

# Annual Report of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel 2024/25

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The Police, Fire and Crime Panel provides a check and balance function in relation to the policing, fire and crime functions of the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, David Skaith. It comprises councillors from North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council together with three independent co-opted members. Further governance information is available on the [North Yorkshire Partnerships website](#).

The Panel's Annual Report 2024/25 provides a summary of its activity over the last year in relation to scrutinising the performance of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime. The report notes key areas for scrutiny, Panel development and an outline of key areas of interest over the coming year. The full report is available [here](#). The below provides a precis of some of the key points.

- The Panel has met five times in person and in public during the reporting period. Meetings have continued to be live broadcasted and recorded where possible, with an average 192 views per live meeting. Recordings are available on the [North Yorkshire Council website](#).
- The Panel has effectively conducted its statutory business in relation to **reviewing and agreeing the Mayor's Council Tax precept proposals** for policing and fire and **making recommendations on the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan for 2025/29**. In addition, the Panel has incorporated a number of key areas for scrutiny within its programme of work over the last year including:
  - **Scrutiny of the performance of the Force Control Room in relation to handling of 101 and 999 calls.** The Panel has continued its scrutiny around the need for sustainable improvements in Control Room performance. Members were pleased to note considerable improvements made to call response times and abandonment rates at their meeting in February 2025. The position will be kept under review.
  - **Reviewing the Deputy Mayor's oversight of improvements and progress made by the police service against inspection outcomes on integrity arrangements.** Members were pleased that vetting of officers and staff is good but were concerned that improvements are required around tackling potential corruption and upholding standards. The Deputy Mayor continues to hold the service to account and report on progress at the Online Public Meetings and the Panel will receive a further report later this year.
  - **Reviewing the post-implementation impact of the Risk and Resource Model** for the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service 2022/25. The Panel has continued to seek information on service response times and On-Call availability. Response times have notably improved in the last year. However, the Panel is conscious of the increasing burden on the service of response to flooding and environmental changes and as such has written to government to request that flooding response is placed on a statutory funding basis.
  - The Panel continues to annually **review progress made under the partnership strategy for tackling violence against women and girls**. The Panel were keen to understand how commissioned services for both victims and perpetrators are evaluated in terms of outcomes. A number of the Panel also visited the new Victims' Centre in York, prior to its opening in March 2025, to get a better appreciation of the facilities available to victims.