

SELECT COMMITTEE

12th December 2018

Present –The Chairman (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brown, Graham, Mason, Moorby, Pighills, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Thompson and Whitaker.

Officers – Democratic Services Manager, Community Safety Co-ordinator and Committee Officer.

Also present Inspector Lorraine Crossman-Smith.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mercer and Sutcliffe.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.32pm

Minutes for Report

OS.415

LOCAL POLICING - CRAVEN

Further to Minute OS.406/18-19, the Chairman welcomed Inspector Lorraine Crossman-Smith, North Yorkshire Police to the meeting and invited her to present her report on policing in Craven. Details of the local crime figures for the period 1st August to 1st November 2018 together with the stop and search data for Craven and other parts of North Yorkshire had been circulated. During the ensuing discussion Members raised a number of issues including

- a. A preference for statistical crime data broken down to geographic / ward level
- b. The approach to violence against the person.
- c. Cyber crime.
- d. The rural task force

Inspector Crossman-Smith responded as follows:-

Crime data - Changes made by the Force to relevant software and databases had changed how performance data was presented. It was her understanding that it may still be possible to produce statistics broken down into geographic areas and, if that was the case, would endeavour to obtain such a breakdown for the Committee's next meeting. Note : In discussing cyber crime a Member asked whether it was possible to provide a breakdown showing the position in Craven.

Violence against the person - The approach to policing violence against the person was currently the subject of a national review, the outcome of which was expected in March 2019. The review would be informed by a number of cases such as the murder which had taken place in Skipton, whilst that case may or may not have formed part of the review, its impact locally had been significant and the Force learned from it.

Cyber and internet crime - Some cyber reporting was dealt with at a national level; locally work was on going in assessing how the Force could work within the community running, for example, online initiatives and drop in sessions. A fraud officer was now based locally and victims were visited to try and help prevent a re-occurrence.

The Community Safety Co-ordinator pointed out that scam awareness sessions had taken place throughout the District in conjunction with Nat West Bank. Additional dates were being planned for 2019 and feedback from Members on vulnerable groups whom they believed would benefit from a session would be welcomed. Various types of scams continue to target vulnerable, usually older residents. A number of lunch clubs, community groups and other clubs had been contacted to raise

awareness and provide tips on how to avoid being scammed. This area of work was a key function for the Community Safety Hub. Two main areas were covered by the sessions:

- Friends Against Scams: A look at a wide range of different scams including how to spot and avoid them.
- Digital Safety: An awareness session on how to stay safe and secure when doing shopping and banking online.

Rural Task Force - A trial rural watch scheme was being set up in Grassington and all being well would be up and running by the end of January 2019. The task force now had a dedicated livestock officer and North Yorkshire also now had a full time drone officer who could be called upon, use of drones would increasingly become a feature of policing. The Chairman indicated that the Committee would appreciate an understanding of the picture in respect of agricultural crime, and whether the task force was adequately resourced and effective.

In drawing the discussion to a close the Chairman stated that it would be appreciated if a member of the rural task force could attend the committee's next meeting. Inspector Crossman-Smith indicated that it could be arranged.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY HUB

Further to Minute OS.396/17-18, the Chief Executive submitted a report updating the Committee on the work of the Community Safety Partnership and Hub within Craven District and North Yorkshire. In particular the report updated Members on

a. The draft North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership's Strategy and Delivery Plan 2018-2021 – the main priority areas identified within the strategy were Community Safety Hubs, Domestic Abuse and Anti-Social Behaviour. Consideration was also to be given to adopting Sexual Violence and Trauma, Hate Crime and Community Cohesion as priority areas for delivery.

b. Meetings of the Multi-Agency Problem Solving Group

c. Public Space Protection Orders – Annual reviews had been carried out on the orders currently in place for the Coach Street and High Street car parks, Skipton. The Orders had not resulted in any displacement and no breaches had been reported in the past 12 month period.

d. Prevent Agenda – All front line roles would continue to receive training, the latest group to receive training being the Council's waste operatives. Local authority officers continued to visit Skipton Mosque to help build confidence. Work on collating information for the Counter Terrorism Local Plan would commence in January 2019.

e. Funding - Target hardening funding provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner had again focused on a scheme that offered crime prevention advice and support for victims of burglary by helping fund the installation of door/window locks. A day of action had taken place for villages within the South Craven area. Door to door awareness raising was carried out and security advice given to residents. Where properties were deemed as having less than adequate security, timers, locks, dummy cameras had been given out. A surgery providing security advice and reassurance attended by over 30 local residents had also been held some free home security items had again been given out.

g. Safeguarding continued to be a feature of each meeting.

h. CCTV – The Business Crime Reduction Partnership had successfully bid for funding for CCTV; in the region of 45 cameras were now in position in Skipton and would go live in the near future.

The Community Safety Co-ordinator also reported that the Office of the Police and Fire Commissioner had provided the Hub with finance for a new case management system for use in connection with instances of anti-social behaviour and domestic violence, and that from April 2019 another community safety officer would be joining the Hub.

Resolved – That the report is noted.

-Sitting as Select Committee-

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Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 21st November 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - TRACKING

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report seeking the Committee's agreement to the introduction of a recommendation tracking system to enable it to consider the status of its recommendations in terms of their ongoing relevance, and progress made in implementation.

It was also pointed out that tracking recommendations accepted by Policy Committee would help ensure good governance enabling Select Committee to establish whether effective recommendations were being made, and also consider whether a Lead Officer / Member should be asked to attend and explain, for example, a lack of progress on implementation.

Resolved – (1) That commencing with recommendations submitted to Policy Committee in the 2018/19 municipal year, a recommendation tracking system using red, amber and green status indicators is introduced to enable this Committee to consider the status of recommendations submitted by this Committee and its working groups to Policy Committee.

(2) That the Committee considers the status of its recommendations every six months, requesting the attendance of relevant lead officers / members if concerns regarding implementation are raised.

Chairman.