

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN CONSULTATION 2021



FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Ensuring our communities are as safe as possible is my number one priority but while I have lots of ideas on how we can achieve that, I want to ensure my plans for the future reflect your priorities too. To do that, I need to hear your views.

These Plans set the strategic vision and priorities for your police and fire and rescue services in North Yorkshire and York for the next three years. It's important that they reflect how you want your services to develop, and the kind of service that you want to receive from them.

This consultation is part of my commitment to ensure transparency in decision-making and to ensure we can make a difference to the lives of everyone across North Yorkshire and the City of York.

The Plans are required by law and there are lots of complex requirements as to what needs to be in them. But at the end of the day they are all about one thing – your safety. That is why I want to know your priorities so I can ensure they are your Plans.

Please have your say. I promise it will be listened to.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip D. Allott". The script is fluid and cursive.

Philip Allott

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire

Your safety, your priorities, your plans

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OUR CHALLENGES

Policing

North Yorkshire is the safest place in England and Wales, surrounded by some of the least safe.

- Criminals and drug gangs coming into our area bring serious violence and harm, but are based elsewhere, complicating our ability to deal with them.
- Higher crime levels in neighbouring areas means North Yorkshire can sometimes get overlooked by a criminal justice system working at a regional level.

The nature of crime is changing – dealing with emerging, hidden and new crime needs to be balanced with continuing to tackle 'traditional' crime and policing issues.

- Online safety, for young people and to counter fraud, is of increasing concern.
- Behind much anti-social behaviour lies a crime that needs to be dealt with.
- People, their pets and property, need to be safe and feel safe in our area and on our roads.
- Sexual violence and abuse, slavery and exploitation are often hidden.

Crime in rural areas has a significant economical and psychological impact on communities.

- We have large, sparsely populated areas with many small roads making it easy for criminals to get in unseen.

To bring crime down further, we need to get ahead and work to prevent crime happening in the first place.

- The underlying causes of offending behaviour are often health or trauma based – not typical policing issues.
- We need to help people protect themselves from becoming a victim of crime.



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Fire and Rescue:

North Yorkshire is one of the lowest funded fire services in the country.

- It is hard to deliver our services without exceeding our budget.
- We have an ageing fleet and estate that is not always fit for purpose.
- We can't always invest in the latest technology or equipment.

Fire engines at our rural stations are available to respond on average 82% of the time and are often unavailable during the day, when incidents are most likely to occur.

- Most of our stations are 'on-call' but we struggle to recruit and retain on-call firefighters who respond by pager to emergencies on top of their day jobs for little financial reward.
- Society has changed – people no longer live and work in the same place as much so they can't be available to respond.

The number of fires has decreased over the last 10 years, but this trend has plateaued.

- We attend a similar number of non-fire incidents such as road traffic collisions, flooding and rescues.
- To make people safer we need to be able to invest more in our prevention activities, especially in rural areas where response times are longer.

Only 5% of firefighters are women. We must ensure our workforce better reflects the diversity of our communities.

YOUR POLICE

North Yorkshire remains the safest place to live in England and Wales.

It has the lowest crime rate of 47.5 crimes per 1,000 people, but is surrounded by five of the least safe areas in the country.



39,329 crimes
in 2020/21



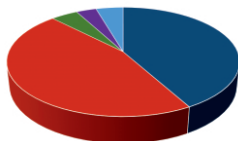
1563 police officers
112 Special constables
221 PCSOs
199 volunteers
1079 Police Staff



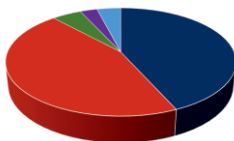
37 police stations

Budget/expenditure

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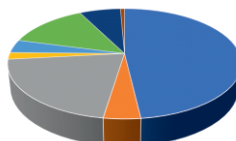
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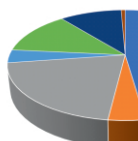
Funding for the police

	2020/21 £m	2021/22 £m
Funding from Government	74.4	79.1
Council tax precept	81.1	81.9
Council tax grants	7.9	9.0
Specific grants	5.9	5.2
Fees, Charges and Partnerships	7.9	7.3
Total funding	177.2	182.5

2020/21



2021/22



Police budget breakdown

	2020/21 £m
Police officers	85.3
Police Community Support Officers	7.6
Police staff	37.0
Policing priorities fund	3.5
Buildings and transport	6.9
Supplies and services	23.7
Other spend *	12.0
Office of the PFCC	1.2
Total spending plan	177.2

* This includes Community Safety Funding and Commissioned Services, Police Officer Medical and Injury Pensions, Cost of Capital and Use of Reserves.

YOUR POLICING PRIORITIES

What is most important for the police to focus on over the next three years?

What areas of crime should be most prioritised? What are you most concerned about in your local area or for North Yorkshire and York as a whole?

Should the police prioritise violence differently to burglary or vehicle theft?

Should the police focus on criminals coming from other areas or on those living within our area?

To what extent should the police deploy officers to ensure that hidden crimes – which the public might not be aware of – are being robustly addressed, meaning they might not always be as visible to the public?

How concerned are you about online crime and safety and should the police do more to address this?

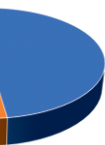
What is most important in how your police service develops as an organisation?

What would help you feel more connected to your local policing team?

Should the police focus on preventing crime or just on response?

To what extent should the police focus on working in partnership with other agencies?

Should we invest more in ensuring the police have the best technology and equipment?



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YOUR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

North Yorkshire continues to have a low incidence of fire compared with other areas in England with an increasing number of non-fire incidents.



46 fire engines



38 fire stations



306 wholetime firefighters
380 on-call firefighters

18 control room staff
93 support staff



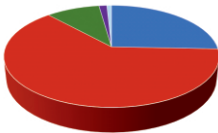
3,111 False alarms
1,703 Fires



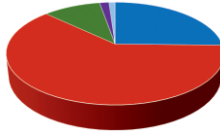
1,656 Special services
(e.g. road traffic collisions, flooding)

Budget/expenditure

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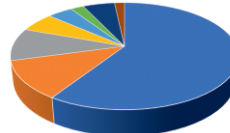
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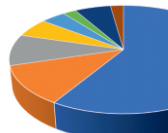
Funding for the fire service

	2020/21	2021/22
	£m	£m
Funding from Government	9.1	9.2
Council tax precept	22.2	22.4
Specific grants	3.4	3.7
Fees, Charges and Partnerships	0.5	0.6
Use of Reserves	0.3	0.4
Total funding	35.5	36.3

2020/21



2021/22



Fire service budget breakdown

	2020/21	2021/22
	£m	£m
Firefighter pay	21.0	21.0
Control and support staff	4.1	4.1
Supplies and Services	3.5	3.5
Premises and equipment	2.1	2.1
Private Finance Initiative	1.5	1.5
Transport	0.8	0.8
Capital financial charges	1.9	1.9
Other costs	0.6	0.6
Total spending plan	35.5	36.3

YOUR FIRE AND RESCUE PRIORITIES

What is most important for the Fire and Rescue Service to focus on over the next three years?

Should the Service focus only on fires or be ready to deal with any rescue emergency – flooding, water rescue, road traffic collision and more?

Should the Service focus more on preventing fires or just on response?

What would help you to feel more engaged with the Service in your local area?

Should the Service invest to improve the 82% availability of fire engines in rural areas?

To what extent should the Fire Service focus on working in partnership with other agencies?

How well should the Service reflect the diversity of our communities in North Yorkshire and York?

Should the Service invest more in making sure it has the best technology, vehicles and equipment to deliver services in our different communities?

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YOUR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER



Working to keep your community safe

The Commissioner also commissions a number of services to help victims of crime to cope and recover, to address the root causes of offender behaviour, to protect vulnerable people, and to improve community safety.

These services received 49,452 referrals and engaged with 17,012 individuals in the last year and consistently receive over 90% satisfaction ratings from those who use them.

Find out more at <https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/for-you/services/commissioned-services/>



Victims:

Supporting Victims
Independent Victim Adviser service
Domestic Abuse service
Sexual Violence service
Child Sexual &/or Criminal Exploitation service and Parent Liaison service
Restorative Justice
Counselling service
Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)
Child Sexual Assault Assessment Service (CSAAS)

Perpetrators:

Women's Diversion Scheme
Adult Domestic Abuse Perpetrators service
Young DA Perpetrators service

Vulnerable People:

Women's Wellness Centre in York
Mental Health Triage services

Community Safety:

Mediation service
Anger Management service

YOUR SERVICES PRIORITIES

What is most important for the Commissioner to focus services on over the next three years?

- Are we providing support for the right groups?
- Are we doing enough to help victims cope and recover?
- Should we spend more on addressing offender behaviour to prevent offending?
- Should we provide services to help the police deal with demand which is not typically what the police should deal with, such as mental health crisis?
- Are we doing enough to support community safety initiatives?
- Should we start providing support for those who suffer fire, such as having their home burnt down?

Commissioned Services expenditure



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