

## **SELECT COMMITTEE**

18 July 2018

**Present** –Councillor Sutcliffe in the Chair, and Councillors Brown, Mason, Mercer, Pighills and Shuttleworth.

**Officers** – Solicitor to the Council, Democratic Services Manager and Community Safety Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham, Moorby, Solloway, Staveley, Thompson and Whitaker.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.15pm

### **Minutes for Report**

#### **-Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Committee-**

OS.406

#### **POLICING IN NORTH YORKSHIRE AND LOCAL POLICING CRAVEN**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting, Inspector Crossman-Smith, to present a breakdown of information and data in relation to policing in North Yorkshire and local policing in Craven.

The key areas of discussion were:

- There had been a significant increase in 999 calls across North Yorkshire. It was reported that one of the reasons for the increase was associated with a major sporting event that was taking place. The Community Safety Officer also reported an increase in misuse of 999 calls.
- Concern about an increase in theft offences. The Committee was advised about the development of cross border work that had taken place. Members were particularly concerned about theft of agricultural machinery, quad bikes, etc. It was advised that a Rural Task Force had been established to provide advice and support, particularly in terms of crime prevention.
- An update on cyber-crime and the role of trained ambassadors to support vulnerable communities. Inspector Crossman-Smith undertook to provide the Committee with further information and data in relation cyber-crime in Craven.
- An update on police training in relation to domestic violence, particularly arising from the murder of a local woman at a supermarket in Skipton in 2017. It was requested that details of the independent review be provided to the Committee once finalised.

#### **Resolved –**

- (1) That the update on policing in North Yorkshire and local policing in Craven, be noted.
- (2) That the Committee be provided with further information and data in relation to cyber-crime in Craven.
- (3) That details of an independent review arising from the murder of a local woman at a supermarket in Skipton in 2017, be provided to the Committee once finalised.

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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**WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee was asked to give consideration to its work programme for 2018/19. Details of items carried forward from the 2017/18 work programme together with a summary of the position in relation to the Bereavement Services Working Group and a proposed review of Disabled Facilities Grants was reported at the meeting.

Members were invited to suggest possible areas for review. Following a discussion, it was

**Resolved –**

- (1) That a review of bereavement services and a proposed review of the new arrangements in relation to Disabled Facilities Grants, be added to the Committee's work programme for September 2018.
- (2) That, in addition to the standing items, the following areas of work are listed for possible inclusion in the Committee's 2018-19 work programme:
  - (October) – Vibrancy of Town Centres and Villages: What can be done to sustain town centres and villages across the District?
  - (November) – Skipton Town Hall Project: To understand the financing and delivery of the project, and the organisation and management of the Town Hall, particularly its aim of becoming a cultural hub.
- (3) That further consideration is given to the work programme at the Committee's meeting scheduled for 12 September 2018.

Chairman.