

Ministerial Office Ministerial Decision Report

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Appointment
Report Title	Jersey Police Authority: Re-appointment of Members
Ministry	Home Affairs
Signatory	Minister
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
Report Details	
Report Author	Private Secretary
Date of Report	10/02/2022
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Relevant Case/Application/URN <i>(Only complete if making a decision related to an appeal/case/application)</i>	Insert Relevant Case/Application.
Relevant Proposition Number <i>(Only complete if presenting Comments or if lodging an Amendment)</i>	Insert P. number.
Relevant Scrutiny Report <i>(Only complete if presenting a ministerial response)</i>	Insert S.R. number.
Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	States of Jersey Police Law 2012
Action required if recommendation agreed	Private Secretary to notify the Jersey Police Authority of this Ministerial Decision
Resource Implications	None as a consequence of this decision. Members of the Authority serve on an honorary basis.

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Introduction

The States of Jersey Police Force Law 2012 provides that there will be a Jersey Police Authority.

The Jersey Police Authority's main duties are –

- (a) to promote and support continuous improvement in the policing of Jersey; and
- (b) to oversee the performance of policing services by the States Police Force.

Article 5 provides that the Authority shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 7 members. It further provides that one of these members must be a Chairman, appointed by the Minister, and that there will be up to 4 members not being elected members of the States, appointed by the Minister and the Chairman.

The appointment of a Chairman must not be made without consultation with the Appointments Commission.

Due to the expiration of some members' terms of office, including that of the Chair, reappointment is required.

Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the reappointment of Mr George Kean, Mr Neville Oomrigar and Advocate Hiren Mistry for a further 4 year term, until 10 February 2026.

The Minister is recommended to re-appoint the Chair, Dr Jason Lane in accordance with the advice of the Appointments Commission, for a period of 1 year until 10 February 2023.

Detail

Mr Kean, Mr Oomrigar and Advocate Mistry were appointed on 10 February 2018 for a period of 4 years. They are eligible for reappointment in accordance with Article 5 (3) of the Law. The Chair of the Jersey Police Authority, having been consulted, endorses the reappointment of these members, who have made valuable contributions over the last four years.

Dr Lane was first appointed as a member of the Authority in February 2014 for a period of 4 years. He was subsequently appointed as Chair in November 2017, during his first term, and reappointed for a further term in February 2018. Having consulted the Appointments Commission, the Minister has decided to re-appoint the Chair for a further year taking his appointment to the recommended maximum period of 9 years of membership. This will ensure continuity in leadership of the Police Authority during a year of significant change, and will also ensure that the term of appointment remains within the guidance of the Commission.

The Minister acknowledges the resignation of Mr Andrew Cornish from the Authority in December 2021. Mr Cornish was first appointed in February 2014 for a period of 4 years and reappointed in February 2018. The Minister congratulates Mr Cornish on his successful appointment as Jurat, and thanks him for his dedication and honorary service to the department in a variety of roles over the years.

A recruitment exercise for new members will take place during 2022.