

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT
CABINET PANEL**

TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2017 AT 2.00PM

Agenda Item No.

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**THE POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF GOVERNANCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL TO THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER.**

Report of the Director of Community Protection & Chief Fire Officer

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To inform members that further to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire's wish to bring Hertfordshire's police and fire services under the same governance, the Local Business Case entitled 'Hertfordshire Police and Fire Governance Options' supporting the proposal has been published for public consultation.

2. Summary

- 2.1. A full public consultation into the governance proposals began on 19 June 2017 and runs for eight weeks until the 14 August 2017.
- 2.2. The link to the Local Business Case is found at:

<http://www.hertscommissioner.org/fire>

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. The Panel is invited to view the proposals contained in the Local Business Case by way of the attached link detailed in 2.2 of this report.

4. Background

- 4.1. Officers are currently undertaking analysis of the Local Business Case to enable members to provide a formal consultation response.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. Not known at present.

6. Equalities

- 6.1 When considering proposals placed before Members it is important that they are fully aware of, and have themselves rigorously considered the equalities implications of the decision that they are taking.
- 6.2 Rigorous consideration will ensure that proper appreciation of any potential impact of that decision on the County Council's statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a minimum this requires decision makers to read and carefully consider the content of any Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) produced by officers.
- 6.3 The Equality Act 2010 requires the Council when exercising its functions to have due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.4 The Equalities Implications are not known at present.