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Working Better Together

Options to improve collaboration between Fire and Police services in North Yorkshire

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Context

- PCCs can now become responsible for their local Fire and Rescue Service
- Statement of intent signed in 2013 very limited progress
- Coterminous boundaries
- Stand alone fire service with own support functions
- PCC asked PA Consulting to assess potential for improvement in public safety and efficiency
- A business case has been developed and is now out for consultation until 22 September

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 A final decision as to whether to submit the business case to the Home Secretary will be taken following consultation

Video

https://youtu.be/59IXXZi4vIU



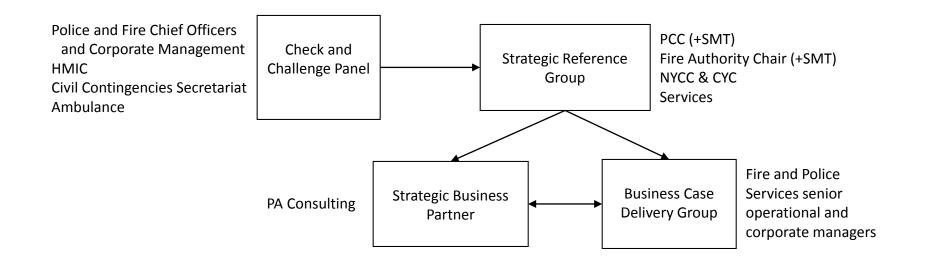
Summary of Findings

Benefits			
Assessment	Representation	Governance	Single Employer
Effectiveness			
Economy and efficiency			
Public safety			
Ease of delivery			
Estimated benefit over 10 years	£1.3m	£6.6m	£7.5m
	* taken from the k	ocal business case	- www.telljulia.com

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Our process

- Act makes no provision for process
- Here as collaborative and inclusive as possible
- Independent scrutiny throughout



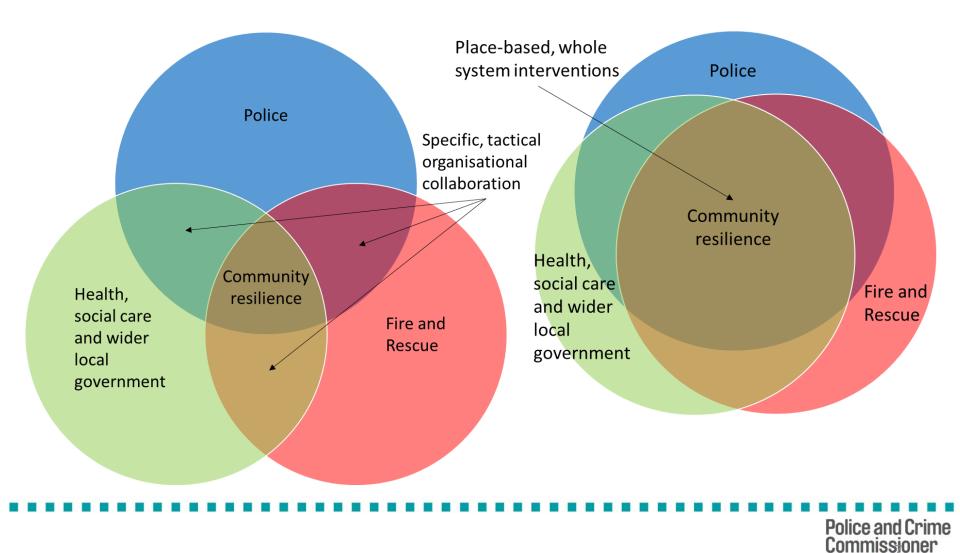
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3 options

- Agreement that the status quo has not delivered
- 3 options:
 - Representation PCC becomes 17th member of FRA
 - Governance PCC replaces FRA as PFCC, separate services
 - Single Employer PFCC, but single Chief Officer
- Is change in the interest of economy, efficiency, effectiveness or public safety?
 - Accelerate pace and scale of collaboration
 - Benefit transparency and accountability
 - Balanced against the complexity and cost



Current situation, future vision



Wider opportunities

Benefits:

- Stronger and safer communities
- Reduce harm and crime
- Protect the most vulnerable
- Reinvest savings in frontline services

How:

- Joint procurement and budget management
- Joined-up community safety roles
- Improved prevention
- Integrated back-office services
- Maximising shared buildings
- Reassessment of Fire Cover Review

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Timeline

Consultation ends 22 September

Final decision in early October

Send to Home Secretary by end of October

Depending on local agreement:

Home Office process: 4 weeks

Independent Assessment: +8 weeks

Secondary legislation: 8-12 weeks



Earliest transfer April 2018

