

**NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL**  
**REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIR**  
**TO DAVID SKAITH, MAYOR OF YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE**  
**ON THE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FIRE AND RESCUE 2023-2024**  
**[AS PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF FORMER COMMISSIONER ZOË METCALFE]**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This report describes the views of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel in respect of the Annual Report for Fire and Rescue 2023-2024, as provided by the York and North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning (“YNY OPFCC”) on behalf of former Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Zoë Metcalfe. It is submitted to the Mayor 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 2023-24**

2. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Mayor issued the completed draft 2023/24 Fire and Rescue Annual Report on 16 July 2024. 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 Mayor.
4. The Panel acknowledges that while statutorily its feedback must be issued to the Mayor, the draft report is essentially the Annual Report of the former Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing an overview of progress for the year against her Fire and Rescue Plan. It is not therefore the report of the Mayor. As such it is a slightly unusual situation and the Panel would like to thank the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime (“the DMPFC”) and colleagues from YNY OPFCC for attending and contributing responses to members’ questions.

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL**

5. The membership of the Panel for the meeting held on 25 July was as follows:

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| Cllr Lindsay Burr | North Yorkshire Council |
| Cllr Tim Grogan   | North Yorkshire Council |

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| Cllr Heather Moorhouse   | North Yorkshire Council |
| Cllr Andrew Murday (Sub) | North Yorkshire Council |
| Cllr Malcolm Taylor      | North Yorkshire Council |
| Cllr Steve Shaw-Wright   | North Yorkshire Council |
| Cllr Peter Wilkinson     | North Yorkshire Council |
| Cllr Emilie Knight       | City of York Council    |
| Cllr Danny Myers         | City of York Council    |
| Cllr Michael Pavlovic    | City of York Council    |
| Fraser Forsyth           | Community Co-opted      |
| Mags Godderidge          | Community Co-opted      |
| Martin Walker            | Community Co-opted      |

## **PANEL VIEWS**

6. The Panel welcomes the annual report on fire and rescue and I would like to thank you for the responses provided by yourself, the Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime (“the DMPFC”) and colleagues from YNY OPFCC to Panel members’ questions at the meeting.
7. Members felt that the draft report reads very well. The content and language is accessible to local communities and it contains a number of positive examples of progress against the Fire and Rescue Plan over the last year.
8. The Panel has not made any specific recommendations for changes to be made to the draft report. However, the Panel found it helpful to have opportunity to more broadly raise queries and concerns at the meeting regarding service performance and impact of the Risk and Resource Model, particularly in the Huntington area. These will be minuted separately for the Panel and taken forward with the DMPFC and team.
9. Overall, Members feel that the report provides a helpful overview of the key issues and achievements over the past year and as such I am happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel’s support for the draft Fire and Rescue Annual Report 2023-24.

**CLLR PETER R WILKINSON**

Chair,  
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

26 July 2024