LOCAL DPPs APPOINTED

The names of the new Chief Crown Prosecutors (CCPs) for England and Wales and three Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutors for London were announced today by David Calvert-Smith, Director of Public Prosecutions, following an open competition to fill the 45 posts.

"We had a very strong field of candidates who were interviewed by a panel chaired by a Civil Service Commissioner" said David Calvert-Smith.

"The new team will comprise eight women and 37 men; one person has self-declared as being from an ethnic minority. I am confident that the best people have been appointed to these jobs on the basis of their wide experience and strong legal abilities.

"Although the job titles are the same, their roles will be different. The new postholders will, in effect, be local DPPs with the power to act on their own initiative and to take their own decisions. They will be placing a priority on prosecution work which will benefit the local communities they serve.

"Because London has by far the largest caseload, I have decided to create three senior posts of Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor to support the CCP for London."

They will start to take up their posts in April.

Note To Editors:

1. The CPS is undergoing a major re-organisation into a decentralised national service following the publication of the Glidewell Report last June and the Government's acceptance of the main thrust of the recommendations. Part of the change programme involves realigning the CPS Areas to match the boundaries of the police forces. From April each Area will be headed by a Chief Crown Prosecutor (CCP).

2. There were 209 applications, 149 of which were internal. 88 were shortlisted for interview of which 18 were from outside the CPS. Of total applications 54 were from women, 155 men; 10 self-declared themselves as being from an ethnic minority background. Two new CCPs are from outside the CPS.

3. The interviewing panel was made up of David Calvert-Smith, DPP; Mark Addison, CPS Chief Executive; His Honour Andrew Brooks, His Honour Brian Capstick QC, Lincoln Crawford OBE and was chaired by David Burr, a Civil Service Commissioner.

4. The names of the CCPs and the Areas to which they have been appointed are as follows:

London

Peter Boeuf
Greater Manchester  Tony Taylor
West Midlands  David Blundell
West Yorkshire  Neil Franklin
Hampshire  Roger Daw
Lancashire  Dickie Dickenson
Merseyside  John Holt
Northumbria  Nicola Reasbeck
South Wales  Huw Heycock
Avon & Somerset  David Archer
Cheshire  Barry Hughes
Cleveland  David Magson
Derbyshire  David Adams
Devon & Cornwall  Andrew Cresswell
Essex  John Bell
Humberside  Bob Marshall
Kent  Liz Howe
Leicestershire  Martin Howard
Nottinghamshire  Peter Lewis
South Yorkshire  Judith Bermingham
Staffordshire  Harry Ireland
Sussex  Mike Kennedy
Thames Valley  Simon Clements
West Mercia  Jim England

ACCP London:  Post 1  Alison Saunders
Post 2  Melanie Werrett
Post 3  Howard Cohen

Bedfordshire  Monica Townsend
Cambridgeshire  Richard Crowley
Cumbria  David Farmer
Dorset  John Revell
Durham  Jeff Corrighan
Dyfed-Powys  Simon Rowlands
Gloucestershire  Withiel Cole
Gwent  Chris Woolley
Hertfordshire  Charles Ingham
Lincolnshire  Alison Kerr
Norfolk  Peter Tidey
Northamptonshire  Colin Chapman
North Wales  Paul Whittaker
North Yorkshire  Bob Turnbull
Suffolk  Chris Yule
Surrey  Sandie Hebblethwaite
Warwickshire  Mark Lynn
Wiltshire  Nick Hawkins

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A FRESH START FOR THE CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE

"I have a vision of a prosecuting authority that provides the best possible service and is valued by the public it serves," says the Director of Public Prosecutions, David Calvert-Smith QC, as the new 42 Area structure of the Crown Prosecution Service started today.

The new CPS aims to be an organisation that:
- Consistently performs to a high standard
- Is devolved and locally answerable
- Works in partnership with other agencies in the criminal justice system
- Values people

Each of the 42 Areas has a newly appointed Chief Crown Prosecutor, in effect a local DPP. Along with their team of lawyers and caseworkers, they report to the DPP but will be locally accountable to the public for the way their cases are handled. A localised service will also enable good working relationships with the other agencies in the criminal justice system including the Police, courts and judiciary.

"One of the things that I will not change is the independence in the way decisions are taken in the CPS. A fair, independent and effective prosecution service is vital if we are to achieve the common aim of the criminal justice system, set by the Government, which is to reduce crime and the fear of crime and to increase public confidence in the criminal justice system.

"Placing more emphasis on serious cases was one of the key recommendations of the Glidewell Review of the Crown Prosecution Service and it is being put into practice," said David Calvert-Smith.

The decentralisation of the CPS to 42 geographical areas aligned with police force boundaries was endorsed by the Glidewell Review Team's report which made 75 recommendations for change within the Service. Many of the other recommendations are being taken forward - 42 area business managers are already in post. They are responsible for the efficient and effective running of an Area, leaving lawyers more time to concentrate on cases.

John Morris QC, Attorney General'said:

"The CPS has a vital role to play in the criminal justice system, exercising independent judgement, but working closely with others. The new CCPs and their staff have a fresh start to build an effective and local service. The CPS has a bright future."

**Note To Editors:**

1. In June 1997 the Attorney General commissioned an independent review of the CPS, led by Sir Iain Glidewell. The team were asked to examine the organisation and
structure of CPS. The report was published in June 1998 and made 75 specific recommendations.

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