

24 July 2002

Subject : Police Authority (Selection Panel) Regulations

Report of the Clerk

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To appoint a member to serve on the Independent Members Selection Panel for a period of two years effective from 8 August 2002.

Selection Panels

- 2 The Police Act 1996 provides for the establishment and membership of a selection panel for the appointment of Independent Members to the Police Authority.
- 3 One member of the Panel is appointed by the Councillor and Magistrates of the Police Authority. The second member is appointed by the Secretary of State. These two then meet to appoint a third member, who cannot be a Magistrate or a Councillor. The Police Authority is currently represented on the Selection Panel by the Chair.
- 4 Appointments are for a two year period with current appointments due to expire on 8 August 2002.
- 5 The Home Secretary appointed Mr D P Shadbolt as his representative on the Selection Panel for the period up to 8 August 2002. The Authority is still waiting to find out whether Mr Shadbolt will be re-appointed for a further two year period.
- 6 The Panel operates in respect of any casual vacancies that might arise in between the main periods of appointment, that is every four years with the next appointments being due on 1 April 2003.

Recommendation

- 7 The Councillors and Magistrates are invited to consider the appointment of a member to serve as its representative on the Selection Panel for the appointment of Independent Members for a period of two years effective from 8 August 2002.