

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE, FIRE & CRIME PANEL

Date: 15th March 2022

Subject: GM Police, Fire and Crime Panel Independent Members extension

Report of: Jeanette Staley - GM Community Safety Lead

Purpose of Report:

To seek approval from the GM Police, Fire and Crime Panel (GMPFCP) members to the extension of the Independent Members term of Office.

Recommendations:

The Greater Manchester Police, Fire and Crime Panel is requested to:

1. To approve Majjid Hussain and Angela Lawrence MBE as the independent members of the GMPFCP for a further 3 year term commencing 1st November 2021 until 31st October 2024.

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Equalities Implications

N/A

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures

N/A

Risk Management

N/A

Legal Considerations

1.1 Under the terms of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 a minimum of two co-opted independent members are required to be appointed to serve on the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel (GMPCP).

1.2 Appointment of these mandatory members must be agreed by the GMPCP itself.

Financial Consequences – Revenue

Each independent member receives an annual allowance of £930 per annum plus travel expenses. The Budget provided to the GMPFCP from the Home Office for the administration of the panel allows for this expenditure as part of its grant conditions and the panel receives sufficient funding to allow for this expenditure

Financial Consequences – Capital

There are no financial implications associated with this report

Number of attachments to the report:

1. Report to GMPCP in October 2018 recommending the appointments.
2. Recruitment pack
3. Roles and responsibilities of independent members.

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

N/A

Background Papers

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

FeTracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

No

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

The Police, Fire and Crime Panel undertakes the Scrutiny role relating to this work.

GM Transport Committee

N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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1. Introduction and Details

Under the terms of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 a minimum of two co-opted independent members are required to be appointed to serve on the Greater Manchester Police Fire and Crime Panel (GMPCP).

Appointment of these mandatory members must be agreed by the GMPFCP itself.

In July 2018, the GMPCP approved a report setting out the process for recruiting 2 new co-opted independent members, delegating the recruitment to the Lead Chief Executive for Police and Crime (or her nominated representative), in consultation with the Chair of the GMPCP (the then member of the GMPCP from Bury) and the GMPCP member for Rochdale. The GMPCP requested a report back from the recruitment panel outlining their preferred candidates to the October Panel meeting. A copy of the recruitment pack is attached at appendix 2 for information

At the GMPCP meeting in October 2018 the GMPCP approved the appointment of Majjid Hussain and Angela Lawrence MBC for a period of 3 years commencing on the 1st November 2018. The report further confirmed that the independent members term could be extended for a further 3 years upto the maximum date of 31st October 2024. This is the maximum allowable term of tenure allowable within the legislation. A copy of the October 2018 report is attached for information.

In light of the statutory requirement for the GMPFCP to have 2 independent members and it being allowable to extend the current 2 independent members terms for a further 3 years, it is recommended that the GMPFCP take this course of action.

In making this recommendation the following should be noted by GMPFCP members:

- Both independent members have been consulted and have confirmed they wish to stay on the GMPFCP as the independent members
- The Chair of the GMPFCP has been consulted and she has confirmed she wishes for the 2 independent members to continue
- Both independent members in the previous 3 year term have had good attendance and engagement with the GMPFCP
- The appointments of the constituent council members are made annually via each councils AGM and are therefore subject to potential change. Allowing the current 2 independent members to extend their term of office allows for the GMPFCP to have some consistency of attendance from members.
- The appointments of the recently co-opted council members (to achieve political balance) are also made therefore subject to potential change. Allowing the current 2 independent members to extend their term of office allows for the GMPFCP to have some consistency of attendance from members.

Members will note that the term of office proposed is 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2024 and therefore there is an element of backdating the term of office. This is because the original appointments only went upto the 31st October 2021 and so in confirming the appointments for the future the panel also needs to backdate the appointments.

If the GMPFCP approves the extension of the 2 independent members then they will continue to carry out their roles as per the roles and responsibilities document attached at appendix 3. On behalf of the GMPFCP, GMCA officers will be in touch with the independent members with official offer letters.