Council

24 May 2023

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

Report of: David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance

Report Reference No: C/04/23-24

Ward(s) Affected: All

Purpose of Report

8   The report invites Council to make appointments to the Cheshire Police
     and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority.

Executive Summary

9   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:-
(a)   three Councillors and a nominated substitute to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel;
(b)   nine Councillors to Cheshire Fire Authority.

Background

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

3   In accordance with Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, each Police area must establish a Police and Crime Panel.

4   The Cheshire Police and Crime Panel comprises 10 Councillors appointed by the constituent Councils and the allocation of seats to Cheshire East Council is three.

5   The Council is being 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 2022/23 municipal year were Councillors JP Findlow, L Jeuda and M Warren, together with Councillor D Murphy 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 being asked to appoint three members on a political proportional basis of 4 Conservative, 3 Labour and 2 Independent.

9   The members for the 2022/23 municipal year were Councillors R Bailey, M Beanland, D Brown, M Houston, N Mannion, R Moreton, D Murphy, J Nicholas and J Parry.

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 not to 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 Policy and Crime Panel which comes from payments made by Central Government to the Panel's host authority.

14   Members of Cheshire Fire Authority are paid a basis allowance in accordance with the Cheshire Fire Authority's Members' Allowance Scheme.

Policy

15   There are no direct implications for policy.

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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 young people/Care for Children.

Public Health

21   There are no direct implications for public health.

Climate Change

22   There are no implications relating to climate change.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	None