



CHESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Appointment of an Independent Member to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel

Do you live or work in Cheshire? Would you like the opportunity to have an input into the scrutiny of policing in the county?

We are looking for a member of the public to serve as an independent member on the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel. The Panel plays a key role in scrutinising the performance of the elected Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner and promotes openness in the delivery of policing throughout Cheshire. Independent members sit alongside Councillors representing Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington Councils.

Applications are invited from individuals from whatever background who feel that they have the skills, knowledge and experience to undertake this role. An understanding of community safety, policing and criminal justice issues would be helpful, but experience in other areas could be equally relevant. The Charter attached to this document very briefly outlines the responsibilities of the Panel; you may find it helpful to address these responsibilities when you tell the Panel about yourself and the skills and experience you could bring to its work.

The Panel wishes to reflect the breadth of communities in Cheshire and welcomes applications from all eligible people irrespective of gender, ethnic origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability or age.

As can be seen from the attached Charter, the role of a Panel member is an important and demanding one. The Commissioner is required to consult with the Panel on his Police and Crime Plan and the level of Council Tax he wishes to set for the Police each year. The Panel are also consulted over the appointment of senior staff in the Commissioner's Office and on his chosen candidate for the position of Chief Constable. Panel members could expect to attend 10-12 meetings a year, this includes a number of informal meetings with the Commissioner and training events.

Meetings which predominantly take place during the day, are held in a range of locations across the county of Cheshire. Panel members are able to claim reasonable travel expenses and receive a small allowance. Induction and training will be provided. The appointment is for an initial period of three years.

For further information on the role of Independent members please contact Martin Smith (07596 064905 – martin.r.smith@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or Brian Reed (brian.reed@cheshireeast.gov.uk). Details on the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel,

including its current membership can be found on the Cheshire East Council website at:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/your_council/cheshire-police-and-crime-panel.aspx).

The Panel's recent (June 2021) meeting can be viewed at:

https://cheshirewestandchester.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/573697

The last Confirmation Hearing (June 2021) held by the Panel can be viewed at:

https://cheshirewestandchester.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/573698

To apply please submit your CV and outline what skills and experience you would bring to the work of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel. In your application please include your postal address. Your CV and any supporting material should be no more than 4 A4 pages.

The information you provide, may be shared with members of the Police and Crime Panel and Officers from the four Cheshire local authorities (Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington), the information will be treated as confidential, with addresses, phone numbers and any other sensitive information being redacted when appropriate. The information you provide will not be published without your permission.

The closing date for applications is Friday 20th August 2021. Interviews will be held in late August or early September, with the Panel making a final decision on who to appoint at its meeting on 24th September 2021. Applications should be submitted to:

martin.r.smith@cheshireeast.gov.uk

or

Martin Smith
Cheshire East Council
Democratic Services and Governance
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Cheshire Police and Crime Panel - Charter

Cheshire's Police and Crime Panel is made up of ten elected Councillors representing the four Cheshire Local Authorities, (Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington) plus three independent co-opted members who serve a three-year term, which can be renewed. Independent co-opted members are specially recruited and selected for their skills and the experience that they can bring to the work of the Panel.

The Panel's collective role is to challenge and support the Police and Crime Commissioner. This responsibility is mandated by an Act of Parliament and funded by the UK Government. We fulfil this mandate as a key and relevant partner; part of the team policing family striving to "Make Cheshire Safer".

We Will:

- Authorise an effective and challenging Police and Crime Plan designed to constantly improve prevention and policing across Cheshire.
- Through efficient, effective scrutiny and monitoring, ensure the effective delivery and outcomes are achieved as set out in the Cheshire Police and Crime Plan.
- Approve the most effective individual for the post of Chief Constable for Cheshire when the Commissioner has selected his or her preferred candidate.
- Review the Commissioner's chosen candidate for Deputy Commissioner and for senior members of his or her staff, making recommendations as to their suitability.
- Work with the Commissioner to ensure that Cheshire Police are effectively and efficiently resourced. This will be done through the Commissioner working with the Police in setting an annual policing precept which is presented to the Panel for final approval in February each year.
- Administer the arrangements for non-criminal complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire (and Deputy Commissioner, when appointed); together with other complaints and conduct matters referred to the Panel by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).