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## **Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel – Press Release**

For Immediate Release  
Attn: Newsdesk

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### **Panel Support For Deputy Police And Crime Commissioner's Appointment**

The Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel has unanimously recommended the appointment of Councillor Tafheen Sharif as the first Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire.

The recommendation was made to Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Olly Martins, following a confirmation hearing which took place at Borough Hall in Bedford on 17 December 2012 at which Councillor Sharif, who comes from Luton, was questioned about her proposed appointment and the knowledge, skills and experience she would bring to this new role.

In recommending Councillor Sharif's appointment, the Panel made a number of recommendations which it felt would help to further strengthen the arrangements which Commissioner Martins is putting in place for this role, these include the drawing up of a job description for the Deputy's post to clarify the division of responsibilities between that post and the Commissioner's role.

A copy of the Panel's report and recommendations can be found at

[http://www.bedford.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/beds\\_police\\_crime\\_panel.aspx](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/beds_police_crime_panel.aspx)

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#### **Note for Editors**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires Police and Crime Panels to hold public confirmation hearings for certain senior appointments to be made by Police and Crime Commissioners, including those of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioners, before submitting a report and recommendation about the proposed appointment. Commissioners may choose to accept or reject the Panel's recommendation, but the appointment cannot be made until the end of the confirmation process.

The Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel was established to scrutinise the work of the Commissioner and comprises 10 Councillors from Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Luton Borough Councils and 2 Lay Members who were appointed following a public advertisement and rigorous interview process.

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