

Lancashire County Council

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

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	County Councillor N Penney
Councillor M T Doherty	County Councillor T Pimblett
County Councillor C Grunshaw	County Councillor G Wilkins
Councillor C Maughan	

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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