Working Together

CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is responsible for setting the priorities and resources for Bedfordshire Police, as well as supporting broader community safety activities across the Force area.

The Police and Crime Panel (PCP) scrutinises the work of the PCC. The purpose of this role is to assist the PCC through providing Independent challenge as a critical friend.

The PCP currently consists of 10 Councillors representing the three Local Authorities in the Bedfordshire Force area and two Co-opted Independent Members. The PCP now intends to add two additional Co-opted Independent Members to further enhance its capabilities. Applications are invited from those with experience working within the Police or Probation services, or with experience in Accountancy, Estates or Public Scrutiny or from anybody else who believes they have something to offer the PCP.

The PCP is looking for two committed and energetic people who live or work within the Bedfordshire Force area to serve as Co-opted Independent Members from February 2020 for a four-year term. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in scrutinising and influencing the strategic plans to reduce crime and disorder in Bedfordshire.

The role of a PCP member is an important and demanding one. The typical commitment required from a member of the Panel averages one day a month, including preparation time.

PCP meetings are held in evenings at varying locations in Bedford, Central Bedfordshire and Luton. All PCP members will receive appropriate training, and will be able to claim reasonable traveling expenses. In addition, there is an allowance payable of £750 per annum.

For more information on the PCP, please visit www.bedford.gov.uk/bedspcp. For an application pack please use the links below or telephone 01234 228903

If you wish to discuss any aspect in more detail please contact Sue Lyons on 01234 276527 or sue.lyons@bedford.gov.uk

The closing time/date for applications is midnight on 5 January 2020.

The Panel wishes to reflect the breadth of communities in Bedfordshire and welcomes applications from all eligible people irrespective of gender, ethnic origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor.

Information Pack
Application form