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To: Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel – 29 November 2012

Subject: Appointment of Independent Co-opted Members

Summary: This report invites the Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel to ratify the appointment of 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 Shadow Panel agreed that a small sub-group would be formed to begin the appointment process for the independent persons. The sub-group consisted of Mr Mike Hill (the Chairman of the Shadow Panel), Mr Mike O'Brien (the Vice-Chairman of the Shadow Panel) and Councillors Annabelle Blackmore and Gerry Clarkson. An advertisement was published in all the KM Group newspapers and Kent on Sunday. 20 applications were received and these were shortlisted by the sub-group to 8. Interviews took place in the week commencing 29 October and the panel unanimously agreed to recommend Mr Dan McDonald and Mr Gurvinder Sandher as the Panel's independent members.

- 2.2 The Shadow Panel approved the two appointments.

3. Recommendation

3.1 The Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel is asked to ratify the appointments of the two independent members of the Panel.

Background Documents:

[Report to Shadow Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel – 10.05.12](#)

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/g4875/Public%20reports%20pack%2010th-May-2012%2010.00%20Shadow%20Kent%20and%20Medway%20Police%20and%20Crime%20Panel.pdf?T=10>

[Report to Shadow Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel – 24.07.12](#)

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/g4931/Public%20reports%20pack%2024th-Jul-2012%2010.00%20Shadow%20Kent%20and%20Medway%20Police%20and%20Crime%20Panel.pdf?T=10>

[Report to Shadow Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel – 07.11.12](#)

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/g4987/Public%20reports%20pack%2007th-Nov-2012%2010.00%20Shadow%20Kent%20and%20Medway%20Police%20and%20Crime%20Panel.pdf?T=10>