

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee

17 June 2022

Risk and Resource Model 2022-25 Consultation

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To enable committee members to review the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Risk and Resource Model 2022-25 Consultation and determine what action to take in response.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The consultation document at Appendix 1, provides an overview of the proposals that have been put forward by the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire regarding the Risk and Resource Model 2022-25. The Risk and Resource Model sets out the risk in a given area and the Fire and Rescue Service resources that are put in place to address and reduce that risk.
- 2.2 The consultation runs from 23 May to 14 August 2022.

3.0 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The proposals that are being consulted upon are as below:

1 – Improving our prevention and protection work

- Permanently expand our prevention and protection departments, including the introduction of additional specialist roles
- Increase the use of On-call firefighters to deliver more prevention activity in our rural areas
- Develop the multi-agency Public Safety Service across the Service area in conjunction with partners.

2 – Managing attendance to Automatic Fire Alarms

- Continue to always respond to Automatic Fire Alarms at premises where people sleep
- Increase the timespan when we would not respond to Automatic Fire Alarms at premises where people do not sleep by two hours (from 08:00-18:00 to 07:00-19:00)
- Continue to respond to Automatic Fire Alarms at premises which present a high risk to firefighter safety but remove the requirement to automatically respond to premises that present a low risk to firefighter safety
- Introduce the ability to charge for attendance at repeat Automatic Fire Alarms
- Remove the need to always use blue lights and sirens when responding to Automatic Fire Alarms at premises where people do not sleep, and keep the fire engine available for redirection to more critical incidents if required
- Review the type of response we provide to Automatic Fire Alarms. For example, we might send a single officer in a car to determine whether we need to attend rather than 4 firefighters on a fire engine.

3 – Response resource in the York area

- Change Huntington from a full-time to an On-call fire station, keeping the On-call fire engine and removing the full-time shift fire engine.

4 – Response resource in Harrogate and Scarborough

- Currently both Harrogate and Scarborough Fire Stations have two fire engines each:
 - One Emergency Rescue fire engine, crewed by 4 firefighters 24-hours per day, which responds to all emergencies.
 - One Light Rescue fire engine used only as a Tactical response fire engine, crewed by 3 firefighters 24-hours per day, which only responds to certain emergencies.
- There would be no change to the current Emergency Rescue fire engine based at each station
- We would swap the Tactical Response fire engine at each station for another Emergency Rescue fire engine, which can respond to all incidents, and only crew it during the day when emergencies are most likely to happen.

Other service changes that do not require consultation but which have been included for completeness

- Specialist water rescue capability in Craven
- Introduction of emergency response principles
- Introduction of alternative duty systems.

More detail is available from the website of the Office of the Police Crime and Fire Commissioner - [Risk and Resource Model Proposal and Consultation - Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire \(northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk\)](http://northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk)

4.0 RESPONSE

- 4.1 The consultation on the Risk and Resource Model 2022-25 runs from 23 May to 14 August 2022. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for 1 September 2022, after the consultation has closed.
- 4.2 Committee members may wish to consider how best to respond to this consultation. There would appear to be a choice between a committee response based upon discussions at the scheduled meeting on 7 June 2022 or a follow up meeting in July that is focussed upon the consultation and which would give the opportunity for a representative of the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner to attend.
- 4.3 Committee members would also be able to submit a response to the consultation, in their own right, in addition to any committee response.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the committee members review the consultation documents that is at Appendix 1 and determine whether to:
- 1) Use the time on the agenda in the meeting to develop a committee response to the consultation;
 - 2) Convene a dedicated meeting of the committee, formal or informal, to develop a response to the consultation, requesting that a representative of the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner attend to present and answer any questions that arise.

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