

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 20 July 2023
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**

Anthony Hedley
Mary Cunningham
Donna Eley
Michael Lilley
Ross Playle
Mike Garnett
Simon Burwood
James Courtenay
Gary Collins
Maggie Sutton
Aidan McGurran

Representing

Basildon Borough Council
Braintree District Council
Chelmsford City Council
Colchester City Council
Essex County Council
Harlow District Council
Maldon District Council
Southend-on-Sea City Council
Thurrock Council
Uttlesford District Council
Co-opted Member for Balanced Appointment

Co-opted Independent Members

John Gili-Ross (Chairman)

Also in attendance

Gemma Bint	Democratic Services Officer
Pippa Brent-Isherwood	Chief Executive, Office of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC)
Moira Bruin	Deputy Chief Fire Officer
Sophie Campion	Senior Democratic Services Officer, Secretary to the Panel
Jane Gardner	Deputy Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Roger Hirst	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC)
Andy Prophet	Deputy Chief Constable
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

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Questions to the Chairman from members of the Public

There were none.

4 Balanced Appointment Objective Report

The Panel received report EPFCP/17/23 to review the composition of the Panel following the appointment of members by the constituent councils for the municipal year 2023-24.

Resolved:

- That officers request one nomination each from the Essex Labour Group and the Essex Conservative Group.
- That a further report to the Panel be made as soon as these nominations have been received so the nominees identified can be co-opted to the Panel.

5 Fire and Rescue Plan Performance Measures – Quarter 4 2022/23

The Panel received report EPFCP/18/23 which provided an overview of the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's progress in delivering the priorities set out in the Fire and Rescue Plan 2020 – 2024 during Quarter 4 of 2022/23.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

6 Review of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Constitution

The Panel received report EPFCP/19/23 inviting comments from the Police, Fire and Crime Panel on the contents of the Commissioner's updated Constitution prior to its adoption.

Resolved:

That following review of the proposed updated Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Constitution, there were no recommendations on its content and the updated Constitution was noted.

7 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Decisions Reports

The Panel received report EPFCP/20/23 which provided information about financial and strategic decisions made by the PFCC.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

8 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.

9 National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels Update

The Panel received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Panel, which included an update on a vacancy in the Executive Committee and a meeting with the Home Office.

Resolved:

That the verbal report was noted.

10 Forward Work Plan

The Panel received report EPFCP/21/23 setting out the planned business of the Panel.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the Forward Work Plan.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 28 September 2023 at 2:00pm.

There being no urgent business, the meeting closed at 4:02pm.