

**NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL**  
**REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIRMAN**  
**TO ZOË METCALFE, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME**  
**COMMISSIONER ON HER**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FIRE AND RESCUE 2021-2022**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This report describes the views of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel in respect of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner’s Annual Report for fire and rescue 2021-22. It is submitted to the Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 5 of Schedule A2 to the Fire and Rescue Act 2004 (“the Act”).

**DRAFT FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21**

2. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Commissioner issued the completed draft 2021/22 Fire and Rescue Annual Report on 12 July 2022. The Panel is required to arrange a public meeting as soon as practicable after the report is sent to it.
3. The Panel is required to review the report and, if it wishes, make a report or recommendations on it to the Commissioner.

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL**

4. The membership of the Panel for the meeting held on 21 July was as follows:

Hambleton District Council	Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Harrogate Borough Council	Cllr Michael Chambers MBE
North Yorkshire County Council	Cllr Carl Les
Ryedale District Council	Cllr Lindsay Burr MBE
Selby District Council	Cllr Tim Grogan
City of York Council	Cllr Keith Aspden
City of York Council	Cllr Darryl Smalley
Fraser Forsyth	Community Co-opted

Martin Walker

Community Co-opted

In attendance remotely also were Cllr Helen Grant and Mags Godderidge (Community Co-opted).

## **PANEL VIEWS**

5. The Panel welcomes your annual report on fire and rescue and I would like to thank you for the responses provided by yourself and colleagues to Members' questions at the meeting.
6. Consideration of the report generated some useful discussions around your plans for the service and the focus areas. A couple of the areas of the draft report in particular raised queries and suggestions from the Panel, as outlined below:
  - Within Priority 3 in relation to enhancing the diversity of the workforce, it was felt that some of the objectives outlined would benefit from being strengthened, and it was suggested that more could be done to outline the volume of work underway in this area, which is currently not apparent;
  - In relation to the Performance section on page 25 of the draft, Members suggested it may be helpful to include incident data for 2019/20 in order to compare with the pre-Covid picture for fire incidents;
  - Members noted the reference on page 18 to the Direct Entry Scheme and would welcome further information in the future to better understand how this works and to review whether it brings about the benefits identified.
7. The Panel would welcome your further consideration of the above suggestions and requests for further information at a future opportunity.
8. Overall, Members feel that the report provides a helpful overview of the key issues and achievements over the past year and, on the basis of your further consideration of the above points, I am happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel's support for your Fire and Rescue Annual Report 2021-22.

## **CARL LES**

Chairman,

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

28 July 2022