

# Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

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**Date of Meeting: 20 June 2025**

**Report of: Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services, Host Authority**

**Subject: Cheshire Police and Crime Panel Budget 2025/26**

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## **1. Report Summary**

- 1.1 This report outlines a proposed budget for the Panel for the 2025/26 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 2024/25 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 2024/25. 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 2025/26 Municipal Year, in line with the previous requirements of the Panel. This will provide a mechanism to deliver 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 Directorate and Chief Executive's Office, including Legal, Democratic Services, Finance, Communications and web team, publishing 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, Panel training, attendance at conferences.	£2,000
	<b>£65,260</b>

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

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

## 5. Equality implications

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

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