

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL
REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIRMAN
TO JULIA MULLIGAN, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER ON HER
ANNUAL REPORT FOR POLICING AND CRIME 2018-2019

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 2018-2019. 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 attending its meeting on Thursday, 18 July 2019 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 2018/19 Policing and Crime Annual Report on 9 July 2019. 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. The membership of the Panel for the discussions at the 18 July meeting was as follows:

Craven District Council	Cllr Richard Foster
Hambleton District Council	Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Harrogate Borough Council	Cllr Michael Chambers MBE
North Yorkshire County Council	Cllr Carl Les
Richmondshire District Council	Cllr Kevin Foster
Scarborough Borough Council	Cllr Liz Colling
Selby District Council	Cllr Tim Grogan

City of York Council	Cllr Keith Aspden
City of York Council	Cllr Ashley Mason
Santokh Singh Sidhu	Community Co-opted
Paula Stott	Community Co-opted

PANEL VIEWS

6. The Panel feel the content and approach of the draft report is useful and that it highlighted a number of positive areas of work undertaken over the last year.
7. Members considered with the Commissioner the context for reductions in anti-social behaviour and the 14% overall increase in crime, as highlighted on page 14 of the report. Members felt that the report would benefit from explaining the context – where understood/known – to such figures, including where there appear to be particular variations (successes) locally. Additionally, in view of the recent prioritisation around enhancing neighbourhood policing, the Panel felt that a section on this should have been included within the report. The Commissioner may wish to give this further consideration, although it is acknowledged that it can be difficult to provide greater detail in a report of this nature.
8. There were a couple of areas where Members’ comments focussed on the use of particular wording and where it is recommended that alternative wording is used. For example, it was felt that references to “ENABLE” and “Transform 2020” (foreword) would benefit from further explanation, as well as wording around the “surplus provision of service” on page 21. There was some reflection on the use of the word “customers” and whether Priority 4 should be altered to focus instead on “community”. However it was recognised that the Commissioner wishes the police force to develop its appreciation of providing a service to customers; internally and externally.
9. Overall, Members feel that your report is a fair and honest account of your achievements over the previous year and, on the basis that further consideration will be given to Members’ feedback on narrative changes, I am happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel’s support for your Policing and Crime Annual Report 2018-2019.

CARL LES

Chairman, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

19th August 2019