

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the  
Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel held on  
Thursday 15 June 2023**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
Agenda Item 2 Appointment of the Panel Chair for 2023/24	RESOLVED that: Councillor David Smith be appointed as Chair of the Panel for 2023/24.
Agenda Item 3 Appointment of the Panel Deputy Chair for 2023/24	RESOLVED that: Councillor Gill Mercer be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Panel for 2023/24.
Agenda Item 6 Chair's Announcements	RESOLVED that: a) The Panel agrees that the start time for future Panel meetings be changed to 12.30pm. b) The Panel requests that arrangements be made to make it easier for Panel members not from West Northamptonshire Council to access The Guildhall for Panel meetings.
Agenda Item 7 Minutes	RESOLVED that: the minutes of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel meeting held on 20 April 2023 be approved.
Agenda Item 8 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report and Fire and Rescue Statement for 2022/23	RESOLVED that: a) The Panel recognises areas of performance in which Northamptonshire Police is the leading force in the country. b) The Panel is satisfied that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner has a good understanding of the trajectory of Northamptonshire Police's performance and issues affecting this. c) The Panel recognises the commitment of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service to improving its performance and operation where necessary. d) The Panel recognises progress with recruitment to Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service that will help to make both services more reflective of the communities they serve.

	<p>e) The Panel commends the Annual Report 2022/23 and the range of good work done by all concerned that it reflects.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9 Police, Fire and Crime Panel Work Programme 2023/24 and operating arrangements</p>	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Panel agrees that its work programme for 2023/24 should include the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Police, Fire and Crime Plan delivery update presented to each regular meeting of the Panel</li> <li>• Police and Fire and Rescue Authority budget updates presented to each regular meeting of the Panel</li> <li>• The Joint Independent Audit Committee Annual Report 2022/23 presented to the Panel meeting on 7 September 2023</li> <li>• A report from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on action plans developed to address areas for improvement in service delivery by Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service as identified in the HMICFRS 2021/22 inspection</li> <li>• A report from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on the outcomes of the IPSOS Mori public consultation exercise on community safety in Northamptonshire carried out in 2022/23</li> <li>• A report from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on the new version of the Commissioner's full Estates Strategy</li> <li>• A report from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on the local impact of implementing the Serious Violence Duty under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022</li> <li>• A report from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on the local impact of delays in the Criminal Justice System</li> </ul>

- Briefing sessions with the Chief Constable and with the Chief Fire Officer on their organisations' operating environment, priorities and challenges
  - A workshop session on the development of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's proposed precepts for 2024/25 in January 2024
  - The final report resulting from task and finish work on early intervention commenced in 2022/23.
- b) The Panel requests that a briefing session with the Chief Constable and, particularly, the Chief Fire Officer be organised as soon as possible on the following basis:
- the session to be held in-person for preference but with the option to attend remotely if this is necessary for some Panel members
  - the session to be held at an appropriate service venue
  - some introductory information to be provided to Panel members ahead of the session
  - the session to allow sufficient time for Panel members to ask questions.
- c) The Panel agrees to continue its membership of the East Midlands Police and Crime Panels Network for 2023/24.
- d) The Panel agrees to continue its membership of the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels for 2023/24.
- e) The Panel requests that representatives who attend network meetings provide feedback for circulation to all Panel members.
- f) The Panel agrees that training be organised for members on effective scrutiny by Police, Fire and Crime panels.

	<p>g) The Panel agrees that the Panel meeting scheduled for 18 April 2024 be moved to an earlier date to take account of the pre-election period for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner election.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 10  Appointments to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel Complaints Sub Committee for 2023/24</p>	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Panel agrees the appointment of the following members to serve on the Complaints Sub Committee for 2023/24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors Maxwell and Pritchard from the Conservative councillor members of the Panel</li> <li>• Councillor Strachan from the Labour councillor members of the Panel</li> <li>• Mrs Shields and Miss Woodhouse from the independent co-opted members of the Panel.</li> </ul> <p>b) The Panel agrees that councillor members of the Panel be contacted following the current meeting in order to confirm the remaining members and substitutes of the Complaints Sub Committee for 2023/24.</p>