



Cheshire Police and Crime Complaints Sub Committee Agenda

Date: Monday 2nd March 2020
Time: 9.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach
CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Appointment of Chairman**
2. **Appointment of Vice Chairman**
3. **Apologies**
4. **Code of Conduct - Declaration of Interests. Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

5. **Terms of Reference** (Pages 3 - 4)

To note the Sub Committee's Terms of Reference.

6. **Complaints Process**

To receive a verbal update from Mr Asif Ibrahim, Head of Legal Services at Cheshire East Council, on the current process followed on receipt of complaints.

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7. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information in accordance with paragraph 1 and 2, pursuant to part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

8. Complaints

To receive details of the complaints received.

9. Future Meetings

To consider the need for a further meeting.

CHESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – MINUTE EXTRACTS

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel held on Thursday 15th November 2018

34 COMPLAINT PROCESS

This item was introduced by Clare Pattinson, Cheshire East Council's Deputy Monitoring Officer. She provided Panel members with information as to the current process for handling complaints in respect of relevant office holders (the Police and Crime Commissioner and any appointed Deputy). She also outlined the intricate legal framework which underpinned the handling of complaints.

A number of Panel members, including Councillors Findlow and Dawson, together with Mrs Hardwick and the Chair, Mr Fousert, expressed concern at the time taken for some complaints to be investigated together with the perceived lack of transparency of the current process. Panel members recognised that the issue of complaints management was complex and asked that further information, including copies of relevant guidance documents and Regulations be provided.

Having discussed the best way in which this issue could be taken forward there was agreement that a small Sub Committee be established.

RESOLVED

That Councillors Dawson, Findlow and Maher, together with Mrs Hardwick and Mr Fousert join a sub committee to review the complaints process and make recommendations to the Panel as to the most appropriate way forward.

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel held on Wednesday 8th January 2020

36 COMPLAINTS SUB COMMITTEE

Membership of the Complaints Sub Committee was confirmed as Mr Evan Morris, Mrs Sally Hardwick Councillor Andrew Dawson, Councillor Paul Findlow and Councillor Brian Maher.

The Secretariat was asked to circulate the report that had been considered by the Panel at the meeting when the Sub Committee had been established, together with the relevant minute from that meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Secretariat would canvass dates for a meeting of the Sub Committee and would compile a database of all recent relevant complaints which would be reviewed by the Sub Committee.

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