

JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD

Notes of the Joint Management Board held on Wednesday 1 April 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

G Southern, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
D Taylor, Chief Executive
C Hodgson, Chief Finance Officer
A Murphy, Governance Officer

Cheshire Constabulary

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 4 March 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2026 were approved.

2. Management Decision

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable noted that, following the Joint Management Board, a Management Decisions had been approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner outside of the formal Joint Management Board.

Decision Number 2026/01: Tracker (UK) Limited

The approval of this donation agreement from Tracker (UK) Ltd allows for enhanced support to the police force in the identification, tracking and recovery of stolen vehicles within the county, thereby improving the prevention and detection of crime.

3. Joint Management Board Forward Plan

The Joint Management Board Forward Plan for 2026/27 was updated for 2026/27 and approved.

Part 2 – Private items

5. Northern Stations Capital – Charles Stewart House

The Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) presented a report seeking approval for a capital budget for the replacement of Charles Stewart House's roof as part of the Northern Stations capital projects. The Commissioner was advised that once a preferred option was identified within budget, the proposals would be brought back to him for approval.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable approved the following recommendation (subject to procurement):

- (1) That a capital budget, as detailed in Part 2, is approved for work to commence to replace the roof of Charles Stewart House in Warrington

The rationale was that a survey had recommended replacement over repair; the building is strategically important; several health and safety issues relate directly to failures in the roofing system with areas of the building now unusable; and the fact that there will be no impact on business continuity as work will progress without the need to vacate the premises.

6. Estates Strategy – Middlewich Police Station

The Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) presented a report seeking approval to bring Middlewich Police Station back into operational use.

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

- (1) That the decision taken on 4th December 2024 to declare Middlewich Police Station building as surplus to operational requirements be reversed; and
- (2) The use of capital as detailed in Part 2 be approved.

The rationale was that there had been very little interest in the market for the acquisition of the Middlewich Police Station and any current sale was unlikely to achieve the value of building. In addition, the Constabulary had identified a suitable use for the building, which made the most of its location and situation, as detailed in Part 2.

7. Estates Strategy – Lease Extension

The Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) presented a report seeking approval for a lease extension for Operation Hummingbird as detailed in Part 2.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable approved the following recommendation subject to further information being presented to the Commissioner:

- (1) That the lease extension detailed in Part 2 of the paper be approved.

The Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) was asked for more detail in his report around the rationale for the lease extension to include operational and cost-efficiency considerations.

8. Joint Management Board Action Log

The Joint Management Board Action Log was noted.

The meeting concluded at 10.30am.

