



**Cheshire
Constabulary**



Dan Price
**Cheshire
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD

Notes of the Joint Management Board held on Wednesday 3 June 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

K Kardas, Research & Volunteer Support 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.

The Chief Executive proposed that the Agenda items 7 & 8 (Estates Strategy Progress Update and Environmental Strategy Progress Update respectively) were moved to Part 1 of the meeting and be discussed directly after agenda item 2 'Provisional Financial Position Outturn'.

Part 1 - Public items

1. Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 1 April 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 April 2026 were approved.

2. Provisional Financial Position Outturn 2025/26

The Chief Finance Officer presented the report which provided the Commissioner with the provisional outturn financial position for 2025/26, pending External Audit review.

The report suggested that the provisional revenue outturn for 2025/26 was a balanced position which had been achieved through a combination of corporate cost savings, higher investment income and lower than anticipated expenditure in several support functions.

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

- (1) the provisional revenue outturn, set out in Appendix 1 of the attached report be noted;
- (2) carry forwards totalling £0.47m, be approved; and
- (3) the provisional capital outturn be noted and slippage outlined in Table 3 of the report, totalling £3.84m, be approved.

The rationale was that such decision would ensure a balance outturn position for 2025/26 and enable revenue carry forwards and the financing of the 2025/26 capital programme to be finalised.

7. Environmental Strategy Progress Update

The Chief Finance Officer provided an update on the progress of the Environmental Strategy 2021-31 which had been initially agreed by the Board in November 2025.

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

- (1) that the Board note the contents of the paper

The rationale was that reviewing the strategies on a biannual basis was part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's scrutiny function and ensured tracking of progress on environmental matters.

8. Estates Strategy Progress Update

The Chief Finance Officer explained the report provided an update on the progress of the Estates Strategy 2021-31 which had been agreed by the Board in November 2025.

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

- (1) that the Board note the contents of the update paper.

The rationale was that the review of the Estates Strategy was part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's scrutiny of the Constabulary and enables Police and Crime Commissioner to check on progress against its objectives.

3. Joint Management Board Forward Plan

An updated copy of the Joint Management Board Forward Plan for 2026/27 was presented for noting.

Part 2 – Private items

4. AI Enablement Programme

The Assistant Chief Constable presented a paper providing an overview of the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the AI Enablement Programme together with a summary paper highlighting the main points from the OBC.

The Police and Crime Commissioner approved the following recommendation:

- (1) that the Police and Crime Commissioner note the AI Enablement Programme.

The rationale was that it would allow for progress to be made in the adoption and implementation of the AI programme.

5. Force Management Statement

The Chief Constable and Head of Planning and Performance explained that the Force Management Statement was a self-assessment that forces are required to produce annually for HMICFRS for the purposes of both pre-inspection information gathering and as evidence during inspections. The FMS was also a key document used by forces to inform their resource allocation and budget setting process.

The FMS for 2026 had been approved by the Chief Constable and was submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for noting.

The Police and Crime Commissioner approved the following recommendation:

- (1) that the Police and Crime Commissioner note the Force Management Statement.

The rationale was that the decision would enable the Police and Crime Commissioner to note the self-assessment completed by the Chief Constable with regard to the demand and capability Cheshire Constabulary expects to face in the next four years.

6. Strategic Policing Requirement

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable have a duty to pay due regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement when carrying out their functions. The report set out the Chief Constable's confirmation that the Constabulary has the necessary resources to meet its requirements during 2026/27.

The Police and Crime Commissioner approved the following recommendation:

- (1) that the Police and Crime Commissioner note the Constabulary's confirmation that it has the necessary resources to meet the Strategic Policing Requirement in 2026/27.

The rationale was that the report provided assurance in relation to Cheshire Constabulary's ability to meet the Strategic Policing Requirement in 2026/27 and fulfils the Commissioner's duty to pay due regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement.

9. Joint Management Board Action Log

The Joint Management Board Action Log was noted.

The meeting concluded at 10.55am.