

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire Police and Crime Panel**
held on Friday, 9th May, 2025 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings,
Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cheshire East: Councillor Judy Snowball

Cheshire West & Chester: Councillors Mike Jones and Keith Millar

Halton Councillors Martha Lloyd - Jones and Peter Lloyd - Jones

Warrington: Councillors Kuldeep Dhillon and Bob Hignett

Independent Co-optees: Prof. Barry Godfrey and Mrs Gemma Shepherd – Etchells.

Officers Mr Brian Reed, Mr Martin Smith and Mrs Rachel Graves (Secretariat)

53 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Edgar (Cheshire East), Cllr Sam Naylor (Cheshire West and Chester), Cllr Norman - Plumpton Walsh (Halton) and Miss Yasmin Somani (independent co-opted Panel member).

Cllr Norman Plumpton - Walsh was represented by Cllr Peter - Lloyd Jones.

The Secretariat noted that Cllr Norman Plumpton - Walsh had indicated that he would be leaving the Panel and that in due course Halton Borough Council would nominate his permanent replacement.

54 CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. RELEVANT AUTHORITIES (DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS) REGULATIONS 2012

No issues were raised.

55 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak at the meeting.

56 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2025 be approved.

57 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Prof. Barry Godfrey to his first meeting of the Panel. She also noted that since the last meeting, the Panel had held a training event. She thanked the representatives of Remedi, who had spoken on restorative justice and hate crime at the event, and also Tom Dooks, Head of the Cheshire Youth Justice Service, who had briefed Panel members on the work of his service.

The Chair noted that Matt Walton who worked in the Commissioner's Office would shortly be leaving to take up a new role within the Constabulary. She thanked him for all the work that he had done behind the scenes with the Secretariat to support the Panel and wished him well for the future.

58 DATES AND TIMINGS OF PANEL MEETINGS 2025/26

The Panel noted the dates of future meetings for the remainder of the municipal year. The Secretariat informed the Panel that dates for informal meetings with the Commissioner would be circulated when available.

59 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE TO THE COMMISSIONER

It was noted that four questions from Panel members had been submitted in advance to the Commissioner.

60 WELCOME TO THE COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSIONER'S INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed the Commissioner and his team to the meeting. The Commissioner updated the Panel on a range of issues.

61 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Panel members asked the Commissioner a number of questions, including the four that had been submitted in advance of the meeting. Details of all questions asked of the Commissioner and his responses can be found on the Police and Crime panel page of the Cheshire East Council website. [Questions 2024-2025](#)

At the end of the meeting Cllr Martha Lloyd - Jones indicated that she would be leaving the Panel, as she was about to be appointed as Mayor of Halton. She wished the Panel well for the future. The Chair thanked her for

her contribution to the Panel and wished her every success for her Mayoral year.