

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

12 October 2023

Progress on Issues Raised by the Panel

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Members of:

- (i) progress on issues which the Panel has raised at previous meetings; and
- (ii) any other matters that have arisen since the last meeting and which relate to the work of the Panel.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 This report will be submitted to the Panel as required, listing the Panel's previous resolutions and/or when it requested further information to be submitted to future meetings. The table below provides a list of issues which were identified at previous Panel meetings and which have not yet been resolved. The table also indicates where the issues are regarded as completed and will therefore not be carried forward to this agenda item at the next Panel meeting.

2.2 The Panel is asked to consider whether any further follow-up is required.

	Date	Minute number and subject (if applicable)	Panel resolution or issue raised	Comment / date required	Complete at publication?
1	21 June 2023	671 – Members' Questions	Information sought on health surveillance of firefighters in NY and York.	<i>To be provided when available</i>	X – report to be brought to Panel later in the year.
2	20 July 2023	683 – Members' Questions	Provision of statistics relating to the suspension and dismissal of officers following re-vetting at NYP.	12.10.2023	√ (see Appendix A)
3	20 July 2023	683 – Members' Questions	Request for data on police response times and information on how County Lines, shoplifting and burglaries are being tackled.	12.10.2023 <i>This data is regularly published by the OPFCC – see for example here.</i>	√

4	20 July 2023	684 – Draft Policing and Crime Annual Report 2022/23	Panel requested data regarding the proportion of calls diverted to the Initial Enquiry Team at NYP.	12.10.2023	√ (see Appendix A)
5	20 July 2023	685 – Draft Fire and Rescue Annual Report 2022/23	Panel sought information on the matter of DBS checks to be undertaken for all fire and rescue staff members.	TBC	√ (see Appendix A)

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no significant legal implications arising from this report.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no significant equalities implications arising from this report.

6.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no significant climate change implications arising from this report.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

- (a) notes the report;
- (b) considers whether any of the points highlighted in this report require further follow-up.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Updates against issues from the Commissioner’s office.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

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	Query raised	Response from Commissioner's office
1	Provision of statistics relating to the suspension and dismissal of officers following re-vetting at North Yorkshire Police.	Since re-vetting has been re-commenced, NYP has had one officer who was removed from duties following the removal of vetting after a misconduct meeting. This decision was made to protect the public and organisation until the implications of the removal of vetting could be fully understood. The officer resigned before any formal process regarding dismissal was started.
2	Panel requested data regarding the proportion of calls diverted to the Initial Enquiry Team at North Yorkshire Police.	Calls are not diverted from the 101 service, they are answered and then sent to the IET rather than a front line officer. Since the inception of the IET in June 2022 there have been 133550 incidents of all types recorded. The IET consistently take around 1000 logs per month away from the front line.
3	Panel sought information on the matter of DBS checks to be undertaken for all fire and rescue staff members.	The FRS has, for some years, put all frontline staff through these checks, including certain staff in prevention and community safety roles who have had enhanced DBS checks. Following recent changes to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act to include fire and rescue services, the North Yorks service is now reducing those checks from every five years to every three years and now all staff and volunteers will go through this process. The service has the funds to complete this and is now looking to allocate resources to deliver checks for the entirety of the organisations by April 2024.