



Public Consultation on Fire and Rescue Service and Police Collaboration

Summary

The Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire is looking for an agency to deliver a representative survey public consultation to gauge interest and support for increased collaboration between North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and North Yorkshire Police, and general features of that collaboration. We are looking for a company that can provide a quality survey and analysis report in a short timeframe.

Tender Timetable

Tender circulation date	Wednesday 3 rd August
Contact period	3 rd -9 th August
Tender closing date	13:00, Wednesday 10 th August
Preferred supplier identified	Friday 12 th August
Information Meeting	Monday 15 th August
Contract start	Tuesday 16 th August
Report submission date	13:00, Friday 26 th August

Background

The Policing and Crime Bill that is currently progressing through Parliament will provide a legal duty for emergency services to collaborate. It also provides the opportunity for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) to replace Fire Authorities and take responsibility for Fire and Rescue Services in their area.

Given this mandate, Julia Mulligan, PCC for North Yorkshire, is considering the possibility of enhanced collaboration with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, which she set as a priority in her 2016 manifesto. Various options are available for Fire and Rescue Services to align either with Police forces under the PCC, or with neighbouring Fire and Rescue Services.

Purpose

Two alignment options exist in North Yorkshire – between North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) and North Yorkshire Police (NYP), or between NYFRS and Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS). A public consultation will be held to understand the public's views on how they would like to see their emergency services align, and where they would like them to be based. It should also establish interest in, and support for, general features of what the aligned service could provide.

In Scope

1. A representative sample survey of at least 1000 North Yorkshire residents covering all districts and demographics. The survey could consider, but should not be limited to:
 - Do the public favour fire/police collaboration within North Yorkshire, or fire/fire collaboration between NYFRS and HFRS?
 - Do the public support NYFRS and NYP sharing buildings and back office functions and possible associated savings?
 - Protection of frontline staff and services through combined frontline support functions.

The successful bid will meet with the PCC to understand the situation better.

2. A script based on this information that meets the PCC's requirements, in liason with the OPCC.
3. Analysis of the results highlighting variations and significant findings as appropriate.

Out Scope

1. Specific collaboration features. The survey should not seek opinions as to what collaboration will actually look like, but field opinion as to public interest and support for general features of police and fire service collaboration.

Expected Activities

- Recommendation of parameters of analysis after discussions with PCC and others as agreed.
- Development of question areas in discussion with the OPCC.
- Script preparation.
- Representative survey of at least 1000 North Yorkshire Residents covering all districts and demographics.
- Analysis of results highlighting variations and significant findings as appropriate.

Deliverables

- Datasheet of survey responses.
- Report of analysis of responses.

Deliverables will become the property of the NYOPCC on delivery.

Final submission of all deliverables will be **13:00, Friday 26th August**.

Instruction for Proposals

Proposals should include the following information:

- A brief indication of your suitability for conducting this research – please include 2 relevant, brief examples of previous work of a similar nature.
- An outline of your approach, methodology and initial recommendations about the parameters of the analysis and sample size.
- A description of the dataset you would provide.
- A description of the analysis you would deliver.
- A full financial quotation, with options for variations in sample size and other relevant aspects.

We expect quotations to be in the region of £2500 - £4500.

Selection Process

The closing date for proposals is **13:00, Wednesday 10th August**. Proposals will be considered and the contract will be awarded by Friday 12th August.

Selection will be based upon:

- Value for money – 40% weighting.
- Credible and appropriate methodology for the desired product detailed above – 20%.
- Ability to deliver the deliverables within the stated timescale – 20%.
- Your experience of this type of work – 20%.

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