

**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 POLICING AND CRIME 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 Policing and Crime for North Yorkshire 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 section 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (“the Act”).

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2. In accordance with Section 12(2) of the Act, the YNY OPFCC issued the completed draft 2023/24 Policing and Crime 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 Police and Crime 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. Those members of the Panel present at City of York Council West Offices for the discussions at the 25 July meeting were as follows:

Cllr Lindsay Burr	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Tim Grogan	North Yorkshire Council
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 would like to thank you, your Deputy Mayor, the Deputy Chief Constable and senior officers from the YNY OPFCC, for the helpful responses provided to members' questions during the meeting.
7. The Panel felt that overall the draft report reads very well; it is accessible in terms of language and content to communities and contains many positive examples of where progress has been made against the current Police and Crime Plan. There was a useful discussion around some specific observations and comments from the Panel for further consideration in relation to the draft report, which are outlined below.
  - a) Members had recommended in 2023 that information could be provided on the average time taken to respond to police complaints and noted that this was omitted again from the 2023/24 draft. It was noted that the DMPFC will provide this information separately but the Panel would be grateful for this to be taken into consideration for a future draft as it would provide a richer picture on police complaints handling.
  - b) The Panel sought reassurance that the development of the new Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in York will not be hindered by further delays as it

will provide an important service for victims in the area. The Panel welcomed the DMPFC's reassurance on this matter and commitment to provide a written update, in addition to noting that should delays be encountered it would be helpful to engage with local authority partners further.

8. In addition, it was highlighted by the Panel that North Yorkshire Police does not currently appear to be listed as a 'White Ribbon' accredited organisation but were grateful for the Deputy Chief Constable's reassurance on this point and that this will be rectified in due course.
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 consideration will be given to the above comments and suggestions, I am happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel's support for the Policing and Crime Annual Report 2023-24.

**CLLR PETER R WILKINSON**

Chair,

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

26 July 2024