

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel held on Friday 12th September 2025 at Ellesmere Port Library

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cheshire East: Cllrs David Brown, David Jefferay and Judy Snowball

Cheshire West & Chester: Cllrs Keith Millar and Sam Naylor

Halton : Cllrs Chris Carlin and Andrea Wall

Warrington: Cllrs Kuldeep Dhillon and Bob Hignett

Officers: Mr Martin Smith, Cheshire East Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mike Fry (Halton), Professor Barry Godfrey, Cllr Mike Jones (Cheshire West and Chester), Mrs Gemma Shepherd – Etchells and Miss Yasmin Somani.

Cllr Chris Carlin substituted for Cllr Mike Fry.

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

No declarations of interest were made.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held 20th June 2025 be approved.

5. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Cllr Andrea Wall (Halton) to her first meeting of the Panel.

The Chair noted that the Panel would shortly be holding a second training day, following on from the one held earlier in the year, she would be consulting with Panel members over the subjects that would be covered at the event.

Reflecting on the recent informal meeting with the Commissioner which had been held in Warrington, the Chair thanked Sergeant David Thomason for the presentation that he had made. In his presentation he had outlined some of the uses the Constabulary were making of AI in its work combating stalking and harassment. The Chair noted that she had written to Sergeant Thomason thanking him for his presentation and congratulating him on the award of the King's Police Medal in the King's Birthday Honours.

6. PANEL 'S WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel reviewed its work programme for the remainder of the civic year.

7. WELCOME TO THE COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSIONER'S INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed the Commissioner and his Chief Executive to the meeting. The Commissioner briefed the Panel on a range of issues.

8. COMMISSIONER'S PROGRESS REPORT ON THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – APRIL TO AUGUST 2025

The Chair thanked the Commissioner for the progress report that he had submitted to the Panel, noting that that the Panel had requested this information when it had approved his proposed Precept at the meeting in February. The Panel reviewed the information provided by the Commissioner, seeking clarification on a number of issues.

The Chair noted that Cllr Mike Jones, who was not able to attend the meeting, had produced a very helpful commentary on the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan which he had circulated to Panel members in advance of the meeting; she asked the Commissioner a number of questions prompted by the work undertaken by Cllr Jones.

9. COMMISSIONER'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

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 and the Commissioner's reply are attached to these minutes.

10. QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE TO THE COMMISSIONER

Three questions had been submitted in advance to the Commissioner; these had been included with the Panel's papers for the meeting.

11. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Panel members asked the Commissioner a number of questions, including the three that had been submitted in advance of the meeting and included in the Panel's papers. The Commissioner noted that in his view elements of some of the questions submitted in advance related to technical policing matters which he was unable to answer himself. To assist the Panel, he undertook to raise the questions with the Constabulary. The detailed responses provided by the Constabulary are attached to these minutes.

Details of questions asked of the Commissioner and his responses provided at the meeting can be found on the Police and Crime Panel page of the Cheshire East Council website. [Cheshire Police and Crime Panel](#)
