 1 January 2016 Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were required to nominate persons to serve as legally qualified chairs (LQCs) of police misconduct panels under the Police Conduct Regulations 2012. This appointment will assist to maintain a sustainable number of LQCs for appointment to chair misconduct hearings.

2. BACKGROUND:

Whilst the responsibility to appoint legally qualified chairs is an individual one for PCCs the Eastern Region Offices of PCCs have established a Regional list of nominations to serve as LQCs. Decision number 2015/23 describes the steps that were undertaken to establish the list and to appoint seventeen candidates as legally qualified chairs to operate within the Region – Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. The appointments were made for a four year term from 1st January 2016, with an option at PCCs discretion, to extend for a further four year period.

Since the original appointment to the Regional list the number of legally qualified chairs has reduced from seventeen to fifteen.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

The Members Misconduct Oversight Panel (MMOP) (Consisting of officers from the six Regional OPCCs who consider issues related to legally qualified chairs and independent members) has recently considered the application from Harry Ireland to be appointed as a legally qualified chair for this region. He has submitted his curriculum vitae of his relevant experience; he is already appointed to two other lists of legally qualified chairs. The MMOP are of the view that he is suitably qualified to discharge the role and should be appointed as a legally qualified chair to the Regional list.

Mr Ireland has been invited to attend the forthcoming Regional training session for legally qualified chairs and independent members being held in November 2018.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

To continue with the reduced list of fifteen legally qualified chairs and not appoint Mr Ireland to the list.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

Compliance with the Police Conduct Regulations 2012.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no material financial implications.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

There are no risks or implications as a consequence of this paper.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date 5.11.18

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,

b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,

- -c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves AND
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:

Date: 6 11/18

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