



Cllr. Gill Mercer
Chairman – Northants Police, Fire and Crime Panel
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Dear Gill,

Following the publication of your response to my Annual Report, I am pleased to respond to the Panel in accordance with Section 28 (4) of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

I was pleased that the Panel was supportive of the work we have been able to deliver and achieve through a testing and unprecedented period of time. This has helped to demonstrate the resourcefulness and dedication of my office who has striven to deliver the keep the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan on track as best they can.

As Panel members will be aware, I have been developing and evolving the reporting of the progress we have been making towards the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan. I have striven to ensure the panel has access to all the information it needs to undertake its role to hold me to account for the performance of the both Northamptonshire Police and the Fire and Rescue Service. This is something that I feel has helped us to establish and maintain a strong, positive and pragmatic relationship that adds real benefit to the county. I will continue to provide a detailed update on the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan at future Panel meetings which will feed into the next annual report.

In addition to this, it is my intention to ensure that Panel members continue to receive a full briefing from both the Chief Constable and the Chief Fire Officer on the performance of their respective services and the challenges they face. This will help members gain a deeper knowledge of the work they undertake and will help to inform future debates and questions during panel meetings.

Finally, I would like to put on record my gratitude to members both past and present of Northamptonshire's Police, Fire and Crime Panel who have been supportive and understanding of the work we have been undertaken during a challenging and difficult year.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Mold
Northamptonshire Police & Fire Commissioner

C.C. James Edmunds