

**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
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**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:

<b><i>Councillor</i></b>	<b><i>Authority</i></b>	<b><i>Term of Office expires</i></b>
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:

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

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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