



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

Following the publication of your response to the Fire & Rescue Statement for 2020/21, I am pleased to respond to the Panel in accordance with section 6 in accordance with the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 Section 12 Paragraph 4(a).

As I noted during the meeting, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) have recognised the improvements to performance and oversight that we have been able to deliver which represents tangible progress towards my overarching aim to deliver an effective, sustainable Fire & Rescue service. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, a great deal of work has been delivered and as the lockdown restrictions begin to ease, I know we will be a much better position to deliver more preventative work within our communities such as home fire safety checks.

I would like to thank the Panel for their support and oversight over the last twelve months and I am confident that with the extra funding in the front line and the 30 extra firefighters we have been able to recruit, we will be in a strong position to continue the improvements we have been able to deliver.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Mold  
Northamptonshire Police & Fire Commissioner

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