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Sent: 31 December 2012 10:22

To: SPOC PCC

Subject: Well Played.....Brass Neck.....

Dear Mr. Groves,

Congratulations on picking a Deputy.....pity he's already a Councillor.....oh but yes, it nearly slipped my mind.....

.....he's a councillor from the council you are still a member of and is also a member of the same political grouping isn't he?

Wow, that must have been a tricky decision, picking a person already 'binned' by the Panel and giving him **another taxpayer funded job on £45k a year**. I presume, like your good-self, he will keep **both** taxpayer funded pay packets and I guess you'll be able to swap tips on how to deal with expenses and the like.

Just a couple of questions, answerable via the FOIA:

- Why do you need a Deputy - other PCCs don't have them - so why do you have to?
- How many hours per week will your deputy be at work for? When will you formally publish the entire job spec and pay and remuneration details?
- When will you publish your reasoning on the appointment - it's just that the transparency section of your website is still down and your decision log looks a little thin on the ground - especially as it not an appointment supported in any way by the Policing Panel?

Regards,

PS: It's maybe a little churlish to point this out but looks like you'll be joining some, err, 'illustrious company' when it comes to picking ~~mates~~ 'close and valued' colleagues for well funded taxpayer jobs.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2241613/The-new-police-commissioners-appointing-friends-deputies--68-000-year.html>

Even the TPA have commented....

<http://www.taxpayersalliance.com/waste/2012/12/rows-pccs-appoint-friends-deputies.html>

....and of course, one of your selling points that you made quite clear was that you were not the Red Mob contender and were thus free of accusations of cronyism, misuse of public funds and the like.

Pity you can't still say that. I hope your, err, close and valued colleague is, err, worth the hassle of appointing him.