

# POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL REPORT

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Report Title	Consultation outline for Police and Crime and Fire and Rescue Plans

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## 1.0 Purpose of this report

To provide the Panel with an update on the plans for consultation to be undertaken for the development of the statutory Police and Crime Plan and the Fire and Rescue Plan. The Fire and Rescue Plan is not a statutory plan but is being approached as if it is, the priorities of which will feed into the Community Risk Management Plan.

## 2.0 Background

The formation of the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan is a critical component of the Mayor's/Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime (DMPFC) role. The plans communicate the Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's vision, objectives and intentions for both services over the next four years to the public, partner agencies and stakeholders.

### 2.1.1 The Police and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime Plan will set out clearly the priorities for policing for the force area of York and North Yorkshire. This includes objectives for policing, reducing crime and how policing resources will be allocated and agreements for funding. It will also set out and how the Mayor/DMPFC will hold the Chief Constable to account for this.

### 2.1.2 The Fire and Rescue Plan

The Mayor's priorities and objectives for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) will form part of the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), in a section to be known as the Fire and Rescue Plan. The Mayor approves the CRMP but delegates its development to the Chief Fire Officer, to define the risk and resourcing across the service area.

## 2.2 Developing the Plans

The plans are designed around public need and expectations therefore it is right that the Mayor/DMPFC obtains the view of the community through public consultation.

### 2.2.1 Consultation Approach

The Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning (OPFCC) is taking a collaborative approach to consulting the public, partners and stakeholders. The objectives of the consultation are:

- To deliver an inclusive public consultation in line with legal requirements and the Gunning Principles.
- To identify key priorities for inclusion in the new plans.
- For NYFRS - to assess public, partner, stakeholder, businesses and employee support for the proposed CRMP planning principles and response time standard.

The OPFCC has set out the following timeline for the consultation:



## 2.2.2 Methodologies

### Insight Workshops

The OPFCC commissioned an independent social research agency to run four separate insight workshops with:

- The Mayor and DMPFC
- NYP senior leadership team
- NYFRS senior leadership team
- OPFCC Executive management team

These workshops consulted key stakeholders on their priorities and thoughts for development and content of the upcoming plans.

Headline feedback from these insight groups are below and helped form the survey questions;

## Format of Strategic Plans has to change ...



### Current Plan is ....

- ✘ Too long....
- ✘ Too vague....
- ✘ Too many overlapping priorities....
- ✘ Too hard for our public to understand....

### New Plan must ....

- ✔ Limit length to 10-12 simple pages....
- ✔ Include more specific objectives and clearer indications of how progress will be assessed....
- ✔ Minimise areas of overlap and confusion....
- ✔ Simple English; simple graphics....

Best practice examples given were West Yorks; Thames Valley

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## Common Emergent Themes



01

Prevention is a high priority for each stakeholder. It plays to reducing risk and driving efficiencies by reducing the need for direct interventions or events. It is acknowledged that prevention is a long-term aspiration but as a number one priority it brings unity.

02

Collaboration was also placed high on each stakeholders agenda. While efficiency is again a driver behind this focus, it plays in a political and response context. A new Combined Authority has a real chance of establishing multi-agency collaboration and data sharing.

03

Technology and Data are seen as a way of targeting activity; deploying resources more effectively and thereby building efficiency. There is a recognition that investment will be needed and barriers to data sharing will exist in some aspects of service delivery. Data is also seen as the best way to measure effectiveness.



Stakeholders further recognize that the public are unaware of the true nature of risk, threat and vulnerability they face. In this consultative context the ignorance or low awareness of where potential risk really lies can undermine strategic planning. Misunderstanding leads to misallocations of resource and can undermine where the real service and support priorities are needed



## Surveys

The OPFCC has designed two surveys, to consult the public on the Police and Crime Plan and the Fire and Rescue Plan. These surveys aim to understand the key concerns of the public and reflect the issues that communities want the services to prioritise.

The surveys are easily accessible to all and open to anyone who lives or works in York and North Yorkshire. The OPFCC communications and engagement have a communications plan to promote the survey widely, through social media, press releases and e-communications, to engage with a range of audiences.

The survey will be live from the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> September and run for 6 weeks until 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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**Focus groups**

The OPFCC will be running several focus groups with seldom heard groups including faith groups.