

# North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

21 July 2022

## Election of Panel Chair

### **1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To propose that a Chair is elected to serve until the first Panel meeting after May 2023.

### **2 Proposal for Chair's Term of Office 2022/23**

- 2.1 This report is to be taken at Item 1 of the Panel meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022, alongside the election of Chair taking place.
- 2.2 The Panel's Rules of Procedure provide that "the Chairman of the Panel will be appointed in July of each year by the Panel from amongst the Appointed [councillor] Members sitting on the Panel. The Panel shall determine the means by which the Chairman shall be appointed."
- 2.3 The procedure previously adopted in electing the Panel Chair has been that a nomination has been proposed and a seconder sought at the July meeting. Where there are multiple (seconded) nominations put forward at the meeting then these will go to a vote via a show of hands. The nominee with the most votes is duly elected. All Panel members are able to vote in these proceedings.
- 2.4 The term of office is as such normally for around twelve months, to the July of the following year. In view of the changes that will take place to the structure of local government in North Yorkshire from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 as a result of reorganisation, it is proposed that the Chair takes office until the first meeting after the new North Yorkshire Council has formally agreed its appointments (probably at AGM mid-May 2023) and following the elections due at City of York Council in May 2023. This would align with other proposed changes to the offices of Vice Chair (see Item 5) and ensures that elections can be held at the earliest opportunity early summer, once both councils' appointments to Panel are known. While it is therefore likely that this will be the July 2023 Panel meeting, it could be slightly earlier if a meeting is called end of May or in June 2023.
- 2.5 Furthermore, if the elected Chair for 2022/23 is currently a district council representative then the tenure will come to an end from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. In those circumstances it is proposed that the Vice Chairs will ensure continuity of business for the Panel until the Panel's annual meeting in July 2023 and an election for Chair can be held.

### **3 Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no significant financial implications arising for the Panel from this report.

### **4 Legal Implications**

- 4.1 There are no significant legal implications arising from this report.

### **5 Equalities Implications**

- 5.1 There are no significant equalities implications arising from this report.

### **6 Climate Change Implications**

- 6.1 There are no significant climate change implications arising from this report.

### **7 Recommendations**

- 7.1 That the Panel agrees for a Chair to be appointed to serve until the first Panel meeting following the confirmation of councillor appointments from City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council in May 2023.

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Background Documents: Nil**