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Council

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

**Report of: Janet Witkowski, Acting Governance, Compliance and
Monitoring Officer**

Report Reference No: C/5/25-26

Ward(s) Affected: All Wards

For Decision

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 Responsibilities Act 2011, each Police Area must establish a Police and Crime Panel.
- 4 The Cheshire Police and Crime Panel comprises ten councillors appointed by the constituent Councils and the allocations 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 2024/25 municipal year were Councillors S Edgar, J Snowball, and R Moreton, 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 2024/25 municipal year were Councillors R Bailey, J Bird, D Brown, P Coan, L Crane, N Mannion, M Simon, G Smith, and M Warren.

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 to not 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 Members' Allowance Scheme.

Policy

- 15 There are no direct implications for policy.

An effective and enabling Council

Effective and responsive governance, compliance and evidence-based 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 for climate change.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	None