

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 2025-2026

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 Policing and Crime for North Yorkshire 2025-2026. 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 Police, Fire and Crime Directorate ("PFCD") of the Mayoral Combined Authority ("MCA") issued the completed draft 2025/26 Policing and Crime Annual Report to the Panel on 8 July 2026. 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 16 July meeting were as follows:

Cllr Chris Aldred	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr David Chance	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Kevin Foster	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Tim Grogan	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Janet Jefferson	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Steve Shaw-Wright	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Peter Wilkinson	North Yorkshire Council

Cllr Danny Myers	City of York Council
Cllr Emilie Knight	City of York Council
Mags Godderidge	Community Co-opted
Caroline O'Neill	Community Co-opted

PANEL VIEWS

5. For both this draft report and the draft Fire and Rescue Annual Report, the Panel would like to thank the Deputy Mayor for her constructive responses to the queries raised and feedback provided.
6. Overall, Panel members reflected that the draft Policing and Crime Annual Report would benefit from a greater level of detail to help the reader understand the level of progress achieved by the Mayor against the Police and Crime Plan. In particular, Members felt the draft currently lacks hard data on outcomes and comparative figures against targets or objectives. It is helpful to have the overview of funding spent in tackling the core priorities but there is relatively little information on the impact of this spending or on the impact of initiatives. For example, it was cited that the section referencing Right Care Right Person could draw out how many policing hours have been saved, to be more illustrative. The Panel concur that there have been significant improvements in certain aspects and it's important that the report fully reflects this.
7. 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 to you to have regard, as follows.
8. It was noted that as public bodies, we have to be careful about sanitising sexual violence out of such reports. The current draft refers to domestic abuse but does not refer to rape and sexual offences and it's important to survivors that such crimes are named, so we would welcome your reflection on this.
9. In relation to the section on Hotspot Policing (pages 24/25), it was identified that as this has been a key aspect of tackling anti-social behaviour for the service, it would be useful to highlight aspects that this work has been doing. In addition, Members queried the extent to which community challenges are being picked up through that structure. Further detail on incidents and perpetrators was felt to be helpful.
10. On a related note, Panel members welcomed the levels of positive responses to the Community Survey Annual Report. Members would like to see some of the messages from that interspersed throughout the report to demonstrate what areas have been tackled and how things interrelate across the report.

11. Members felt that there needs to be a clearer distinction made in the report between core Home Office funding and funding derived from the Mayor. This is because it's useful to see how the Mayoral structure is enabling policing to respond to the wider picture. It was also identified that further detail on core versus discretionary funding would be helpful in this context.
12. The Panel will be taking an item in due course around commissioned services and their impact but it was highlighted that in the context of the Annual Report it would be helpful to have more information around the outcomes of such services; to better understand the value for money aspect around what has been achieved.
13. With specific regard to the section of the report on the Tadcaster Barn Youth Work Project (page 8), a Panel member highlighted that the project funding has been focussed around youth provision in Tadcaster rather than the wider Selby area.
14. Members Acknowledge the leadership at North Yorkshire Police in view of the positive progress that has been made.
15. While not pertinent to the development of this draft report, on communications more broadly, the Panel would welcome the Mayor's reflection on the level of activity undertaken through that office on public engagement (such as press statements) as Panel felt this could be enhanced in order to ensure community awareness on issues such as e-bikes and other aspects of community concern.
16. Finally, in view of the good progress being made against the Plan, it was felt to be important that the leadership team at North Yorkshire Police are duly acknowledged for their efforts over the past year; for example within the Foreword which is yet to be drafted.
17. 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 2025-26.

CLLR DANNY MYERS

Interim Chair,
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

21 July 2026