

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 FIRE AND RESCUE 2024-2025

INTRODUCTION

1. This report describes the views of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel in respect of the Mayor's draft Annual Report for Fire and Rescue for North Yorkshire 2024-2025. It is submitted to the Mayor in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 5 of Schedule A2 to the Fire and Rescue Act 2004 ("the Act").

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2. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Mayor issued the completed draft 2024/25 Fire and Rescue Annual Report on 27 June 2025. 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.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

4. Those members of the Panel present at County Hall for the discussions at the 7 July meeting were as follows:

Cllr Chris Aldred	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Melanie Davis (Sub)	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Heather Moorhouse	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Malcolm Taylor	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Peter Wilkinson	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Danny Myers	City of York Council
Fraser Forsyth	Community Co-opted
Mags Godderidge	Community Co-opted

PANEL VIEWS

5. There was a useful discussion among the Panel members present at the meeting around some specific observations and queries around the draft, for which we would be grateful for your responses.
 - a) Priority 2. “Work jointly as a trusted partner to prevent harm and damage, intervene early and solve problems.” The report makes reference to the Vision Zero ambition in terms of road safety. We felt this required some additional context and would welcome inclusion of numbers of collisions which have resulted in death or serious injury and to have a baseline against which to judge delivery against these ambitions.
 - b) Priority 4. “Maximise efficiency to make the most effective use of all available resources.” The Panel would have expected to see reference under this priority to the purchase of new vehicles, following the need for significant investment in the fleet and the recent rise in Council Tax to enable greater investment. This section would benefit from further metrics generally, for example on the number of units of equipment purchased (e.g. breathing apparatus equipment), the number of new vehicles and where these will be located.
6. The Panel acknowledge that it can be a difficult balance to strike in a report of this nature to ensure that sufficient detail is given without also ‘overloading’ and keeping things tight. However, we felt that overall it did lack helpful context and detail in places and in the specific areas outlined above.
7. 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 Fire and Rescue Annual Report 2024-25.

CLLR PETER R WILKINSON

Chair,

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

8 July 2025