

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **17/2013**

Title: **Authorisation to appear as Advocates**

Executive Summary:

There is a general rule that only those holding relevant professional qualifications can appear as Advocates in the Magistrates' Court.

There is an exception to this general proposition contained within the Local Government Act 1972 in that those working in local government, can be authorised by their employer to appear before the Court.

Previously such authorisations were signed by the Chief Constable but it has been decided the authorisation ought to come from the Commissioner.

Commissioner Comments:

I am satisfied that the authorisation of the two members of staff enables the most efficient and effective representation of Force in the Magistrates Court.

Decision:

Under the power contained within the Local Government Act 1972, I authorise Jo Robinson and Andy Smith to appear as Advocates in the Magistrate Court.

Background Report: Confidential

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 28.05.13