



Working Better Together: Options to improve the oversight of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Good morning/afternoon. My name is xxx and I work for M·E·L Research, an independent social research organisation. We're conducting an important survey on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire. We want to gather your views on the options that are being considered to improve the oversight of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Can you spare some time to take part? It will take around 10 minutes.

If they want to speak to someone at M·E·L Research, speak to [REDACTED] Research Manager on Freephone 0800 073 0348 or email [REDACTED]@melresearch.co.uk. If they want to check the legitimacy of the survey, contact the OPCC on 01423 569562.

Firstly I need to give you some background information (interviewer to read out):

Police and Crime Commissioners can become responsible for their local Fire and Rescue Service if it will improve public safety and efficiency, and save money.

Before PCCs can do this, they have to make a local business case, and then ask the public what their views are. This consultation is your chance to tell us what you think about the benefits of change in North Yorkshire.

Local stakeholders have made it clear that leaving things the way they are is not an option. The purpose of the proposed change is to help police and fire work better together, and with other partners, by reducing red tape to speed up decision making and get better value for money. [Interviewer: Refer to FAQs if they ask any questions

The options to choose from are **[SHOWCARD 1: The Options]**:

If the respondent needs further information about the proposal and options for change, we can give them the links to look at **[SHOWCARD 2: Additional information]** or refer to the FAQs.

The next set of questions covers the different options and your views on these in turn

Option 1: Representation model

The first option is the Representation Model. This would mean the PCC joins the Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) as the 17th voting member, if the FRA agree.

Q1 On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is no benefit and 5 is a significant benefit, how would you rate the Representation model? **(tick one only)**

1 No benefit

4

2

5 Significant benefit

3

Q2 And what impact, if any, do you think implementing a Representation model would have if it were introduced in North Yorkshire? Do you think it would have a ...? **(tick one only)**

Positive impact

Negative impact

No impact

Don't know/not sure

Q3 Are there any other comments you would like to add about this option?

Option 2: Police and Crime Commissioner Governance model

The second option is the Governance model. This would mean the PCC would replace the FRA and take sole responsibility for the provision of fire services.

Q4 On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is no benefit and 5 is a significant benefit, how would you rate the Governance model? **(tick one only)**

1 No benefit

4

2

5 Significant benefit

3

Q5 And what impact, if any, do you think implementing a Governance model would have if it were introduced in North Yorkshire? Do you think it would have a ...? **(tick one only)**

Positive impact

Negative impact

No impact

Don't know/not sure

Q6 Are there any other comments you would like to add about this option?

Option 3: Single employer model

The third option is for a Single employer model. This would mean the PCC would replace the FRA as in Option 2, and also create a single Chief Officer for police and fire. Frontline officers would still retain distinct identities.

Q7 On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is no benefit and 5 is a significant benefit, how would you rate the Single Employer model? **(tick one only)**

1 No benefit

4

2

5 Significant benefit

3

Q8 And what impact, if any, do you think implementing a Single Employer model would have if it were introduced in North Yorkshire? Do you think it would have a ...? **(tick one only)**

Positive impact

Negative impact

No impact

Don't know/not sure

Q9 Are there any other comments you would like to add about this option?

Other ideas and comments

Q10 So thinking about the three options, which do you prefer? **SHOWCARD 3** (tick one only)

Option 1: Representation Model

Option 2: Governance Model

Option 3: Single Employer Model

Q11 Do you have any other ideas to improve how our emergency services could work better together?

About you

We have to collect some information about you for equality monitoring purposes.

Q12 **What age group are you? SHOWCARD 4** (tick one only)

16-24

55-64

25-34

65-74

35-44

75+

45-54

Q13 **Are you....?** (tick one only)

Male

Other

Female

Q14 And can I confirm if any of the following apply to you. Are you.....? **SHOWCARD 5 (tick all that apply)**

Pregnant

Returning from maternity leave

On maternity leave

None of the above

Q15 Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth? (**tick one only**)

Yes

No

Q16 What is your ethnic background? **SHOWCARD 6 (tick one only)**

White: English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British

Asian: Pakistani

White: Irish

Asian: Bangladeshi

White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Asian: Chinese

White: Other

Asian: Other

Mixed: White and Black Caribbean

Black: African

Mixed: White and Black African

Black: Caribbean

Mixed: White and Asian

Black: Other

Mixed: Other

Other: Arab

Asian: Indian

Other: Other ethnic background

Q17 **What is your current working status? SHOWCARD 7 (tick one only)**

Employed (full or part time)

Unable to work/long term sick

Self-employed

Retired

Out of work

Full time student

Looking after the home or family

Other

Q18 Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation? **SHOWCARD 8 (tick one only)**

Bisexual

Gay/Lesbian

Heterosexual/Straight

Q19 What is your marital status? (tick one only) **SHOWCARD 9**

Married

Single

Civil Partnership

Widowed

Divorced

Other

Q20 What is your religion or belief? **SHOWCARD 10 (tick one only)**

Buddhist

Muslim

Christian

Sikh

Hindu

Other

Jewish

No religion

Q21 Are you or any household member's day to day activities limited because of a health problem which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? **(Tick one only) (Include any household member with a long-term illness or disability in your answer)**

Yes – limited a lot

Yes – limited a little

No

Keeping you informed

Q22 Would you like to be kept informed about the consultation? If yes, would that be by email or by post? **(leave blank if you do not wish to be kept informed)**

Yes - by email

Yes - by post

Q23 Email address (confirm once added)

Full postal address

For quality control purposes the office is required to verify a small proportion of my work.

Q24 Can I just gather some contact details for you. All personal information you provide will be held in accordance with provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and only used for administration for this consultation. It will not be disclosed to any third party.

Name:

Address (if not captured above)

Postcode

Email address: (if not captured above)

Phone number(s):

That is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your time and have a lovely day.

Q25 Interviewers to complete the following:

Starting postcode

Interviewer Name

Q26 LOCAL AUTHORITY **(tick one only)**

City of York Council

Ryedale District Council

Craven District Council

Scarborough Borough Council

Hambleton District Council

Selby District Council

Harrogate Borough Council

Other (please specify)

Richmondshire District Council