

Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Date of Meeting: 19 July 2024

Report of: Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services and Governance, Host Authority

Subject: Cheshire Police and Crime Panel Budget 2024/25

1. Report Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines a proposed budget for the Panel for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Recommended that:

(i) The Panel receive and approve the budget for the year.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Since the creation of Police and Crime Panels, the Home Office have paid a ring-fenced grant to the host authority (Cheshire East Council) to maintain a Police and Crime Panel for the Cheshire Police area, so that the Panel can carry out its functions and responsibilities as set out in the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Grant for 2023/24 was £65,260, at the time of writing, no formal offer of a grant has been made for the current financial year, but informal indications are that the level of grant will be the same as for 2023/24. There has been no increase in the level of the grant for a number of years.
- 3.2 The host Authority's Section 151 Officer and a nominated Finance Manager act of behalf of the Panel to maintain and manage the grant.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 A working outline budget has been developed for the 2024/25 Municipal Year. This will provide a mechanism to provide appropriate support to the Panel and enable the grant to be claimed at the year end.
- 4.2 The outline budget for the year is

• Support provided by staff in Cheshire East Council's Corporate Services Department, including Legal, Democratic Services, Finance, Communications and web team. Printing of agendas and associated paperwork.	£48,800
• Webcasting of meetings (provided by Cheshire West and Chester Council)	£2,500
• Member Allowances and expenses	£11,960
• Room hire, training, conferences and membership of regional group (if established)	£2,000
	£65,260

4.3 Support is provided by staff in Cheshire East Council's Corporate Services Department, including Legal, Democratic Services, Finance, Communications, and the web team. The principal support officers are:

- Head of Democratic Services and Governance
- Registration and Civic Services Manager (who acts as the nominated Panel Support Officer)
- Head of Legal Services
- Corporate Services Finance Manager
- Director of Governance and Compliance.

5. Equality implications

5.1 There are no specific equality issues related to this report.

6. Contact information

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