

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire Police and Crime Panel**
held on Friday 22nd November 2024 at Ellesmere Port Library

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cheshire East: Councillor Judy Snowball

Cheshire West & Chester: Councillors Mike Jones, Keith Millar and Sam Naylor

Halton: Councillors Martha Lloyd Jones and Norman Plumpton
Walsh

Warrington: Councillors Kuldeep Dhillon and Bob Hignett

Officers: Mr Martin Smith, Cheshire East Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Edgar, Cllr Rob Moreton, Mrs Gemma Shepherd Etchells and Miss Yasmin Somani.

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

No issues were raised.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2024 be approved.

Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh sought clarification from the Secretariat as to the level of detail required in Panel Minutes, referencing observations made by the host authority's Monitoring Officer at the previous meeting that had not been recorded in the minutes. The Secretariat clarified that a full audio recording of the meeting was available on the Cheshire East Council website and that formal minutes were not intended to be a verbatim record of a meeting.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Judy Snowball noted that on behalf of the Panel she would be writing to Mr Evan Morris MBE, the Panel's former Chair to thank him for his exemplary service. She noted that the vacancy for the Panel's vacant co-opted member would be advertised shortly. Councillor Snowball thanked the Commissioner for hosting an informal meeting with Panel members and for the programme of future informal meetings that he had drawn up.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel's work programme for the remainder of the municipal year was noted, this included three informal meetings with the Commissioner. Panel members were asked to let the Secretariat have details of issues that they would like discussed at future meetings.

7. QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The Chair noted that two questions had been submitted in advance to the Commissioner and that these had been published with the Panel's papers.

8. WELCOME TO THE COMMISSIONER

The Chair welcomed the Commissioner and his team to the meeting.

9. COMMISSIONER'S INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Commissioner updated the Panel on a range of issues. He noted that he and his Deputy Commissioners had attended Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day events. The Commissioner indicated that he had been privileged to attend the Constabulary's ACE Awards which celebrated outstanding work across the Constabulary.

10. COMMISSIONER'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

The Commissioner introduced his annual report taking questions from Panel members.

RESOLVED

That the Panel note the Commissioner's Annual Report, with no formal recommendations being made.

A copy of the letter sent to the Commissioner by the Panel's Chair in relation to the Annual Report is attached to these minutes.

11. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

In addition to the two pre-submitted questions, Panel members asked the Commissioner a range of further questions. Details of all questions asked of the Commissioner and his responses can be found on the Police and Crime Panel page of the Cheshire East Council website.