AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE SHADOW WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM ON FRIDAY 20 JULY 2012 AT 1300 HOURS

PRESENT:-

Birmingham

Councillor Jess Phillips
Councillor Mike Whitby
Councillor Paula Smith

Coventry

Councillor J Mutton
Councillor S Bains

Dudley

Councillor D Sparks
Councillor S Arshad

Sandwell

Councillor D Cooper

Solihull

Councillor R Sleigh (Alternate Member)

Walsall

Councillor T Oliver

Wolverhampton

Councillor R Lawrence

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited by John Polychronakis (Lead Chief Executive) for the position of Chairman of the Panel.

It was moved, seconded and

1 **RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Darren Cooper (Sandwell) be appointed Chairman of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel for the period ending with the Annual Meeting in 2013.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Panel. It was moved, seconded and

2 **RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Jess Phillips (Birmingham) be appointed Vice-Chairman of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel for the period ending with the Annual Meeting in 2013.

APOLOGIES

3 Apologies were submitted on behalf of the following: -

Councillor M Bird - Walsall
Councillor K Meeson - Solihull

MEMBERSHIP OF THE WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The following report of the Lead Chief Executive was submitted: -

(See interleaved No. 1)

It was reported that the Coventry/Solihull nominee was Councillor Sucha Bains (Labour).

4 **RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the arrangements for the membership of the Shadow West Midlands Police and Crime Panel, as set out in the report and approved by the West Midlands Joint Committee, be endorsed subject to formal confirmation by the Home Secretary;

(ii) that the proposal to appoint co-optees to achieve a Panel of 12 elected Members reflecting political balance and population, as referred to in paragraph 8 of the report, be approved subject to confirmation by the Home Secretary; and

(iii) that the appointments made by the seven constituent West Midlands District Councils be noted.

PANEL ARRANGEMENTS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

The following report of the Lead Chief Executive was submitted: -

(See interleaved No. 2)

5 **RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the Panel Arrangements and draft Rules of Procedure, as set out in the Appendices to the report, be approved; and

(ii) that the Lead Chief Executive be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the Panel Arrangements and draft Rules of Procedure in the light of further discussions at West Midlands Districts level and as a result of any advice, guidance or regulations issued by the Home Secretary.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The following report of the Secretary was submitted: -

(See interleaved No. 3)

John Polychronakis, Lead Chief Executive presented the report and advised that following Committee approval he would write to each District to formally agree and sign the Panel Arrangements.

6 **RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the following Members be appointed to serve on the Interview Panel Sub-Committee to shortlist and interview candidates:
Councillor Darren Cooper (Chairman)
Councillor Jess Phillips
Councillor Ken Meeson;

(ii) that the documents appended to the report be agreed for use in the recruitment process for the Co-opted Independent Members;

(iii) that the proposed recruitment timetable be agreed; and

(iv) that the proposals regarding the advertising of the posts agreed.

WORK OF THE WEST MIDLANDS GOVERNANCE TRANSITION BOARD

Jacky Courtney, Chief Executive of the West Midlands Police Authority, attended the meeting and provided a transition update based on the following paper:

(See document No. 4)

Ms Courtney made particular reference to the advertising and awareness campaign in relation to the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner and advised that there would be dedicated page on the Police Authority website.

7 **RESOLVED:-**

That the transition update be noted.

INDICATIVE WORK PROGRAMME

The following report of the Secretary was submitted: -

(See interleaved No. 4)

John Polychronakis, Lead Chief Executive and advised that it was anticipated that the Panel would need to meet 6-8 times per year.

8 **RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the Indicative work programme be noted;

(ii) that potential issues for Member Briefings, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be noted; and

(iii) that the actions in place to ensure the Panel is fully formed by November be noted.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

9 **RESOLVED:-**

That the next meeting of the Shadow West Midlands Police and Crime Panel take place in Sandwell at a time and place to be determined by the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 1335 hours.

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CHAIRMAN