

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
PANEL HEDDLU A THROSEDD



North Wales Police and Crime Panel

Thursday, 28 July 2016 at 2.00 pm
Bodlondeb, Conwy

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest: Code of Local Government Conduct**
Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their declared personal interests.
3. **Urgent matters**
Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.
4. **Announcements by the Chair**
5. **Confirmation Hearing for Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner**
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6. **Date of Next Meeting:**
Monday, 19 September 2016 @ 2.00 pm.

Membership of Panel

Cllr Brian Blakeley
Cllr Glenys Diskin
Cllr Philip C. Evans J.P.
Cllr David Griffiths
Cllr Julie Fallon (Chair)
Cllr William T. Hughes
Cllr Bernie McCann
Cllr Dilwyn Morgan
Cllr Neville Phillips OBE JP
Cllr Gethin Williams

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Councillor Julie Fallon
Chair
Police and Crime Panel
Conwy County Borough Council
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21 July 2016

Dear Councillor Fallon

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Confirmation Hearing

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires me to seek the recommendation of the Police and Crime Panel on the person nominated to be the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for the police area of north Wales.

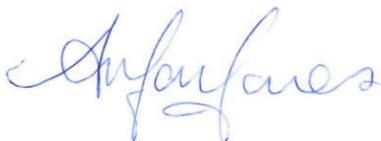
I am therefore writing to inform you of my nomination to this statutory post. My recommendation is that Eleanor Ann Griffith is appointed as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for north Wales.

I would appreciate if the Police and Crime Panel could consider my recommendation at a Confirmation Hearing and report back to me on whether my recommendation meets the Panel's approval.

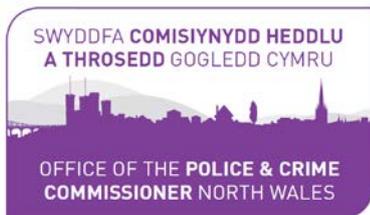
A full report is attached for the Panel's consideration.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Arfon Jones
Police and Crime Commissioner



Confirmation Hearing

28 July 2016

Appointment of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

Report of Police and Crime Commissioner

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (“the Act”) requires the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) to seek the recommendation of the Police and Crime Panel (“the Panel”) on the person nominated to be the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for the police area of North Wales.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Panel approves the appointment of Eleanor Ann Griffith known as Ann Griffith as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Act provides, under section 18(1), that the Commissioner for a police area may appoint a person as the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for that area.
- 3.2 Under Schedule 1, paragraph 9, of the Act, the Commissioner must notify the Panel of his proposed appointment to the post of ‘Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner’.
- 3.3 The Commissioner must also notify the Panel of the following information:
 - 3.3.1 The name of the person he is proposing to appoint;
 - 3.3.2 The criteria used to assess the suitability of the candidate for the appointment;
 - 3.3.3 Why the candidate satisfies those criteria; and
 - 3.3.4 The terms and conditions on which the candidate is to be appointed
- 3.4 Under paragraph 10 of Schedule 1, the Panel must review the proposed appointment and make a report to the Commissioner on the proposed appointment, including a recommendation to the Commissioner as to whether or not the candidate should be appointed, within a period of three weeks beginning with the day on which the Panel receives notification from the Commissioner of the proposed appointment.
- 3.5 This appointment falls under Schedule 1 of the Act and therefore the Panel has no power to veto over the appointment. Should the Panel recommend that the appointment does not go ahead; the Commissioner can still appoint the proposed candidate.
- 3.6 The Commissioner will notify the Panel of the decision whether to accept or reject the recommendation of the Panel.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 Name of the Candidate

The name of the person the Commissioner is proposing to appoint to the post of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for the North Wales is Eleanor Ann Griffith.

4.2 Criteria used to assess the suitability of the candidate for the appointment

4.2.1 The Commissioner recognises that his statutory duties are significant and that he is the person solely responsible for their discharge. As a consequence he wants to appoint a deputy who can provide extra support to him, but in particular someone who has:

- a) High level of integrity and someone that the Commissioner has complete confidence in
- b) Understanding and experience of engagement with community groups within North Wales
- c) Understanding and a commitment to help the Commissioner fulfil his manifesto objectives
- d) Shared values in respect of the role and purpose of the police service and its accountability
- e) A shared understanding not to interfere in the operational independence of the police
- f) Understanding and experience of working in the public sector, excluding the police service in order to broaden the skills within the OPCC

4.2.2 The Commissioner's manifesto placed a great emphasis on addressing youth crime and not decriminalising vulnerable people therefore Ann's previous experience as a senior social worker provides her with the skills required to assist the Commissioner in fulfilling his priorities.

4.2.3 Ann has over thirty years' experience as a social worker with all client groups. Has worked with North Wales Police investigating child abuse and neglect, assessing adult mental health and youth justice.

4.2.4 Ann has 8 years' experience as a Public Appointee to the Ministry of Justice in her role as Visitor to the Court of Protection and Office of the Public Guardian. In this role she worked with adults who have lost their mental capacity due to dementia, brain injury and mental illness.

4.2.5 She has extensive operational and strategic management experience within the public and voluntary sectors and has also worked collaboratively across North Wales developing excellent multi agency networking relationships.

4.2.6 As an elected member Ann also has a good understanding of partnership working. Panel members will be aware of the importance placed on effective partnership working within the police and crime plan.

4.2.7 Also as an elected member has demonstrated proficiency in scrutinising and hold the Cabinet to account, engaging with the electorate, advocating on their behalf and making difficult decisions.

4.2.8 Ann lives in North West Wales on the Isle of Anglesey and is a fluent Welsh speaker. Appointing a deputy from the opposite side of the Force area will provide a gender and geographical balance to their roles.

4.2.9 The Commissioner is satisfied that Ann’s skills, experience, gender and background will complement his own; she has extensive and suitable experience and a full understanding of the role.

4.2.10 Ann Griffith has provided the Commissioner with a full resumé of her career.

4.2.11 The Commissioner is confident that he and Ann can work well together to meet the statutory duties of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

4.3 **Terms and Conditions of Appointment**

4.3.1 The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner will be a member of staff of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. A copy of the job description, person specification and terms and conditions are attached.

5. **Next steps**

5.1 The Panel will advise the Commissioner of its recommendation and publish its decision.

6. **Background documents**

6.1 [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(hyperlink\)](#)

6.2 Job description, person specification and terms and conditions (attached)

Job Description

Job Title:	Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (the Deputy)
Salary:	Scale PO(D) full time post. (Applications on a part time basis will be considered, the salary will be adjusted pro rata)
Expenses:	Statutory rates set by the Home Secretary
Responsible to:	Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner)
Hours:	Full or part-time options available. Due to the nature of the role, it is to be expected that a proportion of duties will take place during evenings and at weekends, for which no additional recompense is provided.
Location:	Police Headquarters, Glan-Y-Don, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8AW
Travel:	Extensive travel in north Wales and on occasions other parts of Wales and England therefore a driving licence is essential
Welsh language:	For this post the ability to communicate effectively through the medium of Welsh is desirable. Non Welsh speaking applicants should commit themselves to learning Welsh to the appropriate standard to undertake the post
Code of Conduct:	See Appendix A
Statutory duties:	See Appendix B
Eligibility and disqualification criteria:	See Appendix C

Job Summary

- The Deputy will be responsible for supporting the Commissioner in all aspects of his role
 - To work with the Commissioner to enable delivery of the Police and Crime Plan
 - To manage the community engagement project on behalf of the Commissioner
 - To engage and seek the views and concerns of the people in north Wales
 - To communicate these views to the Commissioner and his staff to ensure they are reflected in the work of the Commissioner
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Overview of the role

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 enables the Commissioner to appoint a Deputy and to delegate certain functions and responsibilities to that person. The Act also outlines certain functions which cannot be delegated.

The role of the Deputy, whilst working with the Commissioner's other staff, is to deputise and support the Commissioner in carrying out his functions including:-

- a. Acting as a local link between communities and the police
- b. Assisting in setting the force budget and the precept and deciding how other crime reduction budgets are spent
- c. Assisting in the development of the Police and Crime Plan
- d. Entering into collaboration agreements as necessary
- e. Holding the chief constable to account
- f. Working co-operatively with community safety and criminal justice partners

The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner may not:-

- a. Issue a Police and Crime Plan
- b. Determine police objectives
- c. Attend Police and Crime Panel meetings on behalf of the Commissioner
- d. Prepare the Annual Report
- e. Appoint or suspend the chief constable or call upon the chief constable to retire or resign
- f. Set the precept

For full details of the Commissioner's statutory duties see *Appendix B*

Key responsibilities

1. To lead on community engagement on behalf of the Commissioner, to engage with all communities in north Wales to ensure that their views are heard
2. To proactively enhance relationships with a wide range of stakeholders in the community safety and criminal justice sectors, to identify blockages or identify opportunities to improve the delivery of programmes that secure improved outcomes for local people.
3. Lead collaborative initiatives with local partners and stakeholders to reduce crime and enhance community policing.

4. To quality assure the provision of policing services in north Wales and support the Commissioner in scrutinising the effectiveness and efficiency of policing in north Wales
5. To act as an ambassador for the Commissioner and engage with relevant community groups, public bodies, elected representatives and organisations to better understand the policing needs of the community.
6. To support the Commissioner in ensuring that the needs of the community are represented in policing and where appropriate translate the community needs into legitimate actions and outcomes.
7. Help to brief members of Parliament, members of the Welsh Government, councillors, government officials and other voluntary and criminal justice partners on the Commissioner's policy.
8. Represent the authorised views of the Commissioner to the media where appropriate.
9. On behalf of the Commissioner, help to generate policy proposals and respond to national policy developments. This will include engaging with other Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales and England.
10. Assist the Commissioner in liaising with the chief constable of North Wales Police and his staff and liaise with organisations and individuals at regional and national levels.

The post holder must be prepared to undertake additional duties arising from changing circumstances but which do not change the general character or level of responsibility of the post.

Person Specification

Personal qualities – the views of the Commissioner

I am looking for someone in whom I can have the utmost confidence, someone on whom I can depend and someone who has integrity and good judgement. I am looking for some or all of the following qualities:

- Able to listen to people and provide reassurance that their views will be heard
- Strong sense of independence
- Vision and an ability to think strategically and laterally
- Leadership and management skills
- Able to manage change and initiate innovation
- Able to give media interviews and presentations
- Strong understanding and knowledge of current affairs

Experience & qualifications

- An excellent understanding and experience of the diverse geographic, social and economic nature of the area
- Sound experience of working with diverse communities and working to secure improved outcomes for local people
- Educated to degree level or equivalent professional/specialised qualification or have experience, which demonstrates their intellectual capacity to operate within a complex role
- A good understanding and experience of organisational challenges of ensuring the right balance between cost, value in an environment of reducing resources
- Experience of organisational governance and scrutiny, with a sound understanding of accountability
- Experience of working across different agencies at strategic and operational levels
- Experience in translating strategic objectives into action

Skills - Essential

- High-level communication and presentation skills
- Ability to engage, listen and understand communities with differing needs
- Ability to deliver on strategic goals and vision
- Ability to take a co-operative approach to achieving priorities, including developing effective collaboration proposals with relevant organisations
- Ability to think and operate at a strategic level, identifying issues and setting priorities at an organisation-wide level and/or over a lengthy time period
- Ability to maintain good working relationships with partner organisations
- Ability to build relationships, influence and negotiate with high ranking officials
- A flexible approach to working during weekends and evenings should this be necessary

- Must reside in the Force area of North Wales
- Evidence of an understanding political structures, procedures and policies at both a local and national level
- IT literate to a good level
- An ability to drive

Skills – Desirable

- For this post the ability to communicate effectively through the medium of Welsh is desirable. Non Welsh speaking applicants should commit themselves to learning Welsh to the appropriate standard to undertake the post

Qualities

- Is able to secure credibility, respect and recognition from peers and stakeholders
- Shares the Commissioner's aspirations, values and commitments
- Is able and confident to take personal responsibility for decisions made and to be able to communicate these effectively
- Is committed to the seven principles of public life ([see Appendix A](#))

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct provides that the Commissioner and his Deputy will abide by the seven principles set out in Standards in Public Life: First Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life known as — the Nolan Principles.

Selflessness:

We will take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. We will not take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for ourselves, our families, or friends.

Integrity:

We will not place ourselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that may influence our performance of our official duties.

Objectivity:

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, we will make choices on merit.

Accountability:

We are accountable for our decisions and actions to the public and submit ourselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to our office.

Openness:

We will be as open as possible about all decisions and action that we take. We will give reasons for our decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty:

We have a duty to declare any private interests relating to our public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

Leadership:

We will promote and support these principles through leadership and by our own example.

Statutory duties of the Police and Crime Commissioner

The Commissioner's primary duty is to secure an efficient and effective police force, which demonstrates value for money, meets the needs of the communities of north Wales and above all cuts crime.

He will do this by:

- holding the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of the police force
- setting and updating the Police and Crime Plan
- setting the force budget and precept
- regularly engaging with the public and communities

The Commissioner will set direction. This involves:

Setting the strategic direction and accountability for policing

- setting strategic policing objectives
- holding the force to account through the Chief Constable
- consulting and involving the public
- being accountable to the electorate

Working with partners to prevent and tackle crime and re-offending

- ensuring that the police respond effectively to public concerns and threats to public safety
- promoting and enabling joined up working on community safety and criminal justice
- increasing public confidence in how crime is cut and policing delivered

Invoking the voice of the public, the vulnerable and victims

- ensuring that public priorities are acted upon, victims are consulted and that the most vulnerable individuals are not overlooked
- complying with the Equality Act
- contributing to resourcing of policing response to regional and national threats
- ensuring an effective policing contribution alongside other partners to national arrangements to protect the public from other cross-boundary threats in line with the strategic policing requirement

Ensuring value for money

- responsible for the distribution of policing grants from central government and setting the precept raised through council tax

Eligibility and Disqualification Criteria

Extracts from the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

S8 The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

Relevant extracts from paragraph 8, Schedule 1, of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

- 8 (1) This paragraph applies to a person appointed under section 18 by a Police and Crime Commissioner to be the deputy police and crime Commissioner.
- (2) None of the following may be appointed as the deputy police and crime commissioner-
- a) a person who has not attained the age of 18 on the day of the appointment;
 - b) a person who is subject to a relevant disqualification;
 - c) a Member of the House of Commons
 - d) a Member of the European Parliament
 - e) a Member of the National Assembly for Wales
 - f) a Member of the Scottish Parliament
 - g) a Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly
- (3) The terms and conditions of a person who is appointed as the deputy police and crime commissioner must provide for the appointment to end not later than the day when the current term of Office of the appointing police and crime commissioner ends.
- (4) Section 7 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (appointment of staff on merit) does not apply to the deputy police and crime commissioner.
- (5) In this paragraph “current term of office”, in relation to the appointment of a deputy police and crime commissioner by a police and crime commissioner, means the commissioner’s term of office which is running at the time the appointment is made.
- (6) For the purposes of this paragraph, a person is subject to a relevant disqualification if the person is disqualified from being elected as, or being, a police and crime commissioner under-
- a) section 65(1) (police officers, police-related employment etc), other than paragraph (e)(ii); or
 - b) section 66(1), 3(a)(iii) or (iv), 3(c) or 3(d) (citizenship, bankruptcy, criminal convictions & corrupt or illegal election practices)

S65 Disqualification from election or holding office as police and crime commissioner: police grounds

Relevant extracts from Section 65(1) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

- 65 (1) A person is disqualified from being elected as, or being, a Police and Crime Commissioner if the person-
- a) is disqualified from being a member of the House of Commons under section 1(1)(d) of the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (members of police forces for police areas in the United Kingdom);
 - b) is a member of-
 - (i) *the British Transport Police Force*
 - (ii) *the Civil Nuclear Constabulary*
 - c) is a special constable appointed-
 - (i) *under section 27 of the Police Act 1996 for a police area or the City*

- (d) the person is incapable of being elected as a member of the House of Commons, or is required to vacate a seat in the House of Commons, under Part 3 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (consequences of corrupt or illegal practices).

S68 Citizenship condition

Relevant extract from Section 68 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

- 68 (1) This section applies for the purposes of section 66.
- (2) A person satisfies the citizenship condition if the person is—
 - (a) a qualifying Commonwealth citizen,
 - (b) a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or
 - (c) a citizen of the Union.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a person is a qualifying Commonwealth citizen if the person is a Commonwealth citizen and—
 - (a) is not a person who requires leave under the Immigration Act 1971 to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) is a person who requires such leave but for the time being has (or is, by virtue of any enactment, to be treated as having) indefinite leave to remain within the meaning of that Act.
- (4) But a person who does not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom by virtue only of section 8 of the Immigration Act 1971 (exceptions to requirement for leave in special cases) is not a qualifying Commonwealth citizen by virtue of subsection (3)(a).
- (5) In this section the expression “citizen of the Union” is to be construed in accordance with Article 20(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.