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Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire Police and Crime Panel**
held on Friday, 15th September, 2023 in the Rooms G1 and G2, HQ, Nicholas
Street, Chester, CH1 2NP

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cheshire East: Councillors Steve Edgar, Judy Snowball and
Mick Warren

Cheshire West & Chester: Councillors Phil Marshall, Keith Millar and Sam
Naylor

Halton Councillors Martha Lloyd Jones and Norman
Plumpton Walsh

Independent Co-optees: Mr Evan Morris MBE, Mrs Gemma Shepherd –
Etchells and Miss Yasmin Somani

Officers: Mr Martin Smith, Cheshire East Council

16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Wendy Maisey OBE (Warrington
Council) and Cllr Jane Whalen (Warrington Council).

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

No issues were raised.

18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2023 be approved.

20 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair briefed on the forthcoming annual meeting of the National
Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels that would be taking place in

November, noting that he would be standing again for the position of Vice Chair of the Association. The Chair also noted that he had attended a workshop with consultants appointed by the Home Office, where there had been discussions on the support that could in future be offered to Police and Crime Panels by regional hubs.

21 PANEL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Panel welcomed the suggestion that a training event should be held later in the year. The Secretariat were asked to canvass Panel members for a suitable date.

22 COMMISSIONER'S SCRUTINY BOARD - 19 JULY 2023

The papers for the Commissioner's Scrutiny Board were noted.

23 PANEL'S WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

The work programme was noted.

24 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

The Chair explained that a number of questions had been formally submitted to the Commissioner in advance of the meeting and that these had been included in the published papers.

25 WELCOME TO THE COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSIONER'S INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Chair welcomed the Commissioner to the meeting.

In his introductory comments the Commissioner congratulated the Constabulary on the excellent work that it had done in relation to Operation Hummingbird, which had led to the successful prosecution, at Manchester Crown Court, of Lucy Letby. The trial had lasted for almost a year and the case had been one of the most complex criminal investigations in history.

The Commissioner also briefed the Panel on a number of other issues, including pensions forfeiture, road safety and a bid for funding in the fifth round of the Safer Streets programme.

The Chair added his own, and the Panel's congratulations to the Police, for the work undertaking in relation to Operation Hummingbird.

26 CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMISSIONER'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23.

The Commissioner introduced his draft annual report, answering a range of questions from Panel members,

RESOLVED:

That the Commissioner's Annual Report be noted, with no formal recommendations being made.

27 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Panel members asked the Commissioner a range of questions. Details of questions and the Commissioner's responses can be found on the Police and Crime Panel page of the Cheshire East Council website.

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Dear Commissioner,

ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you for attending this morning's meeting of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and for presenting your draft annual report.

I can confirm that the Panel made no formal recommendations in relation to the annual report. The Panel congratulate you on the production of an interesting and informative document. As you will recall, a number of detailed comments were made which may assist your communications team with the production of annual reports in the future.

Yours sincerely.

Evan Morris

Evan Morris MBE
Chair, Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

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Dear Mr Morris,

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

I am writing further to the Police & Crime Panel meeting on Friday 15 September 2023 and your subsequent letter of the same date.

I note that the Police & Crime Panel had no formal recommendations in relation to my draft annual report, but I would like to thank the Panel for the positive comments and feedback.

My intention is to publish my annual report next week (w/c 25 September). I will, of course, keep you updated and will forward a copy of my annual report to the Police & Crime Panel accordingly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dwyer', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

John Dwyer
Police & Crime Commissioner

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