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West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner
Sent via email

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Dear Commissioner

Confirmation Hearing: Proposed Appointment of Jane Heppel as Chief Finance Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner

In accordance with Schedule 1 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to inform you of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel's recommendation regarding your proposed appointment of Jane Heppel as Chief Finance Officer.

I would like to thank you both for attending yesterday's public confirmation hearing and responding to Panel Members' questions.

Confirmation Hearing

The confirmation hearing was held at Wolverhampton Civic Centre on Monday, 17 July 2023. The following Panel Members were present: -

Councillors: Shabina Bano, Heather Delaney, Sabina Ditta, Alan Feeney, Sam Forsyth, Jasbir Jaspal, Syeda Khatun, Ed Lawrence, Garry Perry and Tersaim Singh

Independent members: Adele Brown

The Panel considered the information you provided the Panel as required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Members were assured that a fair and transparent process had been conducted and the successful candidate was selected on merit.

Panel members carefully considered the responses provided by Ms Heppel to their questions and concluded that she possessed the professional competence and demonstrated the personal independence to undertake the role.

Panel Recommendation


Having considered the responses to the Panel questions, the Panel agreed unanimously to recommend the Police and Crime Commissioner's preferred candidate Ms Jane Heppel be appointed as Chief Finance Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Conclusion

On behalf of the Panel, I would like to thank Ms Heppel for her attendance at the Confirmation Hearing and wish her well in carrying out her new role.

I shall arrange to publish this letter on the Panel's website on Monday 24 July 2023.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Jasbir Jaspal

Chair of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

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Jane Heppel

Jonathan Jardine – Chief Executive OPCC