

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel



CHESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 17 JUNE 2016

LOCATION OF MEETINGS – 2016/17

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1. Background and Purpose

1.1 To seek the panels views on the location of its formal meetings for the municipal year 2016/17.

2. Current Arrangements

2.1 Since its inception, the Police and Crime Panel have held its formal meetings at Wyvern House Winsford in either the Council Chamber or Committee Room 1. The meetings are hosted and facilitated by Cheshire East Council, with accommodation being provided by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

2.2 Wyvern House was chosen as the location for the formal panel meetings due to its geographical location and ease of access from all parts of Cheshire. A previous report which considered the location of meetings is appended to the Report.

2.3 Wyvern House also offers the webcasting facility that allows formal Panel meetings to be shown live on the web. These webcasts can be viewed as archive footage for up to 6 months after the meetings.

2.4 At its meeting on 5 February 2016 the Panel agreed that the continued use of a webcasting facility for its formal meeting was desirable. It was noted that the cost of the webcasting facility for the year was £1560 and that on average there were 200 views of the live webcast each meeting and 800 archive views of the meetings in the 6 months that they were available online.

2.5 Arrangements are in place for the continued use of Wyvern House and its webcasting facility for 2016/17. If the Panel is minded to change the venue of its formal meetings it would be important to note that the webcasting facility is moveable but this would be at an additional cost to the Panel.

- 2.6 The Panel is invited to consider whether it would like to continue with Wyvern House as the venue for its formal meetings or whether an alternative venue should be used.

3. Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 When undertaking their scrutiny role, the panel should be mindful of the impacts on all of the protected equality characteristics (age, disability, gender, race, religion, sexuality, marital status, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, etc.). The Panel may wish to factor this in when considering which partners they engage with and how.

4. Financial Considerations

- 4.1 There are no financial implications, over and above those outlined in the main body of this report, associated with the retention of the existing meeting location. However, there could be significant financial implications associated with any proposed move to an alternative location.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the location for the formal meetings of the Police and Crime Panel during the 2016/17 municipal year be confirmed.