Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire Police and Crime Panel** held on Thursday, 22nd December, 2022 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cheshire East: Councillors J Paul Findlow, Laura Jeda and

Mick Warren

Cheshire West & Chester: Councillors Rob Bissett and Keith Millar.

Halton Councillors Martha Lloyd Jones and Peter

Lloyd Jones

Warrington: Councillors Wendy Maisel OBE and Jane

Whalen

Independent Co-poets: Mr Evan Morris MBE, Mrs Gemma Shepherd -

Etchells and Miss Yasmin Somani

Officers: Mr Martin Smith, Cheshire East Council

38 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Norman Plumpton Walsh (Halton) who was represented by Cllr Peter Lloyd Jones.

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

No declarations of interest were made.

40 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

41 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2022 be approved.

42 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Mrs Gemma Shepherd – Etchells to her first meeting of the Panel. He also noted that he had been reappointed to the position of Vice Chair of the Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels.

43 PANEL'S WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme for the remainder of 2022/23 was reviewed by the Panel.

44 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE TO THE COMMISSIONER

The Chair explained that a range of questions had been formally submitted to the Commissioner in advance of the meeting and that these questions had been included in the published papers.

45 INTRODUCTION BY THE COMMISSIONER

The Chair welcomed the Commissioner to the meeting.

The Commissioner thanked Panel members for their comments on his draft Police and Crime Plan. He also made reference to a number of issues, including the current establishment of Police Officers in Cheshire, the introduction of average speed cameras and the investment into local communities across the County of funds generated by the Proceeds of Crime Act.

46 CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

The Panel discussed the draft of the refreshed Police and Crime Plan. The Chair thanked the Commissioner for the opportunities that the Panel had been afforded to comment on earlier versions of the Plan.

RESOLVED:

That no formal recommendations be made in relation to the revised Police and Crime Plan, which was supported unanimously.

47 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Panel members asked the Commissioner a range of questions. Details of questions and the Commissioner's responses can be found on the Police and Crime Panel page of the Cheshire East Council website.