

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee was held on 10 April 2012.

PRESENT: Councillor Clark (Chair), Councillors Brunton, Hawthorne, McIntyre, Saunders and Taylor (as substitute for P Purvis).

OFFICERS: S Harker and R Long.

AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was submitted on behalf of Councillor P Purvis.

**** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were made at this point of the meeting.

**** MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2012 were taken as read and approved as a true record.

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services presented a report to seek approval to the establishment of, and Rules of Procedure for, the Police and Crime Panel.

A major change to the way Police forces were organised and governed was introduced in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Act introduced the concept of a local Police Commissioner and the election for the first Police Commissioner for Cleveland would take place on 15 November 2012. The current Cleveland Police Authority would cease to exist once the Police Commissioner was elected.

The Act also made provision that each area would have to establish a Police and Crime Panel. The functions of the Panel would include the review of the draft Police and Crime Plan and scrutiny of the Police Commissioner's actions.

All Local Authorities within an area had to agree the arrangements for the Police and Crime Panel. The Panel had to contain ten members and, up to ten, but no few than two, co-opted members.

The proposal was to appoint two members for Hartlepool Council, three members each for Middlesbrough Council and Redcar and Cleveland Council and four for Stockton Council. Two of the Stockton Council appointments would be co-opted members.

Stockton Council would be the lead authority and funding of £53,300 would be provided by the Home Office to cover running costs, as well as up to £920 per panel member to fund travel and subsistence.

Reports prepared by Stockton Council in respect of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel arrangements and Rules of Procedure were attached to the submitted report for Members' information.

ORDERED that the arrangements for the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel and the Rules of Procedure were approved.