

Summary of decisions from the meeting of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel, held in Committee Room 1 at County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday 14 March 2024
Please note that this is not a full record of the proceedings at the meeting; the full Minutes will be published in due course.

Present:

Councillor	Representing
Davida Ademuyiwa (Substitute)	Basildon Borough Council
Mary Cunningham	Braintree District Council
Jay Laplain (Substitute)	Brentwood Borough Council
Donna Eley	Chelmsford City Council
Bob Massey	Essex County Council
Mike Garnett	Harlow District Council
Simon Burwood	Maldon District Council
James Courtenay	Southend-on-Sea City Council
Gina Placey	Tendring District Council
Maggie Sutton	Uttlesford District Council
Aidan McGurran	Co-opted Member for Balanced Appointment

Co-opted Independent Members

John Gili-Ross (Chairman)
Sheila Murphy

Also in attendance

Gemma Bint	Democratic Services Officer
Pippa Brent-Isherwood	Chief Executive, Office of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC)
Sophie Campion	Senior Democratic Services Officer, Secretary to the Panel
Ben-Julian Harrington	Chief Constable, Essex Police
Roger Hirst	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC)
Rick Hylton	Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Emma Tombs	Democratic Services Manager

1 Membership, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The report of the Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received and the membership, apologies and declarations noted.

2 Minutes

It was noted that there was an administrative error in the recording of Cllr Simon Burwood's declaration of interest at the last meeting. It was Cllr Burwood's daughter who was a serving police officer, not son as stated in the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Questions to the Chairman from members of the Public

Two questions, relating to agenda item 4 – High-Level Summary of Progress in Delivering the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 and the Fire and Rescue Plan 2019-2024, were put to the Chairman by Mr Neil Gregory. The Commissioner provided a response. Details will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

4 High-Level Summary of Progress in Delivering the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 and the Fire and Rescue Plan 2019-2024

The Panel received report EPFCP/03/24 which provided the Panel with a high-level overview of the successes and key areas for improvement since the publication of the Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 and the Fire and Rescue Plan 2019-2024.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the high-level output reports relating to the Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 and Fire and Rescue Plan 2019-2024.

5 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Decisions Reports

The Panel received report EPFCP/04/24 which provided information about financial and strategic decisions made by the PFCC.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

6 The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to update the Panel on any ongoing issues

The Commissioner provided the Panel with a verbal update on ongoing issues.

Resolved:

That the verbal report was noted.

7 National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels Update

The Panel received an update from the Chairman of the Panel, which included the items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

Resolved:

That the update was noted.

8 Forward Work Plan

The Panel received report EPFCP/05/24 setting out the planned business of the Panel.

It was noted that the Commissioner's Office had indicated that there would be full closure reports on the Police and Crime Plan and the Fire and Rescue Plan for the Panel's consideration in summer 2024.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the Forward Work Plan, with the addition of the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan Closure Reports.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 20 June 2024.

There being no urgent business, the meeting closed at 4:45pm.