

SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE

9 December 2020

Present – The Chair (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brown, Hull, Jaquin, Moorby, Shuttleworth, Solloway and Sutcliffe.

Officers – Community Safety Officer, Democratic Services Manager and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Also present – County Councillor Les, Chair of the North Yorkshire, Police, Fire and Crime Panel, Diane Parsons, Principal Scrutiny Officer, North Yorkshire County Council, Councillor Foster, Craven District Council representative on the Police, Fire and Crime Panel and Inspector Steve Breen.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 19:57pm

Apologies for Absence –

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brockbank, Mercer and Harbron.

Confirmation of Minutes –

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held 9 September 2020 are approved as a correct record.

Public Participation –

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Declarations of Interest –

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes for Report

OS.455

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

Members were provided with an update on the work of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel. The Principal Scrutiny Officer highlighted key areas of the report, which included the ongoing monitoring of the 101 and 999 service performance, the review of the budget position for NYP and FRS and impact of Covid-19 and the ongoing scrutiny of work to tackle drug crime.

One Member asked what the response was and what tactics were in place to tackle the increased rate of domestic violence. Members were informed that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (Julia Mulligan) had prioritised this area and around £300k had been allocated to improve the service. The Committee noted that since March a small team had responsibility for complaints handling. The most recent report in relation to complaints received by the Panel suggested that demand had far outweighed the forecast, largely due to Covid-19. The Principal Scrutiny Officer made reference to paragraph 9.3 of the report which stated that the team had managed to service recover 87% of all cases. Members were advised that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Elections were likely to go ahead in 2021, possibly to be undertaken by postal vote only.

Resolved – That the update on the work of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel is noted.

OS.456 **Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities**

The Committee welcomed Inspector Steve Breen to his first Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee meeting since his recent appointment as Inspector covering the Craven area. Inspector Breen provided an update on local policing, which included recent crime figures and rural crime. He updated Members on the local police response to Covid-19 and the Covid-19 measures in place to ensure Police staff safety, which included PPE and sanitisation stations in the workplace.

Members were informed about the police response to the mass gathering at Threshfield Quarry on May Bank Holiday and work being undertaken to avoid a similar event occurring next summer. Members noted that during the first lockdown the crime level had dropped 90%, although levels had since returned to normal. Members were also updated on Operation Burn and rural watch progress.

Resolved – That the update on local policing, local crime overview and priorities is noted.

OS.457 **Community Safety Partnership**

The Community Safety Officer presented an update on recent work undertaken by the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and Craven's Community Safety Hub. Members noted that North Yorkshire remained one of the safest places to live in England.

The key points of discussion were:

- Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) – Members noted the seven letters (outlining that the order is in place, and how they were being monitored for breaches) sent to registered vehicles found to be in the PSPO area. One Member expressed concern about the condition of the lighting in Council car parks, particularly the Town Hall car park.
- Road Safety – In relation to road safety and speeding in Long Preston the Community Safety Officer undertook to ensure that this issue was included on the agenda for the upcoming Road Safety meeting.

Members commended the Community Safety Hub for their positive work with volunteers to support the response to Covid-19.

Resolved – That the update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership is noted.

OS.458 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The Democratic Services Manager advised that the Council's Calendar of Meetings for 2021/22 had not yet been agreed. The next meeting of Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee was likely to take place in June / July 2021.

Chairman.