

SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE

23 June 2021

Present – The Chair (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brockbank, Brown, Hull, Jaquin, Mercer, Moorby, Pighills, Shuttleworth, Solloway, and Whitaker.

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

Also present – Inspector Steve Breen.

Start: 6.35pm

Finish: 19:50pm

Apologies for Absence –

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harbron.

Confirmation of Minutes –

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held 9 December 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.459

Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities

Inspector Steve Breen submitted a detailed report which provided an update on the impact of Covid-19 on local policing, antisocial behaviour, personal vulnerability, crime rates and trends, drug crime, road safety and quad/ Land Rover thefts.

Key points of discussion were:

- County Lines – Members were assured that the importation of drug crime from across borders is not as bad as it looks. Members were pleased to be informed of the recent, significant successes.
- Rural burglaries & quad theft – Members were pleased to hear there had been no quad theft in week. Members noted that covert assests had been placed in unannounced locations as well as bait vehicles with tracking devices which had been working well.
- Members noted the additional new sergeants at Skipton Police Station, and Inspector Breen's intention to train them up in rural needs.
- Despite the increase in crime in line with the easing of lockdown restrictions and the increased amount of Members of the public frequenting public spaces, Members were pleased that on the whole the rate of crime was stable.

Inspector Steven Breen addressed Members queries which included resident's concerns relating to HGVs on Jerry Croft and Rectory Lane, average speed cameras, domestic violence (impact of lockdown pressures), virtual crime, the relationship between the road traffic unit at York and local police, cyclists and County Lines in Craven.

Members were assured that there was a full time dedicated team dealing with domestic violence. Members were informed that domestic violence is dealt with robustly, including scrutiny after the event. Inspector Breen emphasised the importance of being ahead of the curve where possible.

Members wished to place on record their tribute to Police during this pandemic along with all other emergency services for being so resilient with the new set of challenges and responsibilities during this time.

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

OS.460

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.

The key points of discussion were:

- Partner agency survey results – had a poor response thus far.
- Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) – Members were updated on the PSPO in place at the Town Hall Car Park. Members were pleased to note there had been no breaches despite the same vehicles frequenting the area. The letters posted out to offending vehicles had seen a significant decrease in breaches.
- Annual Report – Members noted that the Annual Report was now a standing item which will include some useful information about the Hub.

Members thanked the Community Safety Officer for the detailed, eye-opening case studies. The Community Safety Officer informed Members how the Hub deal with incidents. The Hub goes through all the incidents and reaches out to individuals who might need support. The Hub is able to give further assistance where necessary.

Members briefly discussed funding for the Hub and the Customer Services and Communications Manager explained, the funding was allocated to local need. If there were additional funding, it'd be nice to do awareness raising campaigns, however the resource in place was sufficient.

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

OS.461

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee is Wednesday, 8 December 2021.

Chairman.