

Northamptonshire Police, Fire & Crime Panel – Outline Work Programme 2021/22

MEETING DATE	STATUTORY BUSINESS	DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS	BUSINESS RELATING TO PANEL OPERATION	OTHER BUSINESS
3 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PFCC’s proposed Police precept and budget for 2022/23 - PFCC’s proposed Fire & Rescue precept and budget for 2022/23 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work programme - 2022/23 meeting dates 	
17 February 2022 (Reserve meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PFCC’s revised Police precept and budget for 2022/23 [if required] and/or - PFCC’s revised Fire & Rescue precept and budget for 2022/23 [if required] 			
14 April 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PFCC’s Delivery updates - PFCC’s Budget updates - Priorities in the county with regard to managing fire safety risks in residential properties, including risks associated with houses in multiple occupation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work programme - Complaints and conduct matters update 	

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Meeting #1 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PFCC's Annual Report on Policing for 2021/22 - PFCC's Fire & Rescue Statement for 2021/22 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appointment of Panel Chair and Deputy Chair - Work programme - Appointment of Complaints Sub Committee members 	
Meeting #2 2022/23		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PFCC's Delivery updates - PFCC's Budget updates - Joint Independent Audit Committee Annual Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work programme - Complaints and conduct matters update 	
Meeting #3 2022/23		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PFCC's Delivery updates - PFCC's Budget updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work programme 	

Additional work programme topics to be scheduled

1. The Panel has requested to receive a report on action being taken in Northamptonshire to respond to the outcomes of the Kerslake Report and the Public Inquiry into the Manchester Arena terror attack.
2. The Panel has identified the involvement of children and young people in crime and anti-social behaviour in Northamptonshire as a potential topic for scrutiny as part of its future work programme, subject to further consideration of the practicalities involved.

Task-and-finish work

1. A workshop session open to all Panel members on the 2021/22 Police and Fire & Rescue budget positions.

This session was held on 30th November 2021.

2. A workshop session open to all Panel members in January 2022 on the development of the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (PFCC)'s proposed precepts, to include separate sections on Police and Fire & Rescue.

This session was held on 19th January 2022.

Briefings / Training

1. Two briefing sessions open to all Panel members with the Chief Constable and the Chief Fire Officer on their respective service's priorities and challenges, to take place in venues appropriate to the subject matter.
2. A visit to Darby House for all Panel members.

These sessions were due to be held on 22nd November 2021 but had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances affecting availability. A new date for the sessions needs to be identified.

Background Information

(A) Statutory Business

PFCC's Annual Report and Fire & Rescue Statement – The PFCC is required to produce an Annual Report on the exercise of the PFCC's police and crime functions during the previous financial year and the progress made in meeting objectives set out in the PFCC's Police & Crime Plan. The PFCC is also required to publish an annual statement of assurance of compliance with the priorities set out in the Fire & Rescue National Framework for England. The Panel must review and report on both the Annual Report and Fire & Rescue Statement as soon as practicable after they are received.

PFCC's proposed Police and Fire & Rescue precepts – The PFCC's proposed precepts must be reviewed and reported on by the Panel before they can be issued. The Panel has the power to veto a proposed precept, in which case the PFCC is required to produce a revised proposal that must also be reviewed by the Panel at the reserve meeting included in the outline work programme (if the Panel does not veto either of the proposed precepts the reserve meeting will not be held). The steps involved in this process must take place by specific deadlines set in legislation.

PFCC's Police & Crime Plan and Fire & Rescue Plan – The PFCC is required to issue a Police & Crime Plan setting out his police and crime objectives and associated matters during the financial year following an election. The PFCC is also required to issue a Fire & Rescue Plan setting out strategic priorities and objectives 'shortly after the PFCC takes office'. In both cases, proposed plans must be reviewed and reported on by the Panel. These matters are currently listed provisionally in the work programme to reflect that the timing may vary.

(B) Discretionary Business

PFCC's Delivery Updates – These are two regular reports setting out actions by the PFCC supporting progress towards the delivery of the strategic outcomes set out in his Police & Crime Plan and in his Fire & Rescue Plan. The Delivery Updates also include contextual information about Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service performance.

PFCC's Budget Updates – These are two regular reports setting out the latest in-year position for the budgets for policing and the Office of the PFCC and for the budget for the Northamptonshire Commissioner Fire & Rescue Authority.