

Lancashire County Council

Joint Committee of the Relevant Councils established under The Lancashire (Police Area and Authority) Order 1997

Tuesday, 29th May, 2012 at 9.15 am in Cabinet Room 'B' - County Hall, Preston

Agenda

Part 1 (Open to Press and Public)

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| 1. | Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair and membership of the Joint Committee | (Pages 1 - 2) |
| 2. | Apologies | |
| 3. | Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests
Members are asked to consider any Personal/Prejudicial Interests they may have to disclose to the meeting in relation to matters under consideration on the Agenda. | |
| 4. | Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 May 2011
To be confirmed, and signed by the chair. | (Pages 3 - 4) |
| 5. | Appointment of a member of the Relevant Councils to the Lancashire Police Authority | (Pages 5 - 10) |
| 6. | Urgent Business
An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the clerk should be given advance warning of any Member's intention to raise a matter under this heading. | |

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County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 1

Joint Committee of the Relevant Councils established under The Lancashire (Police Area and Authority) Order 1997
Meeting to be held on 29 May 2012

Electoral Division affected: None

Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair, and membership of the Joint Committee

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Executive Summary

The appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee.

The report also sets out the current membership of the Joint Committee.

Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair until the disestablishment of the Lancashire Police Authority on 21 November 2012.

Background and Advice

County Councillors W Cropper and N Penney were appointed as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Joint Committee on 23 March 2011.

It is now necessary to appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee until the disestablishment of the Lancashire Police Authority on 21 November 2012.

The membership of the Joint Committee is currently as follows:

Councillor	Appointing Authority
CC A Atkinson	Lancashire County Council
Cllr C Maughan	Blackpool Council
CC W Cropper	Lancashire County Council
CC C Grunshaw	Lancashire County Council
CC A P Jones	Lancashire County Council
Cllr A Kay	Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

CC N D Penney	Lancashire County Council
CC T Pimblett	Lancashire County Council
CC G Wilkins	Lancashire County Council

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Agenda Item 4

Lancashire County Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th May, 2011 at 9.30 am in Cabinet Room 'C' - County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor W Cropper (Chair)

Members

County Councillor A Atkinson
Councillor M T Doherty
County Councillor C Grunshaw
Councillor C Maughan

County Councillor N Penney
County Councillor T Pimblett
County Councillor G Wilkins

7. Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Chris Maughan, Blackpool Council, declared a personal prejudicial interest in item 4 as the item related to his appointment to the Lancashire Police Authority.

8. Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 March 2011

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2011 be confirmed and signed by the chair.

9. Appointment of a member of the Relevant Councils to the Lancashire Police Authority

Councillor Chris Maughan had declared a personal prejudicial interest in this item and he therefore left the room during consideration of the report.

The Joint Committee considered a report on the revised political balance and allocation of places on the Lancashire Police Authority following the District Council elections on 5 May 2011. The Joint Committee also considered the appointment of a councillor to fill a vacancy on the Police Authority.

The Joint Committee was informed that the political balance on the Police Authority had changed following the District elections, with the Labour party gaining one seat and the Conservative party losing a seat. The new political balance would therefore be achieved by appointing:

4 Conservative councillors
4 Labour councillors
1 Liberal Democrat councillor

Councillor Gary Bell (Conservative member) previously served on the Police Authority as a member of Blackpool Council. However, Councillor Bell did not stand for election on 5 May which meant that there was a vacancy on the Joint Committee and Police Authority. Having regard to this and to political proportionality arising from the results of the local elections, the following allocation of places was suggested:

Lancashire	4 Conservative	2 Labour	1 Liberal Democrat
Blackburn	1 Labour		
Blackpool	1 Labour (previously a Conservative place)		

Blackpool Council had nominated Councillor Chris Maughan to serve on the Joint Committee and the Police Authority. A statement from Councillor Maughan in support of his appointment to the Lancashire Police Authority was presented for consideration by the Joint Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) That the revised political balance and allocation of places on the Lancashire Police Authority, as set out in the report, be approved.
- (ii) That Councillor Chris Maughan, Blackpool Council be appointed to the Lancashire Police Authority for a four year term with effect from 25 May 2011.

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Meeting to be held on 29 May 2012

Electoral Division affected: None

Appointment of a member of the Relevant Councils to the Lancashire Police Authority

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The appointment of a member to serve as a Local Authority Member on the Lancashire Police Authority.

Recommendation

The Joint Committee is requested, having regard to the political balance provisions in the Police Authority Regulations 2008, to agree:

1. the political balance of the Police Authority as set out in the report.
2. that Councillor Andy Kay, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council be appointed to the Lancashire Police Authority until the disestablishment of the Police Authority on 21 November 2012.

Background and Advice

Under the Police Authority Regulations 2008, the task of appointing the Local Authority Members to a Police Authority where there is more than one Constituent Council (as is the case in Lancashire), falls to a joint committee consisting of persons appointed by the relevant councils from amongst their own Members.

The duties of the Joint Committee are to:-

- a) Agree the distribution of the 9 Local Authority Members on the Police Authority between the Constituent Councils;

- b) Calculate the overall political balance of the Local Authority Members in accordance with the proportionality rules laid down in the Police Authority Regulations 2008 (see below); and
- c) Appoint the individual Members put forward by each Constituent Council to the Police Authority after the factors at a) and b) above have been determined.

The Committee has previously agreed that the 9 Local Authority seats should be apportioned as follows and there is no reason to revisit this decision:

Lancashire	7 seats
Blackburn with Darwen	1 seat
Blackpool	1 seat

With regards to the political balance, the Police Authority Regulations 2008 require the proportion, who are members of any given party, to be the same as the proportion of the members of the constituent authorities taken as a whole who are members of that party.

When the Joint Committee last met in May 2011, there had been across the County and two Unitary Authority areas:-

82	Conservative Councillors
81	Labour Councillors
16	Liberal Democrat Councillors
6	Other Councillor
185	Total

Five independent councillors were excluded from the above calculations as the councillors were not members of a political party.

The political balance was achieved by appointing:

- 4 Conservative Councillors
- 4 Labour Councillors
- 1 Liberal Democrat Councillor.

The results of the May 2012 local elections for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and two by-elections for Blackpool Council produces the following situation:

Local Authority	Number of Members by Political Party (based on 187 seats)						
	Con.	Lab.	Lib. Dem.	Green	Idle Toad	BNP	TOTAL no. of seats
Lancashire	51	17	9	2	1	1	81
Blackburn	14	45	5	0	0	0	64
Blackpool	13	28	1	0	0	0	42
TOTAL	78	90	15	2	1	1	187
Proportion of 187 seats	41.71	48.13	8.02	1.07	0.53	0.53	100.00
Proportion of 9 LPA seats	3.75	4.33	0.72	0.10	0.05	0.05	9
Proposed allocation of LPA places	4	4	1	0	0	0	9

NB: 3 Independent councillors (LCC) have been excluded from the above calculations as these councillors are not members of a political party

Thus, the political balance on the Police Authority remains unchanged and will, therefore, be achieved by appointing:-

- 4 Conservative Councillors
- 4 Labour Councillors
- 1 Liberal Democrat Councillor

Councillor Malcolm Doherty (Labour member) previously served on the Police Authority as a member of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. However, Councillor Doherty did not stand for election on 3 May 2012 which means that there is a vacancy on the Joint Committee and Police Authority. Having regard to this and to political proportionality arising from the results of the local elections, the following allocation of places is suggested:

Lancashire	4 Conservative	2 Labour	1 Liberal Democrat
Blackburn	1 Labour		
Blackpool	1 Labour		

The original agreement between the three relevant Councils set out that each relevant Council should appoint to the Joint Committee the Members who would, by decision of that Committee, be appointed as the Local Authority Members on the Police Authority.

Therefore, to achieve the political balance for the Police Authority, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council has been invited to submit a Labour nomination to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Relevant Councils that has been created following the local elections on 3 May 2012.

Under the Police Authority (Community Engagement and Membership) Regulations 2010, the Joint Committee is required to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable, the persons appointed by them:

- Represent the interests of a wide range of people within the community in the area of the Authority
- Include persons with skills, knowledge or experience which are perceived by them to be under-represented among the existing members of the police authority
- Promote diversity within the force and the police authority
- Are likely to commit sufficient time to take an effective role in the work of the authority.

The Joint Committee may be requested to explain to the Authority how it met the requirements imposed on it by the regulations.

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council has nominated Councillor Andy Kay to serve on the Joint Committee and the Police Authority. A statement from Councillor Kay indicating how he meets the above requirements is attached at Appendix 'A'.

The Joint Committee is asked to approve the appointment of Councillor Andy Kay, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, to serve on the Lancashire Police Authority until the disestablishment of the Police Authority on 21 November 2012.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

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N/A

Statement of Councillor Andy Kay- Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

I was first elected in 1979 to represent the interests of residents in Ewood ward and in 1988 I was re-elected to serve the people of the Higher Croft Ward on Blackburn Council. In 1998 Blackburn with Darwen became a Unitary Council.

I have experience across the whole range of local government having served as a committee chair or Executive Member in most areas of council business covering such areas as finance, housing (both public and private sectors) human resources, strategic planning, regeneration, large scale redevelopments and standards. I am currently Executive Member with the Resources portfolio responsibility and a deputy leader of the Council.

I have represented the Council on national and regional bodies and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority. All of which gave me experience in the art of the possible and how to manage differing, and sometimes conflicting, opinions. Indeed taking the difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions has been the hall mark of our teamwork at Blackburn with Darwen.

The promotion of participation by residents of all ages and backgrounds in Council matters has been at the forefront of my activities for many years, including the setting up of tenants and residents associations and community associations throughout the borough. Together with local business interests we set up the Blackburn Partnership and other business forums. In particular as chair of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authorities Resources committee it was one of my duties to try to ensure diversity across the service (a very difficult task during periods of little and no recruitment). I also promoted and established Blackburn Town Centre Partnership and Darwen Town Centre Partnership, on both of which the Police Service was represented at senior level.

I have been a member of and have had responsibility for the Community Safety Partnership in Blackburn with Darwen through which I have worked with representative of NHS, Probation, Fire and CPS. Working with (and helping to fund!) our PCSOs and officers in Eastern Division of the service I have been able to help, with my colleagues, build up confidence and trust in the Police Service across the age ranges.

The Police Service faces many and varied challenges, as does the local government service, from direct operational issues to those of a financial variety. I have been involved for many years in an Excellent Council and one which has won the accolade of "Council of the Year" on two recent occasions. I believe that my experience working in a collaborative way and the dedication I will bring with my time commitment will assist the Police Authority in helping to deliver a Police Service which continues to be top rated and particularly - one in which we have confidence and importantly one we are all proud of.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Kay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

