

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL
REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIRMAN
TO PHILIP ALLOTT, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER ON HIS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR POLICING AND CRIME 2020-2021

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 2020-2021. 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, 22 July 2021 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 2020/21 Policing and Crime Annual Report on 13 July 2021. 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 22 July meeting was as follows:

Craven District Council	Cllr Patrick Mulligan
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
Scarborough Borough Council	Cllr Carl Maw

Selby District Council	Cllr Tim Grogan
City of York Council	Cllr Keith Aspden
City of York Council	Cllr Darryl Smalley
Paula Stott	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 commented on the section relating to the response to Covid-19 and commended the work undertaken in partnership between the Commissioner, police, local councils and others. Members would like to see this close working continuing for the benefit of communities.
8. The prevalence of drug crime in North Yorkshire continues to be a concern for the Panel; not only in terms of County Lines but in terms of pervasive recreational drugs. We welcome the continued work by your office and police colleagues in this area and that further resources will be allocated in due course by central government to help tackle the problem. We will continue to review this work with you, at Panel, on a regular basis.
9. Members highlighted that it would be helpful for the annual reports to include some hard data against the objectives to enable a clearer assessment of progress to be made. The Panel would like to take more regular (e.g. biannual) updates from you on how you feel progress is being made against the key objectives of the Police and Crime Plan; although accepting that more detailed subject-specific reports will be brought to the Panel at points which will address particular objectives.
10. Overall, Members feel that the report provides a helpful overview of the key issues and achievements over the past year.

REVIEW BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NYCC

11. Using his emergency delegated decision-making powers, the Chief Executive Officer reviewed the Panel's recommendation on 22 July 2021, by taking into account the background material provided and comments highlighted in the Panel meeting, and formally agreed the Panel's recommendation that the Commissioner's draft Annual Report for Policing and Crime 2020/21 be approved.

12. The Panel is therefore happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel's support for your Policing and Crime Annual Report 2020-2021 and we look forward to working with you further on some of the issues highlighted in the meeting in the year ahead.

CARL LES

Chairman,
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

22 July 2021