



TO: Business Co-ordination Board
FROM: Chief Finance Officer
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REALISING THE OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE POLICING AND CRIME BILL

1. Purpose

1.1 This purpose of this report is to update the Business Co-Ordination Board (“BCB”) on the proposed working arrangements between the Police and Crime Commissioner (Commissioner), the Fire Authority and East of England Ambulance Service.

2. Recommendation

2.1 In recognition of the impending enactment of the Policing and Crime Bill, the Board is asked to recommend that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire Authority working with and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) and should seek to initiate joint work to develop business cases to determine:

- the most appropriate future governance model for police and fire; and
- the best use of the blue light estate in Huntingdon.

3. Introduction

3.1 The Policing and Crime Bill (the Bill) which is making its way through Parliament promotes closer working between Police and Fire.

3.2 Cambridgeshire’s draft Police and Crime Plan sets out the desire to work with Cambridgeshire Fire Authority to explore the best way for Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service to work together to take forward the opportunities from this Bill.

3.3 The Fire Authority has identified the urgent need to rationalise the fire estate within Huntingdon to improve training facilities and ensure operational resilience.

4. Policing and Crime Bill

- 4.1 The Bill is making good progress through Parliament and there is every expectation that it will gain Royal Assent in accordance with the original timetable, i.e. by January 2017.
- 4.2 Once enacted, the Bill enables the introduction of new governance processes spanning police and fire, which provides for many future options. The Bill also requires the police, fire and rescue, and ambulance services to collaborate with one another, where it would be in the interests of their efficiency or effectiveness to do so, thus placing new duties on each of the organisations on how they should make decisions, including those relating to estates.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 In recognition of the impending enactment of the Policing and Crime Bill it is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire Authority working with and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust, (EEAST) should seek to initiate joint work to develop business cases to determine:
- the most appropriate future governance model for police and fire; and
 - the best use of the blue light estate in Huntingdon.

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