

North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel



Key Messages from meeting

19 July 2018

PCC's preparations for transfer of governance of Fire and Rescue

Nine workstreams have been put in place with senior manager leads from the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) to help prepare for the transfer of governance of the FRS to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), probably around November time this year. These include areas such as governance, procurement, contract transfers and service delivery. The Panel will be making its own preparations to become the Police, Fire and Crime Panel once the PCC takes on governance of the FRS.

Draft Annual Report 2017/18

The Panel formally agreed the PCC's draft annual Report for 2017/18 but recommended that more emphasis needed to be placed within it on crime prevention. The Panel were also advised that as a result of changes and improvements to crime recording practices in North Yorkshire, figures for recorded crime are likely to increase. The Panel emphasised the importance of giving such context to local communities, who may be concerned by reported increases. The Annual Report will be published in due course at <https://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/>

Wildlife crime

The Panel took a report from the PCC on wildlife crime and how this is being tackled in North Yorkshire. Significant progress has been made in this area through the Rural Task Force and the Panel commended the efforts of the wildlife officers and volunteers. There are links between wildlife crime and serious organised crime and the PCC advised that she has been working with police colleagues in other rural force areas to look at these links and develop a better understanding of impact. The Panel highlighted that the police appear to be hampered in pursuing prosecutions by a lack of action from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). The PCC committed to raising the issue again with the CPS and also via the Criminal Justice Board, which she Chairs.

Force Control Room update

The Panel heard that there had been unprecedented demand for the 101 service recently and there have been press reports around the Force Control Room (FCR) struggling with demand. The building work to extend the FCR is complete and over 50 staff have been recruited this year with a further 24 to follow. However, the Panel heard that waiting times will be dependent on call volumes becoming more stable or reducing. The Panel Chair advised the PCC that 101 service performance still isn't adequate for the public and as such it will remain a critical issue for the Panel to continue to monitor moving forward.

Next meeting – 15th August 2018, County Hall, Northallerton

The Panel will be holding a confirmation hearing for the appointment of Chief Constable.

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