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**Cheshire
Constabulary**

MINUTES OF THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS PANEL HELD ON THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2026 ONLINE VIA TEAMS

Present: Robert Mee (Chair)
Jonathan Bamford
Kate Jury
Thomas Morris
Joe Onions
Emma Shillabeer

Also present: Damon Taylor, Chief Executive, OPCC
Janet Hare, Head of Communications & Engagement, OPCC
Jen Seed, Communications Officer, OPCC

1. Notes of Previous Meeting Held On 11th December 2025

The notes of the meeting held on 11th December 2025 were NOTED

2. Precept Survey 2026

The Chief Executive presented a report to the Panel which set out methodology used for the survey and how the OPCC had managed what appeared to be suspicious activity in the level of responses.

During the survey period, the OPCC had sought advice from the Cyber Resilience Centre, National Crime Agency and independent data analysts to ensure that all responses to the online survey were genuine.

As an additional check, the Panel had been asked to consider how the survey had been analysed and a robust set of results produced. The Panel raised a number of queries about the process and endorsed the recommendation for the data set of just over 6000 responses "as being a fair and reliable representation" of public opinion in Cheshire.

The views of the Panel would be reported to the Police and Crime Panel the following day as part of their role in considering and approving the Commissioner's precept proposals.

3. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14th May 2026

ACTIONS MATRIX

Ref.	Action	Action taken
1. [3-23]	To help inform the Panel's work, it would find it helpful to better understand how both organisations (PCC/Constabulary) gain the views of people in Cheshire on policing.	Feedback to be given at future meeting
2. [6-23] & [9-23]	Develop an induction programme for new members of the Panel	Agreed at meeting on 05/09/23 that CEO to provide list of relevant information to aid Panel's wider understanding of policing
3. [6-23]	Provide an update on other training events which the Panel may wish to consider attending in line with their work programme	
4. [9-23]	RCRP post implementation issues to be discussed at a future Panel meeting	February 2026?
14.[01-24]	Future agenda items discussed. • Body Worn Video (BWV) • How officers deal with young people (including youth Commission work) • National Stop and Search S60 Report • New members to undertake training already given to RM and ES • Presentation from the Special Constabulary	• CLOSED • CLOSED
16.[01-24]	A.I. as a future deployment tool for the Constabulary	

17.[01-24]	Facial Recognition review for new members	• CLOSED
18.[09-24]	Possible future agenda items: • The role of Ethics Panels as governance in NPCC Covenant. • Tasers – training of and the impact on the officers who use them • PCC's Police and Crime Plan – is there a piece of work for the EP to consult on this? • Future agenda item on Code of Ethics • Use of NICE (retail) • Live Facial Recognition update	• CLOSED • CLOSED • CLOSED
19. [04-25]	Find out more about Regional Ethics Committee	
20. [05-25]	Panel to be invited to the Youth Commission's annual conference	• CLOSED
21. [05-25]	Panel to receive an update on the AI Stalking Project	• June 2026
22 [12-25]	Consider recruitment of new Panel members	• Early 2026