INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – ADVERT

Would you like the opportunity to have an input into decisions about the delivery of policing services in Surrey?

We are looking for 2 members of the public to serve as Independent Members of the Surrey Police and Crime Panel.

The panel is part of the new arrangements for developing accountability of policing in Surrey. It provides checks and balances on the performance of the directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (when elected on 15 November 2012) and on their priorities.

The main role of the Police and Crime Panel will be to scrutinise the Police and Crime Commissioner, to promote openness in the delivery of policing services and to support the Commissioner in providing quality policing throughout Surrey.

Working alongside the 12 appointed members, each representing one of the 12 local authorities in Surrey, this is an important and challenging role which offers you the chance to review the key strategic actions and decisions taken by the Commissioner, including whether the Police and Crime Plan and Annual Report properly reflects the priorities of community safety partners and the public.

Applicants must be resident in the Surrey Police area and must have:
- An active involvement in a sector of the community (e.g. business, voluntary sector)
- The ability to represent the cross section of views and concerns of the public
- Knowledge/expertise of community safety issues

Under the legislation, co-opted members of the Police and Crime Panel may not be:
- The Police and Crime Commissioner or a member of staff of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Surrey Police area
- A member of the civilian staff of the Police Force for the Surrey Police area
- A Member of Parliament
- A Member of the National Assembly for Wales
- A Member of the Scottish Parliament
- A Member of the European Parliament
- A Member of Surrey County Council or any Borough or District Council in Surrey

Appointments will be for a 4 year period. An annual honorarium payment may be paid (subject to the panel’s approval) together with travel costs and expenses.

We welcome applications from any individual regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (i.e. gender), sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership.
For further information on the role of Independent Members, please contact Rachel Crossley or Simon Griffin at Surrey County Council on 020 8541 9122.

Closing date for applications: Monday 27 August 2012

Interviews are due to be held during the week beginning 10 September 2012.