

SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE

15 January 2020

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

Officers – Road Safety Team Leader, Communications, Customer Services and Partnerships Manager, Community Safety Officer and Democratic Services Manager.

Also in attendance – Inspector Crossman-Smith.

Apologies for Absence – Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Mercer and Metcalfe.

Minutes –

Resolved – That the minutes of the Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee meeting held on 26 June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Public Participation – There were no questions or statements from members of the public in attendance.

Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 8.10pm

Minutes for Report

OS.440

Road Safety Overview

The Road Safety Team Leader, North Yorkshire County Council, provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting work undertaken to improve road safety across the Craven area.

The presentation focussed on the following key areas:

- An overview of 95 Alive and the York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership;
- An update on road casualties across the Craven area;
- Lead and supporting partners;
- Priority areas;
- Examples of social media engagement; and
- Speed management protocol.

The main areas of discussion were:

- Confirmation that members of the public were able to submit a request to review speed management in relation to a particular site. Further information was available on the Roadwise website.
- Information about driver assessments for older drivers to refresh their skills.
- Concern about the process used by the Highway Authority for reviewing planning applications and its impact on the highway network. The Road Safety Team Leader agreed to discuss with colleagues at North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and report back to Select Committee with a response. One Member suggested that a letter be written to the Executive Member for Transport and Senior Officers at NYCC highlighting Select Committee's concerns.

- The issue of road closures on the A65 due to road traffic accidents, particularly the dangers caused by HGVs diverted to unsuitable routes and the risk of further accidents. Also, the need to establish a protocol for road diversions.

Resolved –

- a) That the Road Safety Team Leader reports back to Select Committee regarding its concerns about the Highway Authority process for reviewing planning applications.
- b) That the Democratic Services Manager writes to the Executive Member for Transport and Senior Officers at North Yorkshire County Council, highlighting Select Committee's concerns regarding the process used by the Highway Authority for reviewing planning applications and its impact on the highway network.
- c) That the proposal to introduce a protocol for road diversions is referred to North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Police to enable further discussions to take place with a view to providing a response to the June meeting of Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee.

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Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities

Inspector Crossman-Smith presented an update on local policing within the Craven District.

The key areas of discussion were:

- An update on the Upper Wharfedale 'Challenges in Rural Crime' meeting on 3 December 2019. It was reported that the meeting was well attended by local residents and included representatives from the Rural Task Force, National Farmers Union (NFU) and Wharfedale Rural Watch. Also in attendance was the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan together with representatives from North Yorkshire Police, Sgt Paul Evans and Mick Carr. The meeting was very informative and highlighted the positive work of Wharfedale Rural Watch and discussed plans for its further development. Members thanked Rural Watch for its positive work in local communities.
- Clarification sought whether local residents were able to put CCTV on their buildings and whether it was an issue if it captured traffic on the public highway. It was advised that CCTV needed to focus on the property and not the public highway. Further information and advice was available from the Information Commissioner's Office.
- Confirmation that a new Child Sexual Exploitation / Child Criminal Exploitation PCSO role was being trialled. The role was part of a commitment to Craven's Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) group, which met monthly at NYCC. Members supported the need for sufficient resources to make it a permanent role.

Resolved – That the update in relation to 'Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities', is noted.

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Community Safety Partnership

The Community Safety Officer provided an update on recent work undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership in the Craven area.

The main points of discussion were:

- An update on Scam Awareness Sessions. Members were advised that the sessions were run by NatWest Bank's local community banker to raise awareness of steps residents could take to protect themselves from various types of fraud. It was requested that the Community Safety Officer forwarded details of the Scam Awareness Sessions to all Town and Parish Councils.
- The potential use of Ward Member Grants to fund CCTV as part of the Community Safety Hub's ongoing work in relation to crime prevention.

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Resolved – That the Community Safety Officer forwards details of the Scam Awareness Sessions to all Town and Parish Councils.

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee – Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 6.30pm

Chairman.