

**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 POLICING AND CRIME 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 Policing and Crime for North Yorkshire 2021-2022. It is submitted to the Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (“the Act”).
2. The Panel would like to thank you for remotely attending its meeting on Thursday, 21 July 2022 to present your draft Annual Report and for answering Members’ questions.

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3. In accordance with Section 12(2) of the Act, the Commissioner issued the completed draft 2021/22 Policing and Crime 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.
4. 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**

5. Those members of the Panel present at Selby District Council for the discussions at the 21 July meeting were 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**

6. The Panel would like to thank you and your colleagues for the helpful responses provided to Members' questions during the meeting. Members found the presentation of the draft report accessible and useful discussions were generated to further clarify on or further explore aspects of the content.
7. Members were particularly keen to obtain further detail around the York Priorities listed, which indicated a steep decrease in anti-social behaviour (-32%) and a 32% increase in violence. Members asked the Commissioner if it would be possible to understand what percentage of violent crimes were linked to violence against women and girls and we would be grateful for any further information that can be provided to us.
8. There were additionally a couple of further points requiring clarification as raised in the meeting, which are outlined below:
  - The number of police officers on page 18 (from Home Office figures) at December 2021 were 1,563. However, page 28 highlights that numbers of officers are "now in excess of 1,600".
  - Page 18 of the draft report refers to the police officer uplift programme providing a means of enhancing diversity in the service, particularly in areas such as the firearms department, which the report states has traditionally struggled to recruit a diverse workforce. Members queried whether it would necessarily follow that there would be a diversity of recruited officers directly into firearms as this is a more specialist area.
9. Overall, Members feel that the report provides a helpful overview of the key issues and achievements over the past year and, on the basis that further information can be provided for Panel on the above queries, I am happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel's support for your Policing and Crime Annual Report 2021-22.

**CARL LES**

Chairman,  
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

28 July 2022