

Committee(s): Police Committee	Date: 13 July 2017
Subject: Appointment of external Members to Police Sub-Committees and Boards	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

The Police Committee, at its May 2017 meeting, appointed its various Sub-Committees for the year ensuing. Subsequent to this, expressions of interest were sought from the wider Court of Common Council in respect of the several vacancies for co-opted Members on the various Sub-Committees.

These expressions of interest now having been received, it is proposed that the Police Committee agree to increase the number of external Members it is permitted to appoint to certain of its Sub-Committees. This is to facilitate the appointment of several strong candidates whose expertise would prove of significant benefit, as well as to mitigate against the risk of any meetings failing to achieve a quorum.

The report also recommends, following discussion with the relevant Sub-Committee Chairmen, five external appointments to be co-opted by the Police Committee to the Economic Crime Board, Professional Standards & Integrity Sub-Committee and the Performance & Resource Management Sub-Committee for 2017/18.

Recommendation(s)

That:-

- a) The composition of the Economic Crime Board be amended to allow for the appointment of up to two co-opted Members;
- b) The composition of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee be amended to allow for the appointment of up to two co-opted Members;
- c) The composition of the Performance and Resource Management Sub-Committee be amended to allow for the appointment of up to three co-opted Members (two by the Audit & Risk Management Committee and one by the Police Committee); and,
- d) Subject to the approval of recommendations a) - c); that the five Members set out in paragraph 10 of the report be appointed to the various Sub-Committees for the year ensuing.

Main Report

Background

1. This report considers the composition of the Sub-Committees and Boards of the Police Committee and the appointment of co-opted Members thereon. (The Police Pensions Board, being governed by separate statutory arrangements, is excluded from this report).
2. At your May meeting, the Police Committee agreed the composition of each of its Sub-Committees as follows:

Economic Crime Board

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Committee (ex-officio)
- Up to five Members of the Police Committee appointed by the Police Committee
- One co-opted Member to be appointed by the Police Committee

Performance and Resource Management Sub-Committee

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Committee (ex-officio)
- Up to five Members of the Police Committee appointed by the Police Committee
- Two co-opted Members to be appointed by the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Committee (ex-officio)
 - Up to five Members of the Police Committee appointed by the Police Committee
 - One co-opted Member to be appointed by the Police Committee
3. The Police Pensions Board was also appointed at the May meeting in accordance with statutory requirements.
 4. Following the May meeting, Members of Common Council not currently serving on the Police Committee were asked to submit an expression of interest to the Town Clerk's Office if they wished to serve on any of its Sub-Committees or Boards as a co-opted Member.

Proposal

5. After the receipt of submissions of interest, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Grand Committee and the Chairmen of each Sub-Committees in question considered the various applications. In reviewing those applying, it was felt that the Economic Crime Board, the Performance and Resource Management Sub-Committee and the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee would each benefit from having the expertise of additional Members who had applied for each.
6. In the case of the Economic Crime Board, there has been, on occasion, difficulty in achieving a quorum. In addition, both Deputy Sleigh and Deputy Merrett's

expertise in FinTech and financial services respectively were felt to represent a potentially significant benefit to the Board's work.

7. Similarly, the legal background and significant contributions made by Mr Tumbridge over the past year to the Professional Standards & Integrity Sub-Committee, in addition to Mr Broeke's background working with the police and the Equality and Human Rights Commission, led to the conclusion that the Sub-Committee would benefit significantly from the service of both.
8. Consequently, the approval of the Police Committee is sought to amend the composition of both Sub-Committees, such that they are each entitled to appoint up to two co-opted Members (rather than miss out on the significant expertise that the various applicants might offer).
9. In addition, whilst the Performance & Resource Management Sub-Committee already has two co-opted Members appointed by the Audit & Risk Management Committee, it is felt desirable to also afford the Police Committee to directly appoint someone on its own behalf whom it assesses as having skills that might benefit the work of that Sub-Committee. Your approval is therefore sought to amend the composition accordingly, such that it can co-opt one further Member.
10. Should Members consent to these changes, it is recommended that the following individuals be co-opted by the Police Committee on to its various Sub-Committees and Boards for the year ensuing:
 - a) **Economic Crime Board** – Deputy Tom Sleigh and Deputy Robert Merrett
 - b) **Performance & Resource Management Sub-Committee** – Tijs Broeke
 - c) **Professional Standards & Integrity Sub-Committee** – Tijs Broeke and James Tumbridge

Conclusion

11. Your Committee is recommended to agree to the amendments to the various Sub-Committees set out in paragraphs 8 and 9, as well as the several appointments set out at paragraph 10.

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