

Dear

thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 21 November.

Please find below, as far as we are able, the information that you have sought:

The link and the information that you have cut and pasted relates to discussions that took place whilst the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill was progressing through Parliament. A number of the amendments that were proposed to the Bill were not included in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act when it received Royal Assent on 15 September 2011. Neither the non executive board nor the Police Commission were included within the Act and have therefore not been created. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside has replaced Humberside Police Authority.

(1) What if any remuneration will the board members receive individually?

As mentioned a Board has not been created. Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act the roles of Police and Crime Commissioners and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioners were created together with the establishment of Police and Crime Panels.

(2) Why if the Police Association was to be disbanded, are these appointments necessary, surely it is just more of the same drain on the tax payer?

As indicated the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act created these roles.

(3) Will the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner be paid a salary and how much will that be?

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside, Matthew Grove, has indicated that he will appoint a Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner who will be paid a salary. Discussions are currently ongoing and any appointment that he makes will be referred to a confirmation hearing conducted by the Police and Crime Panel. Details of the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner's salary will, when agreed, be published on our website.

(4) What will the total cost to the taxpayer be, including your salary, for the Police Commission and Crime Panel?

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be paid a salary of £75,000 per annum which will be subject to national insurance and superannuation contributions. The salary of the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner is to be agreed. The arrangements for the Police and Crime Panel are matters for the four local authorities in the Force area. Members of the Police and Crime Panel are not paid an allowance but are able to claim travel expenses up to a maximum of £920 per annum.

(5) Why was this information not made more public before the election?

Information on the creation of these roles is included in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, which can be found by following this link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents/enacted>

(6) Please give me the wording of the oath PCCs will swear, and advise me whether the members of the Police Commission, crime panel, and 'body corporate' will also be swearing the same oath to the Queen and the Public?

The wording of the oath, which the Commissioner has signed, is as follows:

"I Matthew Grove do hereby declare that I accept the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside.

In making this declaration, I solemnly and sincerely promise that during my term of office:

I will serve all the people of Humberside in the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

I will act with integrity and diligence in my role and, to the best of my ability, will execute the duties of my office to ensure that the police are able to cut crime and protect the public.

I will give a voice to the public, especially victims of crime, and work with other services to ensure the safety of the community and effective criminal justice.

I will take all steps within my power to ensure transparency of my decisions, so that I may be properly held to account by the public.

I will not interfere with the operational independence of police officers."

Members of the Police and Crime Panel do not have to sign an oath.

(7) If the Commission and crime panel are a 'body corporate', how can the tax paying public be sure that their police force will not be privatised and staffed with thugs and bullies, like those of the East German Stasi?

This question does not relate to information held and does not therefore fall within the remit of the Freedom of Information Act. I can advise you, however, that the Commissioner has a duty to publish any decisions that he takes that are of significant public interest and this will be done via our website. The Police and Crime Panel has also been established to challenge and scrutinise the Commissioner.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you think we have not supplied information in accordance with our Publication Scheme or under general rights of access then you have the right to ask for an internal review. Any request for an internal review should be addressed to:-

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We would aim to complete an internal review within 15 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Louise Johnson