

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Confirmation Hearing held by the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the Council Chamber, Buildings, Crewe

#### PRESENT

Councillors:

Cheshire East: Councillors Steve Edgar and Judy Snowball

Cheshire West & Chester: Councillors Mike Jones and Keith Millar

Halton Councillors Martha Lloyd Jones and Norman Plumpton Walsh

Warrington: Councillors Kuldeep Dhillon and Bob Hignett

Independent Co-optees: Mr Evan Morris MBE, Mrs Gemma Shepherd – Etchells and Miss Yasmin Somani

Officers: Mr Martin Smith, (Secretariat), Ms Jennie Summers (Legal Services) and Ms Francis Handley (Democratic Services and Governance)

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Sam Naylor (Cheshire West and Chester) and Cllr Rob Moreton (Cheshire East).

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

No issues were raised.

#### 3. CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

The Panel held a confirmation hearing for the appointment of a Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner on a job share basis, questioning Gemma Southern and Jane Whalen on a wide range of issues relevant to the role.

#### **4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the outcome of the Confirmation Hearing, pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended on the grounds that it involved the likely discussion of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in the discussions being held in public.

The Panel reviewed the Confirmation Hearing and the answers provided by Gemma Southern and Jane Whalen to their questions.

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER**

##### **RESOLVED**

That it was the Panel's unanimous opinion that Gemma Southern and Jane Whalen should be recommended for appointment.

*The letter sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner by the Chair of the Panel confirming the decision to recommend appointment is appended to these minutes as a matter of record.*