

# North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

21 July 2022

## Election of Panel Vice Chairs

### **1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To propose that two Vice Chairs are elected to serve until the first Panel meeting after North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council have agreed their appointments to the Panel in May 2023.

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

- 2.1 This report is to be taken at Item 5 of the Panel meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022, prior to the election of Vice Chairs taking place.
- 2.2 The Panel's Rules of Procedure provide that "the Deputy Chairman will be appointed in July of each year from Appointed [councillor] Members sitting on the Panel and the Panel shall determine the means by which the Deputy Chairman shall be appointed. The Deputy Chairman will preside in the absence of the Chairman and if neither are present the Panel will appoint a Chairman from among the remaining Appointed Members for the purposes of that meeting."
- 2.3 The Panel has annually appointed two Vice Chairs so that between the three combined roles of Chair and Vice Chair (x 2) there can be representation from each of NYCC, the district/borough councils and City of York. Dependent on who is elected to Chair, nominations are sought from among Appointed Members to represent the other two roles.
- 2.4 The procedure previously adopted in electing the Panel Vice Chairs 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.
- 2.5 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 Vice Chairs take 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 office of Chair (as at Item 1) 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.

- 2.6 For the purposes of clarity, if one of the elected Vice Chairs for 2022/23 is currently a district council representative then their tenure will come to an end from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

### **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 to elect two Vice Chairs to serve until the first meeting following confirmation of appointments to the Panel from North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council (May 2023).

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Background Documents: Nil**