

## An idea to change the way the Fire Service is looked after in Cambridgeshire

	There is a new idea about the way the Fire Service is looked after.
	Jason Ablewhite is your Police and Crime Commissioner and he wants to know what you think.
	At the moment, the Fire Service in Cambridgeshire is looked after by the Fire Authority.  The Fire Authority is a group of 17 people.
	The government says the emergency services need to work more closely together.



An expert company has looked at different ideas on how the Fire Service could be managed to make it work better with the police.



The ideas the expert company looked at are:

- 1. Keep things the way they are
- 2. Invite the Police Commissioner to join the Fire Authority to make decisions
- 3. The Police Commissioner looks after the Fire Service instead of the Fire Authority
- 4. The Police Commissioner would look after both the Fire Service and the Police. He would have a Chief Officer who would then be in charge of both the Police and Fire Service.



The expert company thinks the best idea is no. 3: that the Police Commissioner could look after the Fire Service instead of the Fire Authority.

This would make it easier for Fire and Police to work more closely together and help people. Decisions could also be made more quickly.

It would also help save money.



Police and Fire Officers already work really well together in Cambridgeshire and this work would continue.

Both organisations would keep their separate uniforms and carry on doing their own jobs.



The new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner would look after both the police force and the fire and rescue service.



We want to know if you agree with this idea. Click on the button to tell us whether you agree or disagree with the idea – it takes 30 seconds to complete.



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The consultation closes on <u>4 September 2017</u>.

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