

# Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

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**Date of Meeting: 04 October 2024**

**Report of: Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services and Governance,  
Cheshire East Council**

**Subject: Appointment to vacant position of independent Co-opted Member of  
the Panel**

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## **1.1 Report Summary**

1.1 This report updates the Panel on the appointment of an independent Co-opted Member to replace Mr Evan Morris MBE who resigned from the Panel with effect from 14 August 2024.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That in accordance with the Panel's Procedure Rules, and to be consistent with the approach adopted on the last occasion an independent Co-opted Panel member resigned during their term of office, a Recruitment Panel is appointed to take forward the recruitment process.

## **3. Background information**

3.1 The Police and Crime Panel has three independent co-opted members. Mr Evan Morris MBE, one of the three co-opted members, resigned from his position with effect from 14 August 2024.

3.2 The last time a co-opted Panel member resigned during their term of office was in 2017, on that occasion the Panel set up a small Recruitment Panel which oversaw a recruitment process, this included the drafting of an advert asking for expressions of interest in the vacancy, the shortlisting of applications and interviewing those shortlisted. The process concluded with the Recruitment Panel making a recommendation to the Panel as to who should be appointed.

3.3 The overall process outlined above is entirely consistent with that adopted when a vacancy arises at the end of a Panel member's term of office, and a decision has been taken by the Panel that a full recruitment process should take place.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The only financial implication is that a newly appointed Panel member will receive an allowance, the cost of this can be met from the Panel's budget.

#### **5. Equality implications**

- 5.1 There are no specific equality issues related.

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