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| <b>Report to</b>       | Council  |
| <b>Date of meeting</b> | 14 November 2023   |
| <b>Lead Member</b>     | Councillor Julie Matthews, Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy and Equalities |
| <b>Head of Service</b> | Gary Williams, Corporate Director, Governance and Business                           |
| <b>Report author</b>   | Steve Price, Democratic Services Manager   |
| <b>Title</b>           | Appointment of a Member to the North Wales Police and Crime Panel                    |

## **1. What is the report about?**

1.1. This report requests the confirmation of the appointment of an elected member to the North Wales Police and Crime Panel

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1. The appointment of a representative to the Police and Crime Panel is a Council function. The Council's previous appointment to the Panel was Councillor Pete Prendergast.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

3.1 That Council appoints Councillor Diane King to the North Wales Police and Crime Panel for the term of this Council or until a new appointment is made.

## **4. Report details**

4.1. Each of the six local authorities in North Wales can nominate a member or members to sit on the Panel. The allocation of seats to each authority is based on the political balance and population distributions across North Wales as a whole, with the d'hondt

methodology used to identify the number of seats each local authority is allocated and to which political group or groups they apply.

- 4.2. Based on population, Conwy, Flintshire, Gwynedd and Wrexham appoint 2 members each whilst Denbighshire and Anglesey appoint 1 member each. The size of the main political groupings across the councils in North Wales determines how many seats each group or grouping is entitled to take.
- 4.3. The results of the local government elections in May 2022 led to Denbighshire's seat being allocated to the Labour Group, who nominated Councillor Pete Prendergast. As a result of the recent death of Councillor Prendergast, full Council is requested to confirm the appointment of a new Denbighshire member of the Police and Crime Panel. The Labour Group has nominated Councillor Diane King.
- 4.4. Separate Home Officer approval is also required before a member can take their place on a Police and Crime Panel.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

- 5.1. The appointment does not directly contribute to the corporate plan but will support the Police and Crime Panel's work in respect of a safe Denbighshire.

## **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

- 6.1. Costs and expenses from membership of the Police and Crime Panel are borne by the Panel. There are no obvious costs to the Council from this appointment.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1. A Well-being Impact Assessment is not required for this report.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

- 8.1. Members of the Council's Labour Group are eligible to be appointed and the Labour Group has nominated a member to be appointed to the Police and Crime Panel.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. There are no obvious financial issues arising from the proposed appointment.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1. Failure to appoint a member to the Panel would be detrimental to the governance arrangements of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1 The terms of reference of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.