

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, 9 December 2021
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
Godfrey Isaacs
Jeremy Lager
Beverley Oxford
Paul Stalker
Ross Playle
Michael Garnett
Mark Heard
Ian Shead
Lynda McWilliams
Maggie Sutton

Representing

Braintree District Council
Brentwood Borough Council
Castle Point Borough Council
Chelmsford City Council
Colchester Borough Council
Epping Forest District Council
Essex County Council
Harlow District Council
Maldon District Council
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Tendring District Council
Uttlesford District Council

Co-opted Independent Members

John Gili-Ross (Chairman)

Also in attendance

Julia Berry	Head of Finance and s151 Officer, Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Pippa Brent-Isherwood	Chief Executive, Office of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Sophie Campion	Senior Democratic Services Officer, Secretary to the Panel
Neil Cross	Chief Finance Officer, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Roger Hirst	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Darren Horsman	Strategic Head of Policy and Public Engagement, Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Andy Prophet	Deputy Chief Constable

1 Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 29 October 2021 were approved as a correct record with one minor amendment and signed by the Chairman.

3 Questions to the Chairman from members of the public

There were none.

4 Police and Crime Plan Performance Measures Report - Quarter 2 2021/22

The Panel received report EPFCP/28/21 which provided an overview of Essex Police's progress in delivering the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan (as extended for 2020/21), based on data and other information to the end of September 2021.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

5 2022/23 Draft Budget Update

The Panel received report EPFCP/29/21 which provided an update on the 2022/23 draft budgets for Essex Police and Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, including the background issues and latest assumptions being used in drafting the 2022/23 budgets.

Resolved:

That members of the Panel noted the current assumptions in the latest drafts of the 2022/23 budgets for Essex Police and Essex County Fire and Rescue Service.

6 Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Decisions Report

The Panel received report EPFCP/30/21 that provided information about financial and strategic decisions made by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

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 Annual Complaints Report

The Panel considered report EPFCP/31/21 providing the Panel with an update on the handling of complaints made against the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner since 1 October 2020.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the Annual Complaints Report.

9 Essex PFCP Budget Half Year Outturn Report - 2021/22

The Panel received report EPFCP/32/21 updating the Panel on the outturn position for the period 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 as filed with the Home Office prior to the deadline of 31 October 2021. As Essex County Council is the lead authority for the Panel the return is required to be signed off by ECC's finance team once checked for accuracy. This is with respect to a grant claim to the Home Office who will only pay for reimbursement of actual expenditure incurred in year.

Resolved:

That the report was noted.

10 National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels (NAPFCP) update

The Chairman provided the Panel with a verbal update on the latest activities of the NAPFCP.

Resolved:

That the verbal report was noted.

11 Forward Work Plan

The Panel received report EPFCP/33/21 setting out the planned business of the Panel.

Resolved:

That the Panel received the report, agreeing the addition of a review of the Panel's complaints procedure.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, 3 February 2022.

There being no urgent business, the meeting closed at 4.28pm.

