

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 6

POLICE AND CRIME PANELS

PART 4

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Duty to produce balanced panel

- 31 (1) In exercising functions under Part 2 or 3 of this Schedule, a relevant local authority must secure that (as far as is reasonably practicable) the balanced appointment objective is met.
- (2) In exercising functions under Part 2 or 3 of this Schedule, the Secretary of State must secure that (as far as is reasonably practicable) the balanced appointment objective is met.
- (3) A police and crime panel must, in co-opting persons who are members of relevant local authorities, secure that (as far as is reasonably practicable) the balanced appointment objective is met.
- (4) A police and crime panel—
- (a) must, from time to time, decide whether the panel's exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 4(4) or 13(4) (changing the number of co-opted members of the panel) would enable the balanced appointment objective to be, or would contribute to that objective being, met or more effectively met; and
 - (b) if the panel decides that the exercise of the power would do so, must exercise that power accordingly.
- (5) The “balanced appointment objective” referred to in this paragraph is the objective that local authority members of a police and crime panel (when taken together)—
- (a) represent all parts of the relevant police area;
 - (b) represent the political make-up of—
 - (i) the relevant local authority, or
 - (ii) the relevant local authorities (when taken together);
 - (c) have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the police and crime panel to discharge its functions effectively.
- (6) For that purpose “local authority members” means—
- (a) appointed members of the police and crime panel, and
 - (b) co-opted members of the panel who are members of relevant local authorities.