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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Office of the Northants Police and Crime Commissioner has recently launched a public consultation regarding proposals for the governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service to transfer from the Fire Authority which currently sits in Northamptonshire County Council, to the Police and Crime Commissioner, who would therefore become the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. There is a short animated film and leaflet to explain the proposal - both can be viewed by visiting www.northantsfireproposals.co.uk

Stephen Mold, Northants Police and Crime Commissioner said: "Northamptonshire has led the way in demonstrating how emergency service collaboration can help to increase efficiency and effectiveness, and I'm determined that we build on this work to continue to create a safer county.

"Bringing the Police and the Fire and Rescue Service under a single governance model will save significant amounts of public money which we will reinvest into increasing frontline services.

"We will increase funding into the frontline by sharing premises and combining administrative functions and also potentially increasing the amount we ask the public to pay by only 3 pence per week.

"The new governance proposal will enable us to make quicker strategic decisions and increase our preventative work across both police and fire areas while giving the public a level of transparency when it comes to spending by the Fire and Rescue Service that hasn't been available under the previous governance model.

"Having reviewed the business case for this proposal, I'm confident that a change in governance is in the best interests of everyone in Northamptonshire. However, we want to hear from as many people as possible in the county around their views and concerns, to ensure they are accurately represented as we move forward"

The Commissioner is really keen to hear your views and those of your family and friends on this proposal. To find out more and complete the online survey please visit www.northantsfireproposals.co.uk. The consultation will run until Tuesday 1st August 2017 and is open to all residents of the county. A postal survey or if you require it in easy read please is available by contacting 01604 888113

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