

Q1. Do you agree with the proposed amendments to the combination schemes of Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) established or continued in existence under sections 2 and 4 of the 2004 Fire and Rescue Services Act as stated in the proposal above to implement the 'representation model' of the 2017 Act?'

Yes

Q2. If you disagree with proposal at Q1, please give your reasons:

N/a

Q3. Please state below if you have any other comments:

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority would suggest that, when a Fire and Rescue Authority decide to approve a request from a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to sit on the authority and vote, that the decision is subject to review periodically. The Adrian Thomas Review recommended that Fire and Rescue Authorities should keep the number and level of commitment of fire authority elected members under review. This should also apply when a PCC forms part of that authority. We would also suggest that where a PCC delegates their attendance on an authority to an officer that this may give an indication of their level of commitment to the role.