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To: Matthew Grove PCC

Subject: Freedom of Information Request re: PCC non-executive board members

21st November 2012

Dear Matthew Grove, Police and Crime Commissioner,
The public were led to understand before the election, that the Commissioner would replace the old police authority, thereby saving the taxpayer money.

I would draw your attention to the discussion in the House of Lords at this web reference:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/062/amend/ml062-ii.htm>

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill **Session 2010-12**

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LORD HARRIS OF HARINGEY

LORD STEVENS OF KIRKWHELPINGTON

Page 2, line 32, at end insert—

“() Each police and crime commissioner shall appoint a non-executive board of between four and seven members.

() Such non-executive boards shall work with the police and crime commissioners to ensure good governance of—

(a) financial,

²⁴ (b) staff, and

(c) equality, matters, and to support the police and crime commissioners in respect of their functions.

() Police and crime commissioners may make such arrangements as they see necessary to remunerate and reimburse expenses incurred by members of such non-executive boards.

() Appointments to and remuneration and expenses arrangements for such non-executive boards shall be subject to approval by the relevant police and crime panel.”

BARONESS HARRIS OF RICHMOND

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Insert the following new Clause—

“Police Commission

(1) There shall be a body corporate for each police area listed in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996 to be known as a “Police Commission”.

31 (2) A Police Commission shall consist of—

(a) a police and crime commissioner, and

(b) a police and crime panel.

(3) The police and crime commissioner shall be appointed by the police and crime panel (from amongst its own members).”

LORD BEECHAM

Insert the following new Clause—

“Deputy police and crime commissioners

(1) There is to be a deputy police and crime commissioner (“the deputy commissioner”) for each police area listed in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996 (police areas outside London).

(2) The name of the deputy commissioner for a police area is “the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for” with the addition of the name of the police area.

(3) The deputy commissioner shall be appointed by the police and crime commissioner for the area from among those members of the police and crime panel for the police area who are properly appointed as members of the panel.

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(4) The deputy commissioner shall have—

(a) such functions that are performed by the police and crime commissioner for that police area, where the police and crime commissioner is unable or unavailable to perform them in accordance with this Act;

(b) such other functions that are conferred by this Act or any other enactment.

(5) A person must not hold the office of deputy commissioner and chair the police and crime panel at the same time.

(6) If the police and crime commissioner appoints as deputy commissioner the person who chairs the police and crime panel, the person shall resign as chair of the police and crime

panel.

(7) Subsections (5) and (6) apply in relation to the deputy chair of the police and crime panel (if there is one) as they apply in relation to the chair of the police and crime panel.

(8) A person shall cease to be the deputy commissioner if—

(a) that person ceases to be a police and crime panel member;

(b) that person, at any time, gives notice of resignation as the deputy commissioner to the police and crime commissioner's chief executive; or

(c) the police and crime commissioner at any time gives notice terminating his or her appointment as deputy commissioner.

(9) A person who ceases to be deputy commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment.”

This would appear to be stating that there will be other crime panel non-executive appointments to be made to form the police commission, and that it will be a 'body corporate', which seems to mean that it will be a private enterprise.

My FOI request:-

(1) What if any remuneration will the board members receive individually?

(2) Why if the Police Association was to be disbanded, are these appointments necessary, surely it is just more of the same drain on the tax payer?

(3) Will the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner be paid a salary and how much will that be?

(4) What will the total cost to the taxpayer be, including your salary, for the Police Commission and Crime Panel?

(5) Why was this information not made more public before the election?

(6) Please give me the wording of the oath PCCs will swear, and advise me whether the members of the Police Commission, crime panel, and 'body corporate' will also be swearing the same oath to the Queen and the Public?

(7) If the Commission and crime panel are a 'body corporate', how can the tax paying public be sure that their police force will not be privatised and staffed with thugs and bullies, like those of the East German Stasi?

yours sincerely