

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter:	Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Fire Governance Consultation
Meeting/Date:	Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Communities and Environment) – 13th July 2017 Cabinet – 20th July 2017
Executive Portfolio:	Executive Councillor for Community Resilience and Wellbeing, Councillor Angie Dickinson
Report by:	Head of Community
Wards affected:	All

Executive Summary:

The Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner is consulting on the proposal to change the governance of the fire and rescue service in Cambridgeshire. This follows Government legislation to promote greater joint working between emergency service organisations.

Four options have been evaluated and the resulting report (The Business Case) recommends the Governance option. This option proposes that the Police and Crime Commissioner becomes the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and has overall responsibility for the governance of both Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Members can follow the link (see below) to gain access to the consultation and documents.

<http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/fire-governance-consultation/>

On the consultation webpage are listed the following documents:

- Two Page Summary
- Executive Summary
- Full Business Case
- A link to the survey

List of appendices included:

- Appendix 1 – Consultation on Fire Governance, Background Information
- Appendix 2 – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority's Response

Overview and Scrutiny Comments:

- The Panel invites the Cabinet to make an official response on behalf of the Council.
- The Panel invites Cabinet to review all the documents and perhaps invite both the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chairman of the Fire Authority to attend the Cabinet when the item is discussed before formulating a response.
- The Panel recommends that whilst the Cabinet is to formulate a Council response, individual Members should be allowed to formulate their own

responses to the consultation.

Recommendation:

The Cabinet is invited to scrutinise the proposal and consider whether a Council response to the consultation is appropriate.

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