

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire Police and Crime Panel**
held on Thursday, 15th November, 2018 at Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings,
Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cheshire East Councillors S Edgar, P Findlow and J Weatherill

Cheshire West & Chester Councillors A Dawson and M Delaney,

Warrington Councillor B Maher

Halton Councillor D Thompson

Independent Co-optees:

Mr R Fousert(Chairman), Mrs S Hardwick and Mr E Morris MBE.

Officers:

Mr M Smith and Ms C Pattinson, Cheshire East Council.

30 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors J Davidson, R Bisset, N Plumpton Walsh and M Warren.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

32 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public chose to speak at the meeting.

33 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2018 were approved, with three minor amendments being noted for the formal record.

34 COMPLAINT PROCESS

This item was introduced by Clare Pattinson, Cheshire East Council's Deputy Monitoring Officer. She provided Panel members with information as to the current process for handling complaints in respect of relevant office holders (the Police and

Crime Commissioner and any appointed Deputy). She also outlined the intricate legal framework which underpinned the handling of complaints.

A number of Panel members, including Councillors Findlow and Dawson, together with Mrs Hardwick and the Chair, Mr Fousert, expressed concern at the time taken for some complaints to be investigated together with the perceived lack of transparency of the current process. Panel members recognised that the issue of complaints management was complex and asked that further information, including copies of relevant guidance documents and Regulations be provided.

Having discussed the best way in which this issue could be taken forward there was agreement that a small Sub Committee be established.

RESOLVED

That Councillors Dawson, Findlow and Maher, together with Mrs Hardwick and Mr Fousert join a sub committee to review the complaints process and make recommendations to the Panel as to the most appropriate way forward.

The meeting commenced at 3.00pm and concluded at 3.30 pm

Mr R Fousert (Chairman)