

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire Police and Crime Panel**
held on Friday, 11th June, 2021 at Council Chamber, Wyvern House, The
Drumber, Winsford CW7 1AH

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cheshire East: Councillors J Paul Findlow, Denis Murphy, and
Mick Warren

Cheshire West & Chester: Councillors Robert Bisset, Martyn Delaney and
Lynn Riley

Halton: Councillors Martha Lloyd Jones and Peter
Lloyd Jones

Warrington: Councillor Jane Whalen

Independent Co-optees: Mr Bob Fousert, Mrs Sally Hardwick and Mr
Evan Morris MBE

Officers: Mr Martin Smith, Cheshire East Council

17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh (Halton), Councillor Kenneth Critchley (Warrington) and Councillor Laura Jeuda (Cheshire East).

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

Councillors Paul Findlow and Lynn Riley indicated that they knew Mr McNeilage through the Conservative Party but would approach the Confirmation Hearing with an open mind and had not predetermined his suitability for the position of Deputy Commissioner. Councillor Kenneth Critchley had sent his apologies, as he too knew Mr McNeilage, and following a conversation with his Council's Monitoring Officer, had decided not to take part in the Confirmation Hearing.

19 CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER.

The Panel held a confirmation hearing for the appointment of a Deputy Commissioner, questioning Mr McNeilage on a wide range of issues relevant to the role.

The Panel resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting to allow for the Panel to review the Confirmation Hearing and the answers provided by Mr McNeilage to their questions, pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended on the grounds that it involved the likely discussion of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in the discussions being held in public.

RESOLVED

That it was the Panel's unanimous opinion that Mr McNeilage should be recommended for appointment.