



Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	01.12.2022
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.112

TITLE:	Appointment of Temporary Chief Constable
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To support the appointment of Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) Steve Cooper as Temporary Chief Constable for Nottinghamshire Police

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

Chief Constable (CC) Craig Guildford formally submitted his letter of resignation to Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Caroline Henry on 09.10.2022. He advised that he would be leaving Nottinghamshire Police on Sunday 4th December 2022, and then taking up a new position on 5th December 2022.

Mr Guildford had informally signalled (to the PCC) his intention to leave Nottinghamshire Police, in June 2022, in order to take up role of Chief Constable at West Midlands Police following his successful application to the upcoming (CC) vacancy in that force.

A recruitment campaign to appoint to the role of CC in Nottinghamshire Police was commenced in July 2022, and was completed with the conclusion of the local Police and Crime Panel confirmation hearing on 21st September 2022. Ms Kate Meynell was the candidate successfully appointed to become Nottinghamshire Police's next CC, but as a consequence of having to give appropriate notice to her current Force, she confirmed she was unable to officially commence her CC duties in Nottinghamshire Police until 12th December 2022. This has the effect of creating a CC vacancy for a period of 7 days.

It is a legal requirement, within Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act (PRSRA) 2011 (Part 1 2 (1)), that each police force has a chief constable. To ensure there is no vacancy on the Office of CC, it will be necessary to temporarily appoint the current Deputy Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police, Mr Steve Cooper, to act as Temporary Chief Constable for the period from 12.00am 5th December 2022 to 11.59pm 11th December 2022. Ms Kate Meynell will then

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assume responsibility as CC of Nottinghamshire Police from 12.00am 12th December 2022 under the terms and conditions as specified within her contract.

Section 41 (1) 9a) of PRSRA 2011 provides that a Deputy Chief Constable may exercise the functions of chief constable of the force during any period when the chief constable is unable to exercise functions. Section 41 (11) (b) (ii), further provides that a relevant period is when the office of chief constable is vacant, i.e. 5th-11th December 2022 inclusive.

Mr Cooper has been approached in advance of this arrangement being finalised and he has agreed his willingness to act up in this capacity for the period specified.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

There are no financial implications associated with this decision. Mr Cooper has expressed a desire not to be paid the eligible salary for this role for the period that he will be acting up.

Legal advice has been sought on this point and that confirms that the PCC is able to appoint Mr Cooper on his desired terms for this temporary period.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer

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Date:

02.12.22

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?*

Yes

No

If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**

DECISION:

To appoint DCC Steve Cooper as the Temporary Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police on a temporary basis from 12.00am 5th December 2022 to 11.59pm 11th December 2022.

OFFICER APPROVAL:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.


Signature:
Chief Executive

S. M. Goodell

** See guidance on non-public information

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DECLARATION:	
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below: The above request has my approval	
Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	02.12.22