

Report of the Assistant Director of Resources to the Chair and Members of the North Yorkshire Fire Independent Audit Committee

24th March 2026

Status: For information

2026/27 Budget Setting Reports

1. Purpose

- 1.1 Included within the Terms of Reference of this Committee are that the Committee should:
- Independently scrutinising financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the Fire Services exposure to risks and weakens the internal control environment
 - Oversee the financial reporting process.
 - Considering the financial risks to which the Fire Service is exposed and approving measures to reduce or eliminate them or to insure against them
- 1.2 Part of the process to enhance addressing these items is for the Committee to be provided with several financial reports throughout the year, including the documents associated with Budget Setting, with the reports relating to this appended to this report, and the Outturn report, showing the performance against the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the previous financial year.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- 2.1 Note that Appendix A to this report is a copy of the report that went to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel on the 21st January, this information was subsequently incorporated into the overall Mayoral General Budget report that was approved by the Combined Authority.
- 2.2 Note that updates on the financial performance on the Fire Service are reported throughout the year to the Fire Senior Leadership Board and to the Deputy Mayor quarterly at the Strategic Oversight Board, and an Outturn for each financial year will be provided to this Committee each year.
- 2.3 Scrutinise the attached reports and raise any questions/queries that they may have in line with the Terms of Reference of this Committee.

3. Reasons

- 3.1 On the 27th February 2026 the Mayoral Combined Authority approved the Combined Authority's General Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/27, which included with overall budget for the Fire Service which was as per the report that the Mayor sent to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel on the 21st January 2026.
- 3.2 This process set an agreed revenue Budget for 2026/27 for the Fire Service which was based on the receipt of income totalling £53,955k. At the same time the Combined Authority agreed a Fire specific Capital Programme for 2026/27 at £4,478k.
- 3.3 This report to the Panel is appended to this report to support and enable Members of this Committee to deliver against its terms of reference, as outlined in 1.1.
- 3.4 In line with the Governance arrangement within the organisation, regularly quarterly updates will be provided to the Deputy Mayor at the Strategic Oversight Board to consider the finances of the Fire Service, and an Outturn Report for 2026/27 will be reported to this Committee in June 2027.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Finance
There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.2 Diversity & Equal Opportunities
There are no diversity or equal opportunities implications arising from this report.
- 4.3 Human Rights Act
There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.
- 4.4 Sustainability
There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.
- 4.5 Risk
There are no risk issues arising from this report.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 This report is part of the programme of works that supports the Committee in delivering against its Term of Reference in relation to Financial Performance, Financial Reporting and Financial Risks.