

*{The following elements were noted from a brief reading of the Local Business Case for Joint Governance of Police and Fire & Rescue in Essex: For those without time to read the full 68 page Local Business Case, they are aspects that may be more significant. At the end is a short glossary of the initials used.}
{The reviewer's notes are shown in parenthesis.}*

Page 18: An expansion of Parish Safety Volunteers and integrated volunteer management

There will be a step change in Parish Safety Volunteer scheme to recruit more volunteers and expand their role to provide integrated Home Safety Visits and the provision of fire safety and crime prevention advice to the public. There will be increasingly integrated recruitment, management, coordination and training of Police Community Speed Watch volunteers.

An Integrated Multi-Agency Prevention Programme: Essex Risk Intervention Service (ERIS)

Development of a robust business case and benefit realisation schedule for a single multi-agency service providing holistic risk reduction advice regarding fire, falls, crime and general deterioration in health. This will be a commissioned service for those identified as being most at risk in the community. The project will support the development and delivery of a business case, negotiation with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and an early pilot delivery by April 2017 in one CCG. A full evaluation strategy will be developed working with Anglia Ruskin University.

{Note: deterioration = "wearing away by friction"}

Page 27 Lucas review and Knight review {see glossary below}

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Our engagement with stakeholders from Essex Fire Authority, the Police and Crime Panel, EP and ECFRS has not raised any initial objection in principle to this option. The potential governance options set out in the Bill were raised at an Essex Fire Authority meeting on 17 February 2016 when the previous PCC (Nick Alston) attended.

{Note: Not clear how knowledge from the FRA has been captured for use by the PCC.}

Page 39 *{Note: there are four options on the evaluation table, the Consultation Questions cover three options. The Do Nothing option is assessed as detrimental to Effectiveness of Police and/or Fire Services}*

Page 50 Impact Assessment

Our initial view is that the proposed governance changes will not affect any particular group or sector of the community differentially. The intention is to increase the level of public visibility and accountability in the governance of the Fire and Rescue Service through the new governance arrangements including the revised operation of the PCP and the forms of public accountability that are associated with the OPCC.

However, we will test this point through the public consultation and use this feedback as evidence to input to an EIA as part of the updated LBC that will be submitted to the Home Office for final approval.

It will be for the PCC and SGB to consider whether this EIA should be carried out at the level of the wider collaboration programme, to assess the impact of the full set of collaboration initiatives on staff and members of the public.

{Note: it is not clear how the impact will be tested through the consultation, as there is no specific question on public accountability.}

{Note: The key Financial Savings assumptions are based on the following:}

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Control room collaboration between ECFRS and EP (and regionally) could deliver an estimated saving within Essex of £1,000,000 *{annually}* from 2020/21. This relies on planning for this being incorporated within the work EP is already carrying out to consider future options for their contact management model.

Estates - new police HQ at Kelvedon Park - savings £6,600,000 *{Capital}*

EP already has plans in place to build a new headquarters site.

The main HQ functions and control room could be built at Kelvedon Park (Fire HQ site). This will reduce the capital expenditure (e.g. by reducing the amount of land needed to be purchased). The saving is estimated as 20% of the forecast cost of £33,000,000.

We estimate that this saving would be realised in 2017/18.

The asset value of the OPCC's current site (Hoffman's Way) is £1,500,000 We assume that the property could be sold for this in 2017/18. £1,500,000 one off cashable benefit

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Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)

Essex Police (EP)

Essex Fire Authority (EFA)

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS)

Local Business Case (LBC)

Police and Crime Panel (PCP).

Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA)

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

Strategic Governance Board (SGB) consisting of the PCC, EFA chair and chiefs of fire, police and ambulance. This is supported by an Emergency Services Collaboration Programme Board (ESCPB).

Knight review(s) Sir Ken Knight 'Facing the future: findings from the review of efficiencies and operations in fire and rescue authorities in England', published May 2013, and a recent review on progress.

Lucas review: Irene Lucas review (September 2015)