

Lancashire County Council

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

Wednesday, 23rd March, 2011 at 9.45 am in Cabinet Room 'C' - County Hall, Preston

Agenda

Part 1 (Open to Press and Public)

No.	Item	
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1.	Apologies	
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2.	Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests	
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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.

3.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 June 2010	(Pages 1 - 2)
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To be confirmed, and signed by the chair.

4.	Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair and membership of the Joint Committee	(Pages 3 - 4)
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5.	Appointment of a member to the Lancashire Police Authority	(Pages 5 - 10)
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6.	Urgent Business	
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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.

I M Fisher
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 3

Joint Committee of the Relevant Councils

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 June 2010 at County Hall,
Preston

Present:

Councillor G Bell (Chair)

County Councillors

County Councillor W Cropper
Councillor M T Doherty
County Councillor C Grunshaw
County Councillor A P Jones

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

In Attendance

Mrs E Smallwood – for the Secretary to the Joint Committee
C Mather – Lancashire County Council

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor A Atkinson.

Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

County Councillor N Penney declared a personal prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 as the item related to her appointment to the Lancashire Police Authority. Councillor Penney then withdrew from the meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2010

1. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2010 be confirmed and signed by the chair.

Secretary to the Joint Committee of the Relevant Councils

At its meeting on 24 March 2010 the Joint Committee agreed that consideration be given to the transfer of the secretary's role to one of the Relevant Councils.

The Joint Committee was informed that officers from the Relevant Councils had subsequently agreed that Lancashire County Council would take over as secretary to the Joint Committee.

2. **Resolved:** That the report be noted.

Appointment of a Member to the Lancashire Police Authority

The Joint Committee considered a report concerning the appointment of a councillor to fill a vacancy which had arisen on the Lancashire Police Authority.

The term of office of County Councillor Niki Penney ended on 19 June 2010 and the Joint Committee was informed that to achieve the required political balance, it was necessary to appoint a councillor from the Labour Party. The County Council had nominated County Councillor Niki Penney to the Police Authority. No other nominations had been received.

A statement from County Councillor Penney in support of her appointment to the Lancashire Police Authority was presented for consideration by the Joint Committee.

3. Resolved: That County Councillor Niki Penney be appointed to the Lancashire Police Authority for a four year term with effect from 23 June 2010.

I M Fisher
Secretary to the Joint Committee

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 4

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

Meeting to be held on 23 March 2011

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:

- i. To appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair for the ensuing year.
- ii. To note the members of the Joint Committee.

Background and Advice

Councillor G Bell and County Council W Cropper were appointed as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Joint Committee on 24 March 2010.

It is now necessary to appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee for the ensuing year.

The membership of the Joint Committee is currently as follows:

Councillor	Appointing Authority
CC A Atkinson	Lancashire County Council
Cllr G Bell	Blackpool Borough Council
CC W Cropper	Lancashire County Council
Cllr M Doherty	Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
CC C Grunshaw	Lancashire County Council

CC A P Jones	Lancashire County 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 5

Joint Committee of the Relevant Councils established under The Lancashire (Police Area and Authority) Order 1997
Meeting to be held on 23 March 2011

Electoral Division affected: All

Appointment of a member to the Lancashire Police Authority (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The appointment of a member to a vacancy that will arise on the Lancashire Police Authority on 8 May 2011.

Recommendation

To make an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Lancashire Police Authority.

Background and Advice

The Police Authority Regulations 2008 require that the Joint Committee shall exercise its power to appoint councillor members to the Police authority so as to ensure that, so far as practicable, the proportion who are members of any given party is the same as the proportion of the members of the relevant councils taken as a whole who are members of that party.

The existing councillor member appointments on the Police Authority are as follows:

<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Authority</i>	<i>Term of Office expires</i>
Councillor G Bell	Blackpool	13.06.2011
County Councillor W Cropper	LCC	16.07.2013
Councillor M Doherty	Blackburn with Darwen	31.03.2014
County Councillor C Grunshaw	LCC	08.05.2011
County Councillor A. P. Jones	LCC	18.07.2013
County Councillor N D Penney	LCC	22.06.2014
County Councillor T Pimblett	LCC	16.07.2013
County Councillor G Roper	LCC	31.03.2014
County Councillor G Wilkins	LCC	16.07.2013

As the term of office of County Councillor Clive Grunshaw ends on 18 May 2011, a vacancy will arise at that point.

When the joint committee was first established, the three relevant councils agreed that, on the basis of population, council tax and the size of the electorate, the nine local authority seats on the authority should be apportioned as to 7 seats to Lancashire County Council and 1 seat each to Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Borough Councils. Accordingly, the vacancy on the authority will fall to be filled by a representative from Lancashire County Council.

The current party membership across the three authorities is set out below:

Local Authority	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	For Darwen	Green	Idle Toad	BNP	TOTAL no. of seats
Lancashire	51	17	9	0	2	1	1	81
Blackburn	19	32	9	3	0	0	0	63
Blackpool	27	12	3	0	0	0	0	42
TOTAL	97	61	21	3	2	1	1	186
Proportion of 186 seats	52.15	32.80	11.29	1.61	1.08	0.54	0.54	100
Proportion of 9 LPA seats	4.69	2.95	1.02	0.24	0.14	0.05	0.05	9
Proposed allocation of LPA places	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	9

To achieve the required political balance, it is necessary for the Joint Committee to appoint a councillor from the Labour Party. The County Council has nominated County Councillor Clive Grunshaw to the Police Authority. No other nominations have been received.

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.

A statement from County Councillor Grunshaw indicating how he meets the above requirements is attached at Appendix 'A'.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Joint Committee of the Relevant Councils

Appointment of a member to the Lancashire Police Authority

Statement from County Councillor Clive Grunshaw

I have been an elected County Councillor since 1999 in the Fleetwood East Division (formerly Fleetwood Marine).

Fleetwood East is an area of high deprivation - with many of the problems associated with this. Hopefully the wide experience I have gained over the years of dealing with their problems will have made an improvement to their quality of life.

On Lancashire County Council I have served on most of the committees over the years. I have also held the responsibility as the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and as the Cabinet Member for the Environment. I am presently the Chair of the Education Scrutiny Committee and Labour's spokesperson for Education and Children & Young People.

I am also presently the leader of the Labour Group on Wyre Borough Council.

I am now at the end of my second spell on Lancashire Police Authority and the expectation and involvement of the members has grown immeasurably over the years. The interest in this role has also grown in equal measure. The immense dedication and expertise that the other members of Lancashire Police Authority have shown has never failed to impress me. It is through their commitment that Lancashire Police have managed to achieve such high levels of excellence in their service and protection of Lancashire's residents.

On Lancashire Police Authority I am the presently the Chair of Resources and also serve on a number of other committees.

Although the future for Lancashire Police Authority looks uncertain (meant ironically!) I would like to play my part in their final year and ensure that there is a smooth passage from the excellent regime that we have at present to the one that follows. The residents of Lancashire deserve an excellent standard of policing and I want to play my small part in the continuation of this service and in particular promote diversity within the force and police authority.

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CC Clive Grunshaw

1 March 2011

