

## **JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Notes of the Joint Management Board held on Wednesday 4 March 2026 which was held online via Teams.

**PRESENT:** Dan Price, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)  
Mark Roberts, Chief Constable (CC)

**Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

D Taylor, Chief Executive  
C Hodgson, Chief Finance Officer  
A Murphy, Governance Officer

**Cheshire Constabulary**

B Dutton, Assistant Chief Constable  
D Bryan, Chief Legal Officer  
B Malloy, Chief Finance Officer  
N Bailey, Chief People Officer  
P Woods, Head of Planning and Performance

No members of the public observed Part 1 of the meeting.

### ***Part 1 - Public items***

**1. Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 28 January 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 January 2026 were approved with one small amendment to allow the management board minutes to be read as a standalone document.

**2. Draft Internal Audit Plan 2026/2027**

The Chief Finance Officer (OPCC) advised that both she and the Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) have discussed the draft Internal Audit Plan with the Commissioner and the Chief Constable, and that it was discussed with the Joint Audit Advisory Committee (JAAC) on 25 February 2026.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable approved the following recommendation:

(1) That the draft Internal Audit plan for 2026/27 be approved.

The rationale was that the work of Internal Audit will provide assurance that effective controls are in place to mitigate against significant risks and will ensure compliance with audit and accounting requirements.

### **3. Fleet Strategy 2026-2029**

The Vehicle Fleet Strategy 2026-2029 was presented which outlined the four-year fleet strategy taking into consideration compliance with the newly launched NPCC national fleet standards and the Police and Crime Plan. The Assistance Chief Constable explained the difficulty of providing tangible targets due to the dynamic nature of this field of policing, the scale of the challenge in modernising the fleet, and the changes also required to the policing estate. It was agreed that a Fleet Strategy update would therefore be added to the Forward Plan to allow an update within the year on deliverables.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable approved the following recommendation:

(1) That the Vehicle Fleet Strategy is approved.

The rationale was that the review and update of the Fleet Strategy reflects a commitment to enhanced delivery, and its implementation of this updated strategy aligns with the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan, and those of the public, around embracing technology and innovation and providing an accessible and responsive police service.

### **4. Joint Management Board Forward Plan**

The Joint Management Board Forward Plan was noted and the Chief Executive (OPCC) said that the forward plan would be updated for 2026/27 for the next meeting.

## ***Part 2 – Private items***

### **5. MIB Donation Agreement**

A draft contract agreement with the Motor Insurance Bureau (MIB) was presented with the aim to provide funding for an additional vehicle fitted with ANPR technology used to assist in enforcement of uninsured drivers on the roads of Cheshire. It was explained that the car would also provide a useful pilot project for the operational use of an EV vehicle.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable approved the following recommendations that:

- (1) The agreement with MIB to be approved to allow fleet to obtain the additional funding
- (2) The vehicle is allocated as a dedicated vehicle for the Specials to manage
- (3) The funding will be used to purchase a fully livered Electric Powered (EV) response car

The rationale was that, aligning with the Police and Crime Plan, the donation agreement allows for increasing policing visibility and responsiveness; preventing future offending through early intervention and proactive policing; rebuilding confidence after national policing challenges by reinforcing a visible commitment to safer roads; providing a modern, fit-for-purpose operational vehicle and demonstrating innovative collaboration with a national organisation.

## **6. Collaboration Agreement with MPS for Vehicle Testing**

A report was presented seeking approval to enter an S22A police collaboration agreement with the Metropolitan Police Service for an assessment service which demonstrates a vehicles suitability for operational policing (the Met Test).

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable approved the following recommendations that:

- (1) The S22A Collaboration Agreement be approved and the agreement be signed by the Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioner when it becomes available from the MPS.

The rationale was that the S22A aligns with the Police and Crime Plan and provides a framework to commission this service which is a thorough vehicle testing suitable for operational policing allowing the force to hold and own the test data.

## **7. Joint Management Board Action Log**

The Joint Management Board Action Log was noted.

*The meeting concluded at 10.30am.*