

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

12 October 2023

Work Programme

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To invite the Panel to consider its future work programme.

2.0 The Panel is responsible for setting its own work programme taking into account the tasks that the Panel must undertake and the priorities defined by the Commissioner within the context of the [Police and Crime Plan](#) and [Fire and Rescue Plan 2022/25](#).

3.0 The work programme at Appendix A highlights those issues which have been previously agreed or which have been added since the last meeting in discussion with the Chair and Vice Chair.

4.0 The work programme looks at key topics and areas of interest under the rubric of the Commissioner's four CARE principles, as drawn from the two key statutory plans. These are:

- **Caring about the vulnerable**
 - Includes:- (NYP) Making all women and girls safer; Embed compassion for victims and the vulnerable; Prevent harm before it happens; Tackle hidden harms (e.g. wildlife crime, rural crime).
 - (FRS) Prevent harm and damage before it happens; Enhance our role in achieving wider public safety; Embed compassion for the vulnerable.
- **Ambitious collaboration**
 - Includes:- (NYP and FRS) Enhance collaboration; Take a whole system approach to tackling core problems.
- **Realising our potential**
 - Includes:- Maximise funding to improve our services; Properly skill and equip our people; (NYP only) Improve trust and confidence in our police; Develop our people and organisation to meet our communities' needs; (FRS only) Build a diverse and inclusive workforce.
- **Enhancing our service for the public**
 - Includes:- Embed a customer and community focus; Promote a more visible presence in communities.

5.0 There is some statutory business that the Panel has to undertake and slot in to the future work programme such as reviewing the Commissioner's precept proposals. However, the topics selected for consideration by the Panel under the CARE principle themes are propositional. As such, Panel members are invited to consider the appropriateness of the suggestions given for forthcoming agendas.

6.0 Members are also reminded that it is preferable for the Panel to agree just a couple of key substantive reports to come to each meeting; and perhaps just one thematic report where this is taken in addition to statutory reporting. This is to ensure that sufficient time can be given to each discussion and also to ensure that the ask of the Commissioner's office is not overly burdensome.

- 7.0 There is a need, currently, for a degree of flexibility in the forward programme. Following the recent notice of resignation from the Chief Constable, it is likely that the Panel will need to hold a confirmation hearing sometime in early 2024, and this may or may not coincide with a meeting date that has already been scheduled. Panel members will be kept apprised of developments as the process for recruitment is developed.
- 8.0 Additionally, Members are asked to agree that the April 2024 meeting is postponed so as to avoid the restricted pre-election period ahead of the May 2024 elections (roughly beginning mid-March 2024). This will mean that the Panel is likely to need to convene towards the end of May/early June 2024, once the Mayor has been elected. An alternative date will therefore be proposed, once the arrangements for a confirmation hearing, as highlighted above, have also been confirmed.
- 9.0 An implication of needing to consider scheduling further meeting dates in 2024 is that there are a couple of potential items of business identified by Panel Members recently which have not as of yet been scheduled in against a specific date. These have been identified at the end of Appendix A. Any items not currently scheduled will be slotted in to a future date once the meeting programme is established.
- 10.0 All full Panel meetings will continue to be held in person and venues are highlighted on the programme where these have been confirmed.

11.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.

12.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no significant legal implications arising from this report.

13.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 There are no significant equalities implications arising from this report.

14.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

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

15.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15.1 That the Panel:
- (a) agrees its outline work programme; and
 - (b) agrees to postpone the April 2024 meeting on the basis that a more suitable date can be arranged to follow the Mayoral election.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Police, Fire and Crime Panel Work Programme 2023/24

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

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| <p>January 2024</p> | <p>Thursday 11th January 2024 at 10:30am County Hall, Northallerton</p> | <p>Focus on: Realising our potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMICFRS inspection re-visit outcomes for NYFRS (to be published Oct 2023). • 'Pre-precept' reports for policing and fire and rescue. • Organisational review of North Yorkshire Police. • Enhancing neighbourhood and response policing. <p><u>Other reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EnableNY progress report, with identified savings and efficiencies. • Report from the Monitoring Officer/Panel Secretariat outlining implications for Panel governance following Mayoral devolution. |
| <p>February 2024</p> | <p>Monday 5th February 2024 at 10:30am (PRECEPT) County Hall, Northallerton</p> | <p>Precept proposals for policing and fire and rescue.</p> <p>Focus on: Enhancing our service for the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report updating on Force Control Room performance, including impact of the PFCC's investment in early 2023. |
| | <p>Monday 19th February 2024 at 1:30pm County Hall, Northallerton</p> | <p>Precept reserve meeting (if needed).</p> |

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| April 2024 | <p>Thursday 25th April 2024 at 10:30am</p> <p><i>Date to be changed due to pre-election restrictions – to be advised</i></p> | <p>Focus on: Tackling hidden harms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife and rural crime – to include a range of crime areas such as raptor persecution, farm thefts etc and progress on applying sanctions. <p>Focus on: Ambitious collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-border collaboration for NYP and PFCC. • Tackling County Lines and pervasive drug crime. |
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Other Issues for Consideration – to be scheduled

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| <p>Focus On: Caring about the vulnerable</p> <p>Scrutiny of commissioning of victims' services</p> | <p>A look at how services are commissioned and how the PFCC ensures that the right interventions are put in place for victims.</p> |
| <p>Update on the Right to Protest and policing in North Yorkshire.</p> | <p>Update/progress note from the Commissioner.</p> |