

Summary of decisions from the meeting of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel, held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday 21 July 2022
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**

Frankie Ricci
Keith Barber
Russ Savage
Mike Lilley
Paul Stalker
Ross Playle
Mike Garnett
Mark Heard
Ian Shead
Lynda McWilliams
Gary Collins
Jude Deakin
Aidan McGurran

Representing

Braintree District Council
Brentwood Borough Council
Castle Point Borough Council
Colchester Borough Council
Epping Forest District Council
Essex County Council
Harlow District Council
Maldon District Council
Southend-on-Sea City Council
Tendring District Council
Thurrock Council
Co-opted Member for Balanced Appointment
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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
Jane Gardner	Deputy Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
BJ 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

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2022 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 Essex County Fire and Rescue Service – Quarter 4 Performance Report 2021-22

The Panel received report EPFCP/20/22 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 2019-2024 and the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-2024 during the final quarter of 2021/22.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

5 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Decisions Reports

The Panel received and raised questions on report EPFCP/21/22 which provided information about financial and strategic decisions made by the PFCC.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

6 Response to the Government's 'Reforming our Fire and Rescue Service' consultation

The Panel received report EPFCP/22/22 which provided the Panel with the draft response to the Government's 'Reforming our Fire and Rescue Service' consultation for comment and approval prior to the submission date of 26 July 2022.

An amendment to the response was proposed by Councillor McGurran and seconded by Councillor Collins, which sought to clarify that where a question was outside of the Panel's remit a neutral 'neither agree nor disagree' response had been recorded. On being put to the vote the amendment was passed and it was

Resolved:

1. That the Panel received and considered the draft consultation response in conjunction with the advice provided in the report.
2. That the Panel amended the response by clarifying that where a question was outside of the Panel's remit a neutral 'neither agree nor disagree' response had been recorded.
3. That the Panel agreed the final response to be submitted prior to the deadline date of 26 July 2022.

7 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.

8 National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels Update

The Panel received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Panel on the current workstreams of the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels.

Resolved:

That the verbal report was noted.

9 Forward Work Plan

The Panel received report EPFCP/23/22 setting out the planned business of the Panel.

Resolved:

That the Panel received the report, agreeing the addition of an item requested at the last meeting of the Panel, on an end of plan review and performance report of the overall five year Police and Crime Plan as extended to 2021.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 29 September 2022.

There being no urgent business, the meeting closed at 4:30pm.