

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Appendices (attached):	None

Summary

The Mayor has permitted the addition of this additional urgent item to the agenda in accordance with FCR 7.7 of Appendix 4 of the Constitution as it was necessary to inform Members of the matter at the earliest opportunity available.

Full Council is requested to agree the appointment of the Chair of the Crime and Disorder Committee and representative on the Surrey Police and Crime Panel following the recent change of political group membership of the current Chair and representative.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) Agree to appoint Councillor Alan Williamson as the Chair of the Crime and Disorder Committee.**
- (2) Agree to appoint Councillor Alan Williamson as the Council's Representative on the Surrey Police and Crime Panel.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Following the recent change of political group membership of Councillor Shanice Goldman, the Residents Association Group has requested that Councillor Alan Williamson is appointed as the Chair of the Crime and Disorder Committee and the Council's representative on the Surrey Police and Crime Panel for the remainder of the municipal year.

2 Background

2.1 FCR 5.4 of [Appendix 4 of the Constitution](#) sets out:

“The Full Council may, at any meeting, including the Annual Meeting appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair of committees, sub-committees, advisory panels and other bodies. It may also appoint members of committees, sub-committees, advisory panels and other bodies, and nominate to outside bodies. In the event of any vacancy arising during the course of the municipal year, the relevant committee, sub-committee and advisory panels are able to make such appointments as necessary until the next meeting of Full Council. Appointments to vacancies on joint committees or nominations to outside bodies shall be made by Full Council at the next ordinary or extraordinary meeting of Full Council”

2.2 The Surrey Police and Crime Panel ('Panel') is a joint committee consisting of one elected member from each of Surrey's twelve local authorities and two co-opted independent members. It has been custom and practice for Epsom and Ewell Borough Council to nominate the Chair of the Crime and Disorder Committee for appointment to this position.

2.3 As the Panel is scheduled to meet at least once before the next Full Council meeting in February 2026 (Panel scheduled to meet on 4 February, the next Full Council after 9 December to be held on 10 February), it is necessary to determine this Council's representation on the Panel as a matter of urgency so as to avoid the need for either an extraordinary full council meeting or an urgent decision to be taken in accordance with Appendix 2 to the Council's Constitution.

2.4 Following this recent change to the membership of the Residents Association Group, the Council is required to review the allocation of seats on its committees and Advisory Panels. It is intended to bring a report to the next scheduled meeting of Full Council on 10 February 2026 to address this issue, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None.

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3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- Effective Council

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** None.

6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** None.

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- [Report and Minutes of meeting of the Council on 13 May 2025](#)

Other papers:

- [Constitution of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council](#)