

# Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel

Friday 22 November 2024

## PRESENT:

Councillor Haydon in the Chair.

Councillor Worth Vice Chair.

Councillors Alvey, Czapiewski, Hackett, Loudoun, Thomas, Tilbey, Tyerman and Wood (substitute for Councillor Wright).

Barry Jones (Independent Member for Devon) and Caroline Jones (Independent Member for Cornwall).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Chopak, Croad, Ewings, Goodman-Bradbury, Leaver, Penberthy, Rodgers and Toms and Wright

Also in attendance: Nicola Allen (Treasurer of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner), Alison Hernandez (Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Police and Crime Commissioner), Frances Hughes (Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner), Ross Jago (Head of Governance, Performance and Risk), Felicity Ridgeway (Deputy Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner), Unity Stuart (Executive Officer Manager of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner), and, Rosie Brookshaw (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 10.45 am.

*Note: At a future meeting, the Panel will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

## 20. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 21. **The Commissioner's actions in response to a decision by the panel at its 19 July 2024 meeting**

Councillor Loudoun introduced the item and highlighted the following points:

- a) A letter of apology had been given to the Panel on 20 November 2024, and therefore a supplementary motion had been submitted to not move the motion on the agenda;
- b) The initial motion was not about individual Members, and was focussed on how the Panel had been dealt with collectively;
- c) Concerns around the 'careful consideration' the Commissioner gave to the views of the Panel when appointing the Deputy Police and Crime

Commissioner due to the quick time frame in which the appointment was announced.

Following the Commissioner's letter to the Panel, dated 20 November 2024, in which she offered the Panel an apology, the Panel agreed to:

- 1) Note and accept the Commissioner's apology;
- 2) Request the Chair and Vice Chair, in consultation with the host authority and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner ensure an agreed, clear process for future appointments was agreed at the next meeting of the Panel.