



SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 13th July 2022

(Meeting to take place immediately following the conclusion of
Select Committee)

Meeting to be held at Belle Vue Square Offices, Belle Vue Suite, Skipton

Committee Members: The Chair (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brown, Harbron, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Mercer, Pighills, Shuttleworth, Solloway and Whitaker.

Please note the following advice in advance of the meeting:

Whilst there is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering or continue to social distance, please be considerate towards the wellbeing of others.

Anyone showing Covid symptoms or feeling unwell, are asked not to attend and in-person meeting, this is in the interest of general infection control. Further guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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1. **Apologies for Absence** – To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes** – To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2022.
3. **Public Participation** – In the event that questions are received, the Chair will conduct the public participation session for a period of up to fifteen minutes. Where questions are asked, one related supplementary question may be permitted at the Chairman's discretion.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have on items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests and whether they wish to apply the exception below.

Note: Declarations should be in the form of either:

- a “**disclosable pecuniary interest**” under Appendix A to the Code of Conduct, in which case the Member must leave the meeting room; or
- an “**other interest**” under Appendix B of the Code. For these interests, the Member may stay in the meeting room, although they must leave if membership of the organisation results in a conflict of interest.

Exception: Where a member of the public has a right to speak at a meeting, a Member who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or an other interest and must leave the room, has the same rights and may make representations, answer questions or give evidence, but at the conclusion of that, must then leave the room and not take part in the discussion or vote.

5. **Local Policing in Craven District** – Inspector Battle to provide an update on local policing in the Craven area.
6. **Community Safety Partnership** – The Community Safety Partnership Officer to provide an update about the work of the Community Safety Partnership in the Craven area.
7. **Any Other Items** which the Chair decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.
8. **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday, 25 January 2023 at 6.30pm

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16 February 2022

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

Officers – The Chief Executive, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Communications, Customer Services and Partnerships Manager, Community Safety Officer, Human Resources Manager, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager.

Also present – Sgt Paul Evans, PC Raheel Akram

Start: 6.35pm

Finish: 7.30pm

Apologies for Absence –

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brockbank and Brown

Confirmation of Minutes –

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held 23 June 2021 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

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Local Policing in Craven

Members were asked to submit questions in advance of the meeting so that PC Akram and Sgt Evans could provide as much information as possible.

- **“Gang grooming” and child sexual exploitation (CSE) in Craven**

County lines have impacted on North Yorkshire but there are dedicated teams dealing with this issue and fortunately, there are no major problems concerning grooming and CSE. There is successful collaboration between the Police, education and social services who are able to identify and support the individuals at risk and tackle the gangs. The Neighbourhood Policing Team make sure their partner agencies are aware of any issues. Regarding county lines, there have been attempts in Craven by gangs to use young people to deal drugs, and interventions have been swiftly put in place. There is very strong partnership working in Craven. Members were pleased to hear there are no serious grooming and CSE cases in the district.

- **Training for North Yorkshire Police in light of crimes by some officers within the Metropolitan Police**

Members were reminded that the Metropolitan Police is very different to North Yorkshire Police (NYP), both culturally and diversly. The new NYP Deputy Chief Constable has reminded all Police Officers that they are bound by a Code of Ethics. Staff are encouraged to

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report inappropriate behaviour and full investigations are carried out. At present, it is considered that no additional training is required in Craven. Cllr. Solloway commented that NYP is a friendly force and officers are able to work closely with communities to build up good relationships. Cllr Hull asked how they engage with young people and schools. Sgt Evans explained that staff do visit schools and a new school liaison officer has just been appointed.

- **Domestic Violence update**

NYP deal with domestic violence cases very robustly and act immediately. Historically, cases may have been treated as a domestic private issue, but this approach has changed. Police officers receive thorough training and Sgt Evans attends daily meetings to monitor incidents and ensure that each report is dealt with. One significant achievement has been that their Domestic Violence Co-ordinator has influenced national policy, so that perpetrators are no longer able to obtain victim's contact details. Cllr Hull asked if we are still doing enough to tackle domestic violence. Sgt Evans explained that the Police rely on victims to report incidents but unfortunately, they are still under-reported.

- **Rural crime update**

There has unfortunately been a spike in South Craven (Lothersdale) with quad bikes and trail bikes being stolen. Crimes come in waves, with criminals moving onto different places. There are currently 3 Rural Watches: North Craven, South Craven and Upper Wharfedale. Their WhatsApp group (made up of over 200 volunteers) help to identify targeted areas. Crime in Upper Wharfedale has dropped significantly. The Chair asked how we can prevent some volunteers from becoming vigilantes. Sgt Evans explained that there is a Rural Watch code of conduct that volunteers sign up to and if they fail to adhere to it, they will be asked to leave the scheme and could be arrested. There is a rural task force leading on raptor crimes (birds of prey), however there are currently no major issues in Craven. CDC have funding available to spend on target projects e.g. to purchase radios and equipment. NYP's website has been updated to make it easier for residents to report incidents online. The Community Safety Partnership can complete NYP intelligence forms on behalf of a resident. The Chair said it would be helpful to have information for Members to distribute to parishes.

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

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Community Safety Partnership

The Community Safety Hub currently consists of 4 officers, 1 temporary Sergeant, 1 PC and 2 PCSOs. A Community Safety Sub-Group has been established and meets regularly to look at how the hubs in North Yorkshire could work in the future when the Local Government Restructure is in place. It is focussing on the statutory functions and duties around Anti-Social Behaviour, Prevent Strategy and reducing re-offending. The Chair asked if CCTV cameras in taxis pointed outside as well as inside. The Community Safety Officer explained that the cameras have been installed to primarily protect the driver and passenger, but she will enquire if they also point outside to observe any accidents. Cllr Moorby added that he has heard positive comments about CCTV in taxis

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

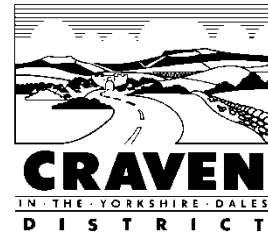
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Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of next meeting of Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee is to be confirmed.

Chair

Select Crime and Disorder Committee 13th July 2022



Community Safety Hub

Report of the Chief Executive

Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Purpose of Report** – To provide an update about the work of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and the Community Safety Hub within Craven District and North Yorkshire. To provide an update on Community Safety issues demonstrating the Council's duty under Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are invited to note the contents of the report.
3. **North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP)**

NYCSP's Priority areas for delivery are.

Partnership development (links across safeguarding)

Community Safety Hubs

Domestic abuse (including domestic homicide reviews)

Serious and organised crime (early intervention and prevention)

Inclusive communities (hate crime and community tensions)

Place based working – including an indication of what role the strategic partnership plays moving forward, with the Hubs being a strategic priority of the CSP. An overview of ways of working, principles of the hubs, etc including the acknowledgment and need to accept that localities are all very different and that the role of the hubs will become even more important moving forward. There is a need to manage expectation and understand that Hubs do need wider partner support.

The Place Based Working Business Case has been submitted and approved and therefore, the additional requested police resources will be provided in the districts where they are needed the most. The problem-solving approach will be implemented force-wide and will prioritise working with partner agencies. It is likely to be 3-4 years before this is fully embedded. Whilst

additional resources are relatively limited, the emphasis is very much on a culture change and the aim is to support identified gaps. There will be a police resource in every Hub Mon-Fri, which demonstrates the NYP commitment to them.

LGR Update on Organisational Change. The LGR Community Safety Sub-group meets fortnightly. There are a lot of actions and a wide range of work being undertaken to make sure we are safe and legal on vesting day, there is a lot more work to do across other work streams and linkages across other depts.

Whilst the new working model still needs to be agreed, it is recognised that different geographical areas have differing needs. It will be essential to ensure that all services are running as normal on day 1. Hubs will continue to work as they are for now. Any changes will be transformational and will take time.

Proposed Community Safety Hub Objectives 2022 – 2024

1. Work towards alignment of Community Safety Hubs with area-based locality models under Local Government Reorganisation recognising area specific issues using a problem-solving approach.

2. Each Community Safety Hub to maximise and standardise the use of the case management system and for the data produced to be presented and reviewed by the JCG to help identify areas of good practice, development, or collaboration.

3. Placed Based Working - implementation of the recommendations relating to staff and administrative support uplift by North Yorkshire Police & embedding the police roles fully within the CS Hubs.

4. Development of early intervention opportunities to reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour and community safety issues in localities based upon problem solving models.

5. All partners to celebrate and publicise the success of the Community Safety Hubs, highlighting the close multi agency working across North Yorkshire.

6. Maximising funding opportunities including joint working across York and North Yorkshire. Recognising the scope to enhance delivery with partnership input to achieve broader service delivery to meet local priorities.

4. **Craven Community Safety Hub**

Performance Q4 Orcuma data up to and including 31.03.2022. We had 20 live cases for this quarter, nearly all where some form of mental health was the main reason for referral. Most cases were assisted by our mental health

specialist workers, who attend our briefing meetings and or assist in joint visits.

Prevent CS Hub officer has started to diarise training sessions again for frontline staff, including updated information on the Prevent agenda, how we tackle the causes and risk factors that can lead to an individual becoming radicalised, and how we can support them. Delivery is done via Teams and slides have been created providing a one-hour interactive session. The UK's current threat level is Substantial, meaning an attack is likely.

Domestic Abuse In Craven there have been 205 domestic related reports to the Police for the period 30th November 2021 to 31st May 2022.

A snapshot from the Domestic Abuse forum meeting held on 30th June 2022 covering Craven/Harrogate, shows that numbers have increased by 80% on the number of Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPN) issued. The vast majority transferred into Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO). Most were for male perpetrators but interestingly the number of female perpetrators has risen this year already, particularly around the use of weapons on the victim.

It was commented that a particular trend from the increase appears to be in older females suffering from a MH crisis or alcohol misuse, where they require additional or further support from partner agencies. The DVPO has been utilised to provide breathing space to allow the females to engage with agencies, address the risks and support needs. Alcohol is also said to be a main contributing factor in the vast majority of DVPO applications involving female perpetrators.

Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) 15th November 2022 marks the end date for our one remaining Public Space Protection Order for the Town Hall car park.

The Hub has not had a single report for 2022. Without any reported incidents the order will not be extended. The order has been a successful deterrent.

Target Hardening Funding We are looking at supporting 2 of the rural watch schemes covering the wards of Grassington, Betham, Ingleton and Clapham with radios to help in the regular patrols that are done by volunteers in those areas. The radios will assist in the reporting of suspicious behaviour whilst also keeping the volunteers safe at a distance. Also, a demonstration 'water flume' for NYFRS to use in schools and community groups as an excellent educational tool. The flume demonstrates the different variances of water flow and how water behaves depending on the feature in the water course, whether it is a natural feature or man-made. For example, a bridge, weir or even steppingstones and how these can affect the depth and flow of the water, and how we can explore the associated safety hazards. A link to a video can be viewed by following

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHpz50ajDZc>

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All our funds allocated by the PFCC supports 'preventative' and/or 'early intervention' measures that are notable at this time.

1. **Financial and Value for Money (VFM) implications** – All activities are contained within allocated budgets for the Community Safety Hub.
2. **Legal Implications** – Legislation implications have been outlined within the body of the annual report.
3. **Contribution to Council Priorities** – Promoting Community Safety in the District, by contributing directly to Craven District Council's priority of Resilient Communities, by making Craven's public spaces cleaner, safer, and greener. This work also supports North Yorkshire County Council's and the PFCC's wider crime reduction initiatives.
4. **Risk Management** – N/A
5. **Equality and Diversity** (the Public Sector Equality Duty and impact upon people with protected characteristics). This is a report for information. The relevant assessments would form part of any agreed delivery, activity of project only.
6. **ICT Implications** the Orcuma case management system is a cloud-based system. Consultation took place with IT prior to use within CDC, currently there are no implications for this report.
7. **Consultations with Others** – North Yorkshire Police, and the Community Safety Hub.
8. **Access to Information: Background Documents** – None
9. **Author of the Report** – Stacey Reffin, Community Safety Officer, Craven District Council. 01756 706291. sreffin@cravenc.gov.uk

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.