

**Interim Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer
Appointment Process**

Independent Member Statement
Councillor David Fothergill
Leader of Somerset County Council

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I have reviewed the report to the Police and Crime Panel, by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Sue Mountstevens, on the proposed appointment of the OPCC Interim Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

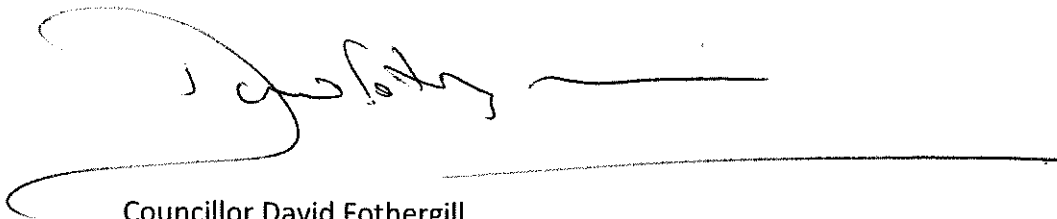
The report is a true account of the various stages of the appointment process.

My role as independent member of the Appointment Panel was to provide an assessment of the extent to which the appointment process has been conducted fairly, openly and based on merit.

I can confirm that:

- the process met the principles of merit, fairness and openness; and
- the Appointment Panel were able to fulfil their purpose, to challenge and test the candidate against the stated criteria.

The Appointment Panel unanimously supported Sue Mountstevens (PCC) in her recommendation to the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) that none of the candidates were appointable.



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