

Police and Fire Collaboration Governance Arrangements

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- This document stems from the parent document: *Durham Constabulary and County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service Statement of Intent: Enhanced Collaboration*
- These Governance arrangements are designed to be light touch and to enable good, prompt, well-advised decision-making to occur.
- The parties will establish a **Joint Strategy Group (JSG)**. The JSG will consist of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chair of the County Durham and Darlington Combined Fire and Rescue Authority, the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer. The JSG will set strategic direction and priorities and take key decisions on entering into collaborative initiatives.
- The JSG will appoint a **Delivery Group** to manage and oversee all activities undertaken in support of the Statement of Intent.
- The Delivery Group will consist of the OPCC Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, the Police Joint Chief Finance Officer and the Treasurer of the Fire and Rescue Service.
 - It will meet to review progress in the achievement of the collaborative aims agreed by the JSG and agree recommendations to put to JSG.
 - It will be responsible for reporting progress in accordance with governance criteria set by the JSG, the management of issues/risks, and responding to strategic direction provided from JSG, including reporting on key controls:
 - activities completed, outstanding and planned;
 - issues/risks;
 - post-implementation review.
- The Delivery Group can appoint Working Groups to advise it and carry out specific pieces of work as necessary
- The Police and Crime Commissioner will provide reports to the Police and Crime Panel. The Chair of the Combined Fire and Rescue Authority will provide reports to the Combined Fire and Rescue Authority.

Summary of Police / Fire Collaboration Governance Arrangements

Police and Crime Panel

Combined Fire and Rescue Authority

