


# Appendix D

## Chronology (Other) – Norfolk County Council




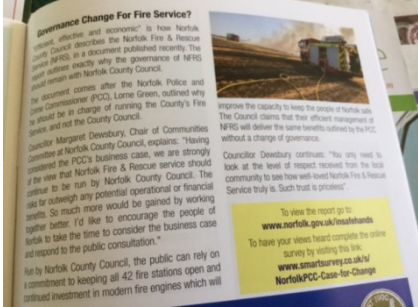


A summary of consultation activity by Norfolk County Council:

Pre-consultation:		
<p>17.01.18</p>	<p>Norfolk County Council's Community Committee meeting proposing that the NCC should retain governance of Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and that the PCC should not proceed to full business case. The communities committee also voted unanimously that they would not back options 3 or 4 detailed in the options appraisal report.</p>	<p>2 Urgent business</p> <p>2.1 The Committee agreed to consider the following item as urgent business so the Police &amp; Crime Panel would have a clear view of Norfolk County Council's position when it met at its Extraordinary meeting on Monday 22 January 2018.</p> <p>2.2 The Local Business Case Update on Police and Fire Collaboration</p> <p>2.2.1 The Committee received and considered the Independent Review of Options for the Future of Police and Fire and Rescue Service Governance in Norfolk, produced by Grant Thornton and Commissioned by the Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Norfolk.</p> <p>2.2.2 The Committee considered that the report appeared slightly biased in favour of transferring governance to the PCC; that the report failed to demonstrate that such a move would provide value for money; and Members questioned whether the money spent on commissioning the report could have been spent more effectively within the Fire Service itself. Members also felt there were other ways collaborative working could be promoted.</p> <p>2.2.3 The Committee was of the view that Norfolk already had an excellent Fire and Rescue Service, being one of the most efficient in the country and felt that there was insufficient evidence within the report for changing the current arrangements</p> <hr/> <p>2.2.4 The Committee considered that Option 1 of the report (Voluntary Collaboration – Continue with the Fire and Rescue Authority as part of the County Council and continue to try to drive additional benefits from voluntary collaboration) was the option they wished to support, as there was already a lot of voluntary collaborative working between the emergency services.</p> <p>2.2.5 Mr D Roper proposed, seconded by Mr H Humphrey that:</p> <p>2.2.5 Mr D Roper proposed, seconded by Mr H Humphrey that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norfolk County Council should retain governance of the Fire and Rescue Service, while continuing to support and promote appropriate collaboration between emergency services and that Option 1 was the Council's preferred way forward.</li> <li>The PCC should not progress to a full Business Case and public consultation, due to the marginal nature of the Outline Business case and the associated costs, which could be more effectively used for front-line services.</li> <li>It would not support Options 3 or 4 in any way.</li> </ul> <p>Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously CARRIED.</p> <p><a href="http://norfolkcc.cmis.uk.com/NorfolkKCC/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=FONGsnVbi2B46he2qMkyX6PPwEKuEUIM8pdGJnpNZnryzKMV1FGkDA%3d%3d&amp;rUzwrPf%2bZ3zd4E7Ikn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNih225F5QMaQWctPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&amp;mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnl%3d%3d=hFfiUdN3100%3d%3d&amp;kCx1AnS9%2fpWZO40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFfiUdN3100%3d%3d&amp;uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAjvYtA%3d%3d=ctNjFf55vVA%3d&amp;FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoB5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&amp;d9Qj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJf55vVA%3d&amp;WGewmoAfeNR9xqBuxOr1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNjFf55vVA%3d&amp;WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJf55vVA%3d">http://norfolkcc.cmis.uk.com/NorfolkKCC/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=FONGsnVbi2B46he2qMkyX6PPwEKuEUIM8pdGJnpNZnryzKMV1FGkDA%3d%3d&amp;rUzwrPf%2bZ3zd4E7Ikn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNih225F5QMaQWctPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&amp;mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnl%3d%3d=hFfiUdN3100%3d%3d&amp;kCx1AnS9%2fpWZO40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFfiUdN3100%3d%3d&amp;uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAjvYtA%3d%3d=ctNjFf55vVA%3d&amp;FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoB5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&amp;d9Qj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJf55vVA%3d&amp;WGewmoAfeNR9xqBuxOr1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNjFf55vVA%3d&amp;WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJf55vVA%3d</a></p>
<p>31.05.18</p>	<p>Norfolk County Council appointed a new Interim Head of Communications with aim to “explain the work of the Fire and Rescue Service”</p>	<p>Norfolk County Council appoints new comms chief</p> <p><small>News by Norfolk County Council</small></p> <p>Clive Povey, a veteran public sector comms consultant with a background in health and local government, has been appointed interim head of comms at Norfolk County Council.</p> <p><a href="#">Twitter</a> <a href="#">Facebook</a> <a href="#">LinkedIn</a></p>  <p>Senior Account Executive - Corporate Communications - Global clients Capgemini Hill South London (Contract) London (Contract)</p> <p>Account Manager - consultancy, intelligence, corporate comms and strategic media relations Public Central London</p> <p>Senior PR Manager Prospect Recruiting Ltd Reading, Berkshire</p> <p>Two new roles up for grabs at a leading travel agency - HR &amp; HRD Prospect Recruiting UK London</p> <p>Senior Account Executive/Account Manager - Projects JFL Search &amp; Selection London (Contract), London (Contract)</p> <p><a href="#">MORE JOBS</a></p> <p>Label Article</p>


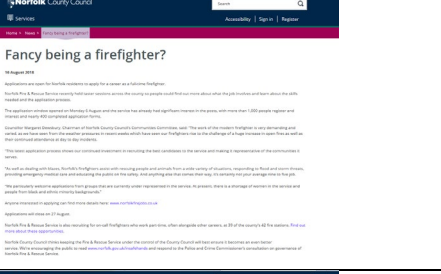
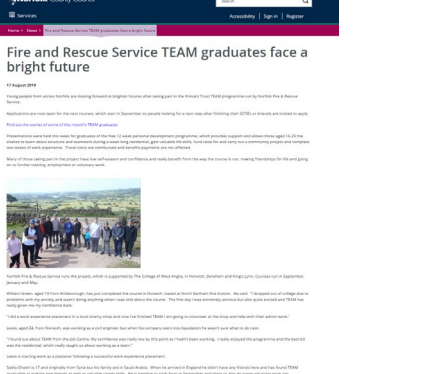
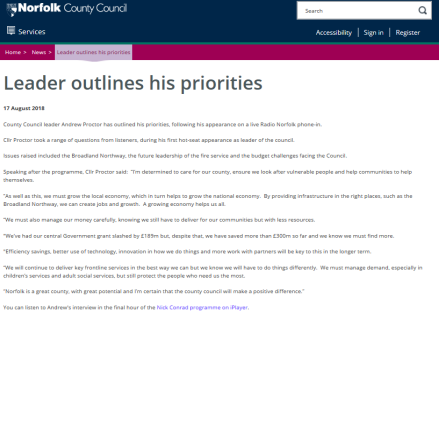


<p><b>17.07.18</b></p>	<p>NCC press release sent out RE latest batch of firefighters starting their training at NFRS</p>	
<p><b>18.07.18</b></p>	<p>Lynn News: Fire service 'is safe with us', Norfolk County Council insists</p> <p>Also in EDP</p>	
<p><b>19.07.18</b></p>	<p>KLFM online coverage of Norfolk County Council publishing its report "Norfolk Fire and Rescue is efficient, effective and economical":</p>	



		
<p>03.08.18</p>	<p>Article in About Thetford local magazine taking readers to Norfolk County Council's business case and then direct to official survey. No reference made to where readers can find the PCC's 'A Case for Change' business case – appears to have been taken directly from NCC press release issued in July.</p>	
<p>03.08.18</p>	<p>EMBARGOED press release issued by NCC stating applications open for new full-time firefighters. Links to NCC business case not 'A Case for Change' business case – but straight to OPCCN survey</p>	
<p>06.08.18</p>	<p>EDP article Fancy a 999 career? Apply for a full-time role as a firefighter – 'The service is currently the subject of a consultation as to whether it should be taken under police and crime commissioner control. Consultation details can be found at (links straight to Smartsurvey)'</p>	



<p>08.08.18</p>	<p>EDP ad for new firefighters pages 46/47:</p>	
<p>16.8.18</p>	<p>Norfolk County Council press release RE fire service applications:</p>	
<p>17.08.18</p>	<p>County Council press release publicising NFRS graduates</p>	
<p>17.08.18</p>	<p>County Council press release highlighting leader Andrew Proctor's priorities on back of Radio Norfolk interview including future leadership of the fire service</p>	

29.08.18

Twitter feed during extraordinary communities committee meeting

**Norfolk County Council** 18.9K Tweets

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**Norfolk County Council** · 2h  
Following a public question about protecting support staff, it's now time for a presentation about the work of [@Norfolkfire](#) and the PCC's business case for a change of governance [#KeepInSafeHands](#)

**Norfolk County Council** · 2h  
Today's extra meeting of Norfolk County Council's Communities Committee is about to start. It's been called specially to discuss the PCC's bid to manage [@Norfolkfire](#). We'll be tweeting live [#KeepInSafeHands](#)


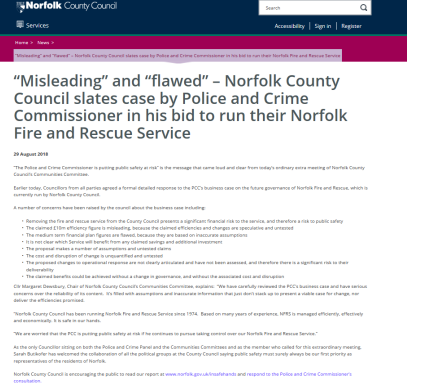
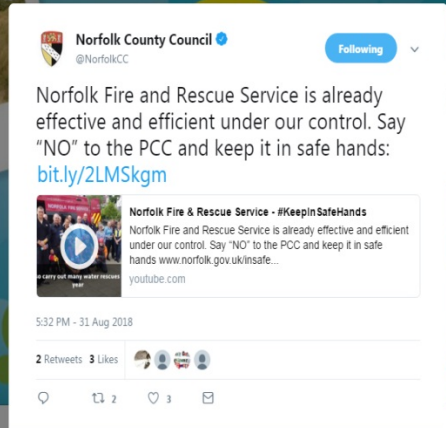
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**Norfolk County Council** · 1h  
The discussion is heating up. Members of Communities Committee seem committed to keeping [@Norfolkfire](#) under Norfolk County Council's control. Read our response to the PCC's Business Case [norfolk.gov.uk/insafehands](http://norfolk.gov.uk/insafehands)

**Norfolk County Council** · 2h  
Lots of comments from Norfolk County Council councillors, including Cllr Long who isn't convinced that the PCC's business case demonstrates enough financial savings to justify the expenditure of the change [#KeepInSafeHands](#)



		<p>Hello, Norfolk County Council here. We tweet about things that are important to people who live and work in Norfolk. Monitored 9am-5pm weekdays (not bank hols).</p> <p>Norfolk, UK <a href="http://norfolk.gov.uk">norfolk.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Joined March 2009</p> <p>2,178 Following 47.2K Followers</p> <p>Tweets Tweets &amp; replies Media Like!</p> <p><b>Norfolk County Council</b> · 1h   We're wrapping up today's extra meeting of Communities Committee. And there's overwhelming support to progress with a Norfolk County Council response to the PCC's consultation <a href="#">#KeepInSafeHands</a></p>
29.08.18	Norfolk County Council press release	 <p><b>"Misleading" and "flawed" – Norfolk County Council slates case by Police and Crime Commissioner in his bid to run their Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service</b></p> <p>29 August 2018</p> <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner is putting public safety at risk in the message that some have read and share from today's ordinary press meeting of Norfolk County Council's Communities Committee.</p> <p>Earlier today, Councillors from all parties agreed a formal detailed response to the PCC's business case on the future governance of Norfolk Fire and Rescue, which is currently under Norfolk County Council's control.</p> <p>A number of concerns have been raised by the council about the business case including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removing the fire and rescue service from the County Council presents a significant financial risk to the service, and therefore a risk to public safety.</li> <li>The limited fire efficiency figures in the business case are based on assumptions and changes that are unrealistic and unproven.</li> <li>The medium term financial plan figures are flawed because they are based on unrealistic assumptions.</li> <li>The business case does not take into account the need for additional investment.</li> <li>The proposal makes a number of assumptions and predictions.</li> <li>The cost of the proposed changes is significantly higher than the current cost of the service.</li> <li>The proposed changes to the service would be a significant risk to the safety of the community.</li> <li>The proposed changes could be achieved without a change in governance, and without the associated cost and disruption.</li> </ul> <p>Elis Wragg, Deputy Chair of Norfolk County Council's Communities Committee, explains: "We have carefully reviewed the PCC's business case and have serious concerns about the viability of the proposals. We have asked assumptions and evidence information that you can look up to prevent a viable case for change, not about the efficiency proposals."</p> <p>"We are worried that the PCC is putting public safety at risk. It is essential to pursue taking control over our Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service."</p> <p>As the only councillor sitting on both the Police and Crime Panel and the Communities Committee and as the member who called for this extraordinary meeting, Sarah Burtcher has requested the independence of all political groups at the County Council to ensure public safety must always remain the top priority and representative of the residents of Norfolk.</p> <p>Norfolk County Council is encouraging the public to read our report at <a href="http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/keepinsafehands">www.norfolk.gov.uk/keepinsafehands</a> and <a href="http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/keepinsafehands">report to the Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation</a>.</p>
31.08.18	Tweet from NCC	 <p><b>Norfolk County Council</b> <a href="#">@NorfolkCC</a> Following</p> <p>Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service is already effective and efficient under our control. Say "NO" to the PCC and keep it in safe hands: <a href="http://bit.ly/2LMSkgn">bit.ly/2LMSkgn</a></p> <p><b>Norfolk Fire &amp; Rescue Service - #KeepInSafeHands</b>    Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service is already effective and efficient under our control. Say "NO" to the PCC and keep it in safe hands <a href="http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/insafe...">www.norfolk.gov.uk/insafe...</a>    youtube.com</p> <p>5:32 PM - 31 Aug 2018</p> <p>2 Retweets 3 Likes</p>

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Norfolk County Council press release

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**16 September 2018**

The work of Norfolk's blue light services will be celebrated this weekend as the county marks the first Emergency Services Day on Sunday.

Announced by Prime Minister Theresa May last week, the national day will be held annually and pay tribute to those who work tirelessly in our 999 services.

It began as a day to represent the sixth hour of the sixth day of the sixth month and will be used to promote efficiency in the emergency services, to educate the public about using the emergency services responsibly and to promote volunteering opportunities across the emergency services.

Norfolk County Council will be promoting the work of Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service on its social media accounts throughout the day. This includes its volunteering opportunities, community safety work and how it works in partnership with other blue light services.

Norfolk Constabulary and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust will also be taking to social media to post about their work.

Other people vital to the firefighters, paramedics and police officers when they think of 999 services, however, the huge network of other staff behind the scenes all play a vital role in keeping our communities safe.

In the case of Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service, this includes the call handlers in the control room, the business support, HR and admin staff, community and fire safety teams, youth cadets and volunteers to name a few.

Councillor Margaret Dowdsley, Chairman of Norfolk County Council's Communities Committee, said: "We are very lucky to have such excellent emergency services in Norfolk and that they work in collaboration with each other and with us to protect our communities.

"Our Fire & Rescue Service works collaboratively with the other emergency services at every opportunity. As well as day to day working, this also includes sharing resources such as the combined base at Wymonham between police and fire, shared stations and the basing of ambulance staff at fire stations to enable quicker responses.

"We owe such a lot to our emergency services, both on the frontline and all the work that goes on behind the scenes."

Fire stations including Sandringham, Aylsham, Great Yarmouth, Cawston (Norwich) and Speringham have ambulances based there. Downham Market is home to a new combined police base and fire station. King's Lynn, North, Wymonham and Hethersett fire stations are often used by police for training purposes.

Robert Morris, Chief Executive at E2ACT, said: "Emergency Services Day is a great opportunity to mark how our blue light services work together to deliver the best service for the people and communities of Norfolk.

"You only call us when you're in a really desperate situation and it is our effective teamwork, dedicated staff and desire to do the best we can that means when our emergency services come together, we save lives and keep our communities safe."

"Innovation and partnership working has led the way in Norfolk between our emergency services as we share facilities, train together and share knowledge, and we look forward to this continuing over the years to come."

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