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To: Shadow Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel – 24 July 2012

Subject: Appointment of Independent Co-opted Members

Summary: This report invites the Shadow Police and Crime Panel (PCP) to discuss and agree the appointment process for the panel's two independent co-opted members.

Unrestricted

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The PCP must co-opt two non-political independent persons onto the panel (Schedule 6 Part 2 Section 4(3)(a) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011). A person may not be a co-opted member of the police and crime panel for a police area if the person is any of the following:
- (a) a member of the staff of the police and crime commissioner for that police area;
 - (b) a member of the civilian staff of the police force for that police area;
 - (c) a Member of Parliament;
 - (d) a member of the National Assembly for Wales;
 - (e) a member of the Scottish Parliament;
 - (f) a member of the European Parliament.

As lay members the panel's two independent co-opted members should have skills and knowledge to assist the PCP in discharging its functions effectively.

2. Recruitment of two independent co-opted members

- 2.1 The Local Government Association has produced some guidance on appointing independent co-opted members, this is attached at Appendix 1. It is suggested that the draft text contained within Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the LGA guidance document be adapted for an advert and application pack to recruit the two independent co-opted members onto Kent and Medway's Police and Crime Panel.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Shadow Police and Crime Panel is asked to agree one of the following options for the selection process for the Independent co-opted members
- 3.1.1 A selection panel of the shadow panel be established to short-list and interview the independent co-opted persons. The selection panel should

report back to the shadow panel before the successful candidate is appointed by the formal panel in November 2012.

3.1.2 The Shadow Police and Crime Panel itself carries out the short-listing and interviewing of the independent co-opted persons. The formal Panel will make the final appointments of the two independent co-opted persons in November 2012.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: LGA Police and crime panels. Guidance on appointing independent co-opted members

Background Documents:

Report to Shadow Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel – 10.05.12