

## **Appendix IV**

The format of the Consultation is that for most questions respondents are asked to indicate if they:

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

There are a small number of questions where respondents are requested to give the reasons for their response or simply answer yes or no.

The section on Governance runs from page 25 to 33 (Questions 29 to 48) of the White Paper.

It is suggested that not all questions in this section should be responded to by the Panel.

Question number	Question	Comments
29	To what extent do you agree / disagree that Government should transfer responsibility for Fire and Rescue Services in England to a single elected individual?	
30	Please provide the reason for your response to question 29.	This question enables the Panel, should it wish, to express a view on the current role of Fire and Rescue Authorities.
31	Where Mayoral Combined Authorities already exist, to what extent do you agree /disagree that the Fire and Rescue functions should be transferred directly to these MCAs for exercise by the Mayor?	Not relevant for Cheshire.
32	To what extent do you agree / disagree that government should transfer responsibility for Fire and Rescue Services in England to Police and Crime Commissioners?	
33	Apart from Combined Authority Mayors and Police and Crime Commissioners, is there anyone else who we could transfer fire governance that aligns with the principles set out above?	The answer to this question is yes or no.
34	If yes (question 33) please explain other options and your reasons for proposing them.	
35	To what extent do you agree or disagree that the legal basis for Fire and Rescue Authorities could be strengthened and clarified?	This question does not appear relevant to the Police and Crime Panel.
36	Please provide the reasons for your response (to question 35).	
37	To what extent do you agree / disagree that boundary changes should be made so that Fire and Rescue Service areas and Police force / combined authorities (where present) are coterminous?	Not relevant to Cheshire.

<b>38</b>	To what extent do you agree / disagree with ring-fencing the operational fire budget within Fire and Rescue Services run by County Councils and unitary authorities?	Not relevant to Cheshire.
<b>39</b>	Please provide the reasons for your response (to Question 38).	Not relevant to Cheshire.
<b>40</b>	Please refer to page 31 of White Paper	The Panel may have a view on this issue which relates to the split of responsibilities between an Executive Leader and Chief Fire Officer.
<b>41</b>	Do you have any other comments to further support your answer (to Question 40)?	
<b>42</b>	Are there any factors we should consider when implementing these proposals?	This question relates to a balanced leadership model outlined on pages 30 to 31 of the White Paper.
<b>43</b>	What factors should we consider when giving Chief Fire Officers operational independence?	
<b>44</b>	What factors should we consider should we make Chief Fire Officers corporations sole?	This concept is outlined on page 32 of the White Paper.
<b>45</b>	To what extent do you agree that the responsibility for strategic and operations planning should be better distinguished?	
<b>46</b>	To what extent do you agree / disagree that the strategic plan should be the responsibility of the Fire and Rescue Authority?	
<b>47</b>	To what extent do you agree / disagree that the operational plan should be the responsibility of the Chief Fire Officer?	
<b>48</b>	Please provide the reasons for your response (Questions 45 to 47).	