



# NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

## Outcome of Combined Fire Authority Meeting held 11/02/2009

Following an extensive review, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority have unanimously approved a preferred option for the future of service provision across the City of York .

A comprehensive review of service provision within the City of York is being carried out to consider the current and future needs of the Service and the community, specifically in respect of:

- Protection requirements.
- Prevention requirements.
- Intervention requirements.
- Partnership working opportunities.

Consultation has taken place to give members of the public and businesses across the City of York the chance to look at various options for service provision. In addition, the review has included an analysis of incident trends, risk information, future housing and commercial developments and drawn on specific expertise in relation to building options.

**The approved option is to re-develop the existing fire station at Clifford Street and also build a new fire station to the south east of the city centre.** The current resources at Clifford Street will be split between Clifford Street and Huntington.

This option will require a significant investment as a new fire station will be built in the south east area of the city as part of the overall changes.

Councillor John Fort, Chair of the Authority said: "I am delighted that we have selected this as the approved option as, based on the extensive research that has gone into the review, we feel that emergency cover across the city will be enhanced by building the additional station and that is excellent news for local communities right across the city.

"It will also mean that we will maintain a city centre presence with the redeveloped

*Clifford Street site, which we are aware was a concern in the initial stages of consultation."*

The other option that was considered was to re-develop the existing Clifford Street site to retain the current level of operational resources at the site.

Councillor Fort continued: "After careful consideration, we decided against this

option as redeveloping this site to accommodate all existing appliances would mean that we could not provide all of the other facilities expected of a modern fire station. For instance, we could not provide a suitable training facility on site for our firefighters, which is recognised as a drawback of the existing site.”

“The next step is to carry out even more extensive and detailed work on the logistics of building two new fire stations in Clifford Street and at a new site. I am confident that this is the best way forward to meet the current and future needs of our diverse communities and look forward to the next stages of the review.”