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Appointments to Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and to Cheshire Fire Authority

Report of: Director of Governance and Compliance (Monitoring Officer)

Report Reference No: C/3/2024-25

Ward(s) Affected: All Wards

Purpose of Report

- 1 The report invites Council to make appointments to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority.

Executive Summary

- 2 The Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority are bodies which carry out statutory functions and therefore the Council is required to make appointments to ensure that the Council meets its obligations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is asked to appoint: -

- 1 three Councillors and a nominated substitute to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel
- 2 nine councillors to the Cheshire Fire Authority

Background

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

- 3 In accordance with Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, each Police Area must establish a Police and Crime Panel.
- 4 The Cheshire Police and Crime Panel comprises 10 Councillors appointed by the constituent Councils and the allocation of seats to Cheshire East Council is three.
- 5 The Council is asked to appoint three members, on a political proportional basis of 1 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 Independent. Council is also requested to nominate a substitute Member.
- 6 The members for the 2023/24 municipal year were Councillors S Edgar, J Snowball, and M Warren, together with Councillor S Gardiner as the nominated substitute.

Cheshire Fire Authority

- 7 The Cheshire Fire Authority is the Combined Fire Authority of Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington Councils and it has a membership of 23: -

Halton- 3 members
Warrington – 4 members
Cheshire West and Chester – 7 members
Cheshire East – 9 members
- 8 The Council is asked to appoint nine members on a political proportional basis of 4 Conservatives, 3 Labour and 2 Independent.
- 9 The members for the 2023/24 municipal year were Councillors R Bailey, J Bird, D Brown, P Coan, M Houston, N Mannion, R Moreton, M Simon, and L Smith.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 10 These bodies carry out statutory functions and appointments are needed to ensure that the Council meets its obligations.

Other Options Considered

- 11 Whilst the Council could choose not to make appointments, this would be contrary to legislation governing the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority.

Implications and Comments

Monitoring Officer/Legal

12 There are no direct legal implications.

Section 151 Officer/Finance

13 An annual allowance is paid to permanent members of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel, which comes from payments made by Central Government to the Panel's host authority.

14 Members of the Cheshire Fire Authority are paid a basis allowance in accordance with the Cheshire Fire Authority's Members' Allowance Scheme.

Policy

15 There are no direct implications for policy.

An open and enabling organisation.

Ensure that there is transparency in all aspects of council decision making

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

16 There are no direct implications for equality.

Human Resources

17 There are no direct implications for Human Resources.

Risk Management

18 There are no direct risk management implications.

Rural Communities

19 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

Children and Young People including Cared for Children, care leavers and Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

20 There are no direct implications for children and families and young people.

Public Health

21 There are no direct implications for public health.

Climate Change

22 There are no implications relating to climate change.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	None