



SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 21st February 2023 at 6.00pm

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:

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence** – To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes** – To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 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 the Craven District** – Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Zoë Metcalfe and the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Craven, Inspector Julie Earnshaw, to provide an update on local policing in the Craven area and answer Members' questions.
6. **North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and Hub** – The Community Safety Officer to provide a report on the local work and achievements of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and Community Safety Hub in the Craven area. Report attached.
7. **Any Other Items** which the Chair decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

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13 July 2022

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

Officers – Community Safety Officer and Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Also present – Inspector Julie Battle.

Start: 6.35pm

Finish: 7.30pm

Apologies for Absence –

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ireton and Mercer.

Confirmation of Minutes –

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held 23 June 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Public Participation –

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Declarations of Interest –

Although not declaring a specific interest, Councillor Jaquin wanted to make the Committee aware he was the Council's appointee to the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel.

Minutes for Report

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Local Policing in Craven

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Julie Battle who was the new police officer for the Craven area and introduced Members of the Committee. Members were asked to submit questions in advance of the meeting so that Inspector Battle could provide as much information as possible.

• **Sites for CCTV and Controlling Speeding in Urban Areas**

CCTV vehicle placements were usually based on casualty numbers and vehicle accident hot spot areas. Officers also responded to complaints received through the NY Police website about issues relating to speeding vehicles, issues on a particular road or in a village. Assessments were then undertaken with regard to finding a suitable site for placing the CCTV vehicle.

The CCTV system in Skipton town centre had not been monitored for some while but hopefully that would change as the footage would be a useful tool in detecting crime. There was also the possibility of getting another camera in the bus station.

The Community Safety Officer mentioned that LGR Community Safety Hub had a specific sub-group that was looking at CCTV for those Districts that had a big CCTV presence but at this point it was not known who would take ownership and collate all the data together

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including which premises already had CCTV. With crime against commercial premises being an issue maybe Skipton BID could take it on.

- **Replacement Cones Jerry Croft to Otley Street**

Regarding the cones, Inspector Battle did not know why they hadn't been maintained, she suggested that the ones at the top end of the High Street were the only real effective ones and it wasn't possible to monitor any breaches. The County Council, as Highways Authority could be contacted as they had a locality budget that could be used for replacing the damaged cones. The Police were in support but they had no capacity to monitor any breaches.

- **County Lines**

Whilst drug related issues had increased in the Bentham area, it was not necessarily to do with county lines. There were issues in and around Bentham, particularly with long standing residents who had a history of drug manufacture and supply. Police Officers were aware of the situation and were working with public safety officers that worked out of Bentham. Inspector Battle informed the Committee that they were at the problem solving stage and a questionnaire had been issued and an analysis of the results would be commencing next week. A County Command resource team was based in Harrogate covering Craven, Hambleton, Richmond and Harrogate where they were particularly commissioned to deal with County lines and drug issues.

- **Rural Crime**

Inspector Battle updated Members on rural crime. There had been a spike in rural crime about two months ago with outbuildings, farms and quads having been targeted. A lot of effort had been put into it and Operation Light was running at the moment with various teams working together and a couple of good arrests had been made and this had led to a massive reduction in rural crime.

The team in Craven were working with rural watch groups who patrol areas at night and regularly report incidents to the police. There were three groups; Upper Wharfedale, North Craven and South Craven. Some groups had over 100 WhatsApp members. The groups now had their own funding and were looking at the installation of NPR which would, if legislation allowed, enable the police to access certain data.

Councillor Brown referred to a spike of quad thefts in Lothersdale and the community were grateful for help by the police.

In addition, feedback from residents was that whilst they understood the emphasis on the use of mobile CCTV, there were localities that needed fixed cameras as speeding was an all-day problem. Fixed cameras operating 24 hours a day catching speeding motorists and penalty points being issued, was the only deterrent. He requested that the police rethink their no fixed cameras policy. Councillor Brown also reported that the speed watch volunteer scheme had worked well, Cononley in particular had made a big difference.

The Chairman stated that there had been an improvement in Long Preston with the deployment of VAS signs.

The Community Safety Officer informed Members that the Community Safety Hub received a small amount of funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Two extra radios had been purchased to assist two rural watch groups to reassure those people who go out at night that there is someone they could contact if need be.

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Councillor Lis reported that in his capacity as ward councillor he had, along with the Parish Council and the other ward member Councillor Ireton had been trying to get the speed limit on the A65 running through Ingleton reduced from 40mph to 30mph. However, they had repeatedly been told there was not an issue but from his knowledge there were very many near misses and it was only a matter of time before there was a serious accident. He appealed to the police to support a 30mph limit.

The Community Safety Officer mentioned that was a meeting on road safety taking place and if Councillor Lis provided details to her, she would pass on his request.

- **Grooming Gangs**

Inspector Battle reported that whilst grooming gangs was a national issue it was not a problem in Craven and there were no grooming gangs in Craven and there was minimal child exploitation. She acknowledged that there had been grooming in Craven about 15 years' ago but at the current time, it was not an issue.

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

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Community Safety Partnership

The Chief Executive submitted a report providing an update about the work of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and the Community Safety Hub within Craven District and North Yorkshire. The report also included an update on Community Safety issues demonstrating the Council's duty under Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The Community Safety Officer gave a presentation on the role and responsibilities of the Community Safety Hub. There were eight Hubs across North Yorkshire and it was hoped that with agreed funding there would be an uplift in staff by the end of the year.

A police resource was available in the Hub Monday – Friday which demonstrated the NYP's support of the Hub's work.

Early intervention and prevention was a key element in helping to reduce crime as well as safeguarding the most vulnerable in our society and protecting the wider community. Additionally, many cases were connected with mental health issues. The NYP used a single integrated operational police information management platform called Niche that enabled multi-agency data sharing with the aim of reporting, preventing and solving crime. The Community Safety Officer suggested that, as she was already fully vetted, it would be useful if she was able to have civilian access to the system as this would help support local policing.

The Community Safety Officer updated Committee on the work of the LGR Community Safety Sub-group which was meeting fortnightly. Across North Yorkshire there were eight Hubs. There were a lot of actions and a wide range of work being undertaken to ensure that the Community Safety Partnership was safe and legal on vesting day. There was a lot more work to do across other work streams and linkages across other depts.

Whilst the new working model had still to be agreed, it was recognised that different geographical areas across North Yorkshire had differing requirements. It was essential that all services were running as normal from day 1. Transformational changes would take time to implement and this would be done over a period of time.

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Members discussed the Protect duty which would be coming on stream. It was important that the duty placed on local authorities was adequately funded and that Government funding was required for what would be a huge complex piece of work. The function would be carried forward to the new North Yorkshire Council and it was suggested that it would be useful to discuss the matter at an Area Committee. In addition, the Chairman suggested that the Police and Crime Commissioner should be invited to the Council's next Crime and Disorder Committee so Members could get a better understanding on the obligations and statutory responsibilities being placed on the Council.

Resolved – (1) That the update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership is noted.

(2) That, the Chairman of the Committee is authorised to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner asking if Craven's Community Safety Officer could be given civilian access to NICHE to assist her community safety work.

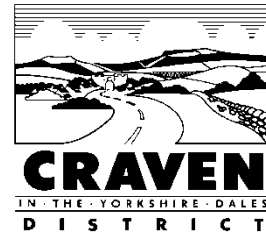
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Date and Time of Next Meeting

Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee - Wednesday, 18th January 2023 at 6.00pm.

Chairman.

Select Crime and Disorder Committee 21st February 2023



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)**

From a Hub Joint Co-ordinating Group Development Session held in Nov 2022 a number of Learning points were highlighted:

- Better understanding of the roles in the NYP Partnership Hub and how they can link more closely to the CS Hubs in Districts/City
- Challenges of delivering consistent training across a county the size of North Yorkshire
- Roll out of Problem-solving training in January 2023 internally within NYP and then out to partners.
- Opportunity to improve the links between the CS Hubs and the Partnership Hub roles.
- Particularly keen for more engagement between NYP Schools Liaison Officers and the CS Hubs
- Need for improvement in Children's' social care links to the hubs: Strengthened links with right people at the right meetings
- Opportunities to share resources and develop a more cohesive approach through the JCG
- Need an understanding of the strategic direction under LGR and how this will impact on Community Safety Delivery at local level in the future
- Conversations need to continue through the JCG

Areas for ongoing development: Explore physical co-location within Hubs for NYP School Liaison Officers and for an Early Help Consultant (Children and Family Services) to attend future locality Hub Meetings (Right people at the right Meeting). Discussions are ongoing.

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Outcomes of the Hub JCG Dec 2022:

- Agreed actions: The CS Hub leads are to revisit the work plan in order to determine what can be realistically achieved within the next 12 months, whilst identifying those actions which are an absolute must and any opportunities moving forward with LGR.
- Comms: The joint 'Get Home Safely Christmas Campaign was launched across the county and the plan is to identify other joint community safety campaigns that be used to address local Community Safety issues. The Community Safety Leads will take it in turns to lead identified campaigns. The JCG will have oversight of such campaigns.
- NY Police Funding for Administrative posts within the Community Safety Hubs has been agreed for 2023 and this funding also covers provision in York. This area of work will be added to the workplan so that discussions can be undertaken in a more timely fashion going forwards. Note that Craven does not receive this funding as we did not manage to recruit an admin person.

LGR Update on Organisational Change. The LGR Community Safety Sub-group continues to meet 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.

4. Craven Community Safety Hub

Performance Orcuma FiRST have retained the contract for the OPFCC Case Management System for a further 2+2 years, so until October 2024 in the first instance.

Most current live cases are generated by hub officers where individuals have been identified as requiring extra support and increasingly where some form of mental health is the main reason for the open status. We are assisted by our mental health specialist workers, who attend our briefing meetings, assist in joint visits and regularly work from our office.

Later this month we are hosting a visit by Richard Flinton the new Chief Executive Officer for NY Council who will be able to experience one of the many meetings we hold to discuss the individuals we are working with as well as meeting the team and understanding better how the CS Hub runs in Craven. There will be noticeable differences from other hub visits he has made, and it is important to share these to enable understanding how different resources are managed.

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Prevent Training sessions will continue to be offered 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 usually 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 (snap shot) In Craven there have been 269 domestic related reports to the Police for the period 30th June 2022 to 31st Dec 2022. Of these reports the majority came from Skipton West and South. 218 of these reports for the whole of Craven are violence against the person. 17 were sexual offences. There are monthly MARAC meetings that deal with any high-risk domestic abuse cases and are attended by an array of support agencies.

Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Expired 15th November 2022. No need for an extension required since there have been no reports throughout 2022.

Target Hardening Funding We have supported one of our largest rural watch schemes by purchasing extra 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. Part funding has been given towards 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> 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

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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@cravencd.gov.uk

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