

Summary of decisions from the meeting of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel, held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Chelmsford on Friday, 29 October 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	Representing
Keith Barber	Brentwood Borough Council
Godfrey Isaacs	Castle Point Borough Council
Jeremy Lager	Chelmsford City Council
Ross Playle	Essex County Council
Paul Stalker	Epping Forest District Council
Michael Garnett	Harlow District Council
Lynda McWilliams	Tendring District Council

Co-opted Independent Members

John Gili-Ross

Also in attendance

Pippa Brent-Isherwood	Chief Executive, Office of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Moira Bruin	Assistant Chief Fire Officer Prevention, Protection, Response
Roger Hirst	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Darren Horsman	Strategic Head of Policy and Public Engagement
Rick Hylton	Candidate
Janet Perry	Strategic Head of Performance and Resources, Essex PFCC
Andy Prophet	Deputy Chief Constable
Emma Tombs	Democratic Services Manager
Jasmine Carswell	Democratic Services Officer

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 17 June 2021 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 End of Year Performance Report 2020-21

The Panel received report EPFCP/18/21 which provided an overview of the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's progress in delivering the priorities and performance targets set out in the Fire and Rescue Plan during 2020/21.

The Panel suggested, whilst recognising that this was a retrospective, factual report that it may be helpful for them to provide some feedback on format and readability for consideration when producing the report in future years. The Commissioner agreed that a review session could be arranged accordingly.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report

5 Essex County Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Statement of Assurance

The Panel received report EPFCP/19/21 which provided the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel with the draft Essex County Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Statement of Assurance 2020-2021.

The Police, Fire and Crime Panel has a statutory duty to review and provide feedback on the draft document.

Resolved:

That the Panel agreed the draft Essex County Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Statement of Assurance 2020-2021, subject to the correction of some minor typographical errors, to be advised.

6 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2020-21

The Panel received report EPFCP/20/21 which provided the Police, Fire and Crime Panel with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's draft Annual Report for 2020 – 2021.

The Police, Fire and Crime Panel has a statutory duty under section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to review the Annual Report and to make a recommendation or report on it to the Commissioner.

Resolved:

That in accordance with section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel's recommendation to the Commissioner was to endorse the report.

7 Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024

The Panel received report EPFCP/21/21 which set out the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 and shared the results of the associated public survey, engagement activity, Youth Voice project and Equality Impact Assessment.

Resolved:

That in accordance with section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel's recommendation to the Commissioner was to endorse the Plan.

8 Review of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Constitution

The Panel received report EPFCP/22/21 which invited comments from the Police, Fire and Crime Panel on the contents of the Commissioner's updated Constitution prior to its adoption.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

9 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Decisions Report

The Panel received report EPFCP/23/21 which provided information about financial and strategic decisions made by the PFCC.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

10 2022-23 Budget Scene Setting

The Panel considered report EPFCP/24/21 laying out the background issues and current assumptions in setting the 2022/23 budget.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

11 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.

12 Report of the Ethics and Integrity Sub-Committee

The Panel received report EPFCP/25/21 which provided the minutes of the meeting of the Ethics and Integrity Sub-Committee which met on 21 September 2021.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

13 National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels (NAPFCP) 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.

14 Forward Look

The Panel received report EPFCP/26/21 setting out the planned business of the Panel.

Resolved:

That the Panel received the report, agreeing the addition of two further matters; the backlog of Police complaints, and the process of recruitment/vetting for Police Officers in Essex.

15 Dates of Future Meetings

The Panel received report EPFCP/27/21 setting out the dates of future Panel meetings.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the future meeting dates.

16 Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, 9 December 2021.

There being no urgent business, the meeting closed at 14.27.