

# Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

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**Date of meeting:** 11 June 2021

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

**Subject:** Draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Commissioner

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## 1. Report Summary

- 1.1 This report updates the Panel on the work undertaken by a small working group chaired by Mrs Sally Hardwick and recommends that discussions are held with the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner over the introduction of a Memorandum of Understanding.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Recommended that:

- (i) The Panel endorse the draft Memorandum of Understanding as a basis for formal discussions with Mr John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner, with discussions being led by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Panel and Mrs Sally Hardwick, with support from the Panel's Secretariat as appropriate.

## 3. Draft Memorandum of Understanding

- 3.1 At its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the Panel resolved to establish a small working group to consider the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Panel's relationship with the Commissioner. The Working Group comprised Cllr Rob Bissett, Cllr Paul Findlow, Cllr Laura Jeuda, Mrs Sally Hardwick and Cllr Peter Walker and was Chaired by Mrs Hardwick.
- 3.2 Developing a MoU is in line with the recommendations made in the publication "Policing and Fire Governance – Guidance for Police and Crime Panels", published by the Local Government Association, Frontline Consulting and the Centre for Public Scrutiny in July 2019. The document states that "the panel and commissioner may consider that a memorandum of understanding or protocol to set out mutual expectations would be useful to clarify their ways of working together. This provides a way to reflect the

legislative duties and value-added activity and to set out in more detail how these duties will be undertaken locally”.

3.3 The Working Group has developed a draft MoU which is attached as Appendix I. This was shared informally with Panel members earlier in the year.

3.4 The document has also been shared informally with the newly elected Commissioner.

#### **4. Equality Implications**

4.1 There are no equality implications.

#### **5. Financial Considerations**

5.1 There are no financial implications to report to the Panel in considering this matter.

#### **6. Contact Information**

Contact details for this report are as follows: -

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