



Latest news from Roger Hirst, PFCC - 20 May 2022

PFCC Welcomes Fire Reform White Paper

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners from across the country have welcomed the government's Fire Reform White Paper published this week.

Following the launch of the White Paper, Stephen Mold (Northamptonshire), Ben Adams (Staffordshire) and Roger Hirst (Essex) said:



"Firefighters do a good job and deserve better support in the way this white paper lays out stronger governance and a College of Fire and Rescue to support high standards and improve the implementation of best practice across the country.

"We need professional, democratically accountable fire and rescue services that are connected to the communities they serve. This White Paper is a positive way of professionalising the service, investing in better training, stronger leadership and a clearer focus on saving lives and reducing risk across our communities.

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Supporting homeless people in Colchester during the pandemic

The Beacon House Project has been expanding its services during the pandemic as the need for wraparound care has increased with people now living alone and without the support of their community.



Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner said: "The work that Beacon House has done with vulnerable people has been truly amazing. To be able to provide this level of service in the midst of a pandemic just shows how resilient people are and how committed they are to

helping others. We all have a part to play in building the communities we want to live in and it is a privilege to be able to support Beacon House in such crucial work.”

Find out about how the service has helped 91 people so far, from CEO Steve Brown.

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Coming together to push for equality at the IDAHOBIT Conference

This week Essex’s emergency services came together to raise awareness for LGBTQ+ equality progress as part of an International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia event.



Jane Gardner, Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner hosted the event and said: “This is a great conference and one I am proud to be able to support. We all have the right to bring our true selves to work and it is important that all our emergency services understand and reflect the breadth of people across the communities we serve. This event is an opportunity to build greater understanding, share experiences and show a commitment to support and encourage our LGBTQ+ colleagues.”

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[Talk to your Commissioner](#)

There are a number of online events taking place soon where you can put your questions to Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex. They are listed below and you can find out more details on our Facebook page or via our events section on our website

Tendring PFCC Public Meeting - 14th June 2022 @7pm

Harlow PFCC Public Meeting - 21st June 2022 @ 7pm

Southend PFCC Public Meeting - 11th July 2022 @ 7pm

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