

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

7 July 2025

Election of Panel Chair and Vice Chair

1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 To provide guidance for the elections of Panel Chair and Vice Chair.

2.0 This report is to be taken at Items 1 and 5 of the Panel meeting on 7 July 2025, alongside the elections of Chair and Vice Chair.

Election of Chair

3.0 The Panel's Rules of Procedure provide that "the Chair 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."

4.0 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. The term of office is one year or until the Panel meeting taking place in July 2026.

Election of Vice Chair

5.0 The Panel's Rules of Procedure provide that "a Vice Chair 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 Vice Chair shall be appointed. The Vice Chair will preside in the absence of the Chair and if neither are present the Panel will appoint a Chair from among the remaining Appointed Members for the purposes of that meeting."

6.0 The procedure previously adopted in electing the Panel Vice 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. The term of office is one year or until the Panel meeting taking place in July 2026.

General

7.0 The Rules of Procedure clarify that once the appointment of Chair is filled by one of the constituent Authorities (at Item 1), the Panel members must appoint a Vice Chair from the remaining constituent Authority (at Item 5).

8.0 Financial Implications

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

9.0 Legal Implications

9.1 There are no significant legal implications arising from this report.

10.0 Equalities Implications

10.1 There are no significant equalities implications arising from this report.

11.0 Climate Change Implications

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

12.0 Recommendations

12.1 That the Panel notes the guidance provided in relation to the election of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel, for the purposes of the Panel meeting to be held on 7 July 2025.

Background Documents:

[Rules of Procedure for the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel.](#)

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