

JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD

Notes of the Joint Management Board held on Wednesday 5th August 2026 which took place online via Teams.

Present: D Price, Police and Crime Commissioner
M Roberts, Chief Constable

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Gemma Southern, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
D Taylor, Chief Executive
C Hodgson, Chief Finance Officer
J Whalen, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner
A Murphy, Governance Officer

Cheshire Constabulary

M Evans, Deputy Chief Constable
B Malloy, Chief Finance Officer
D Bryan, Chief Legal Officer
P Woods, Head of Planning and Performance

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

Part 1 - Public items

Declaration of Interests

The Chief Constable (CC) advised that he is a Trustee of the Museum of Policing housed in the estate covered by the report in agenda point 5 and therefore asked the Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) to present the Constabulary's case in this respect.

1. Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2026 were received and approved.

2. Financial Position 2026/27: First Quarter Review

The Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) presented the forecast financial outturn for 2026/27 and summarised that overall, the Constabulary is in a good resource position for the year ahead.

The Chief Financial Officer's report covered the detail of the forecast, the capital programme, fleet replacement, capital financing, treasury management, reserves, and outstanding debt. He explained that these were provisional figures at this stage of the financial year and that the nature of policing meant that the forecasting could change dependent on operational pressures.

The Chief Constable (CC) thanked the Chief Finance Officer and his team for the forecast and said that it was not by chance that the Constabulary was in an improved position. He reiterated the potential for unplanned cost pressures.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) thanked the Chief Finance Officer adding that the work done had been commendable. He asked questions about legal

costs, reserves, and estate projects which the Chief Legal Officer and the Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) responded to.

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

(1) That the forecast revenue and capital outturn positions be noted.

The PCC and CC noted the forecast revenue and capital outturn positions. The rationale for this decision was that the first quarter review provides a forecast financial position and details of forecast performance against agreed financial health targets. It reflects cost pressures known at the time of writing. The position is monitored regularly with mitigating actions being taken as necessary.

3. Management Decision – N8 Collaboration

The N8 Policing Research Partnership is a collaboration between Northern Police Forces and 8 research-intensive universities. To enable the agreement to be finalised the Commissioner was asked to sign a management decision on 17th June 2026 in between meetings of this Board.

Decision number 2026/02 - N8 Policing Research Partnership Collaboration Agreement

4. Joint Management Board Forward Plan

An updated version of the Joint Management Board Forward Plan for 2026/27 was noted.

Part 2 – Private items

5. Northern Stations Capital – Arpley Street

The Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) said that further to the Northern Stations Capital budget approvals in January, the Constabulary was seeking approval for the capital budget to carry out the detailed works set out in the report. The DCC explained the complexities involved including the Grade 2 listing, and poor repair of the building.

The Commissioner asked for more detail to be provided by the Constabulary to demonstrate how operational policing would benefit from the proposed works, and equally where the museum would benefit. He said that he was clear about the importance of making sure the emergency works were undertaken but would also like to see evidence of external funding streams to support the works which benefit the museum.

The DCC said that it was difficult to disaggregate the distinct parts of the building and set out the benefits of carrying out the proposed works at the same time.

It was agreed that none of the recommendations included in the report would be signed off until the Commissioner undertook a site visit and the following further information was provided, namely the costs associated with operational works; the works needed to secure the integrity of the building; the costs associated with the museum; and details of any external funding opportunities towards the museum. It was proposed that the Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) would take the project proposal forward with any subsequent decision delegated through a management decision outside of this Board.

The PCC advised that as a courtesy he would write to the Trustees of the Museum of Policing to communicate this decision.

6. Joint Management Board Action Log

The Joint Management Board Action Log was noted.

The meeting concluded at 10.40am.