

**Decision Session-Cabinet Member for Crime
and Community Safety**

6 March 2012

Report of the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods

CRIME SUMMIT 2012

Summary

1. This report outlines the proposal for an annual Crime Summit, and sets out the proposed format for the event.

Background

2. The Cabinet have given their commitment to hosting an annual Crime Summit to provide residents with the opportunity to meet with police, council staff and other key stakeholders responsible from tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in York. An initial paper outlining a suggested date of March 2012 for the Summit was approved by the Cabinet Member in October 2011.

Rationale

3. Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in York and North Yorkshire are currently undertaking their Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessments (JSIA) in order to refresh the three year Community Safety Plans. The JSIA is a comprehensive analysis of multi-agency data and information which will identify the strategic priorities for Safer York Partnership for the next twelve months. This process is timely to inform the topical debate and discussion focus for the Crime Summit.
 - 3.1 Safer York Partnership has tried and tested a number of formats for public community safety events in York over the 12 years that the partnership has been in existence. The most successful format for maximising public interest has been through an interactive multi-agency market where members of the community can meet representatives from all agencies engaged in community

safety. It is proposed that a market be organised to provide a City Centre Community Focus for the Crime Summit. The market could include opportunity for interactive displays such as demonstrating the effects of alcohol by through inviting participants to play Jenga whilst wearing the vision distorting “beer goggles”, launching the Road Safety Pledge to encourage residents to abide by the highway code and police Operation Spoke cycle marking. It could also provide an opportunity to promote key community safety messages through the use of the media van plasma screen streaming community safety videos and Fire and Rescue promoting their River Safety programme. The market would ensure public participation in the Crime Summit and facilitate interaction between the community and agencies engaged in community safety.

- 3.2 It is proposed that a Stakeholder Event be organised to take place in a City Centre location yet to be arranged. This could include opportunity for presentations on the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, Safer York Partnership’s performance and workshop discussions on the strategic priorities. The aim of the day would be to agree some high level objectives aligned to the strategic priorities which each of the Responsible Authorities that make up the Community Safety Partnership could sign up to. The Stakeholder event would consolidate the contribution of responsible agencies involved in Safer York Partnership and identify some strategic aims to contribute to a refresh of the Community Safety Plan for York.
- 3.3 Simultaneous to the City Centre based events, it is proposed that the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Teams participate in a “No Crime Day”. This concept was introduced in 2008 with the police and key partners working together at ward level and in conjunction with local communities to address their local community safety priorities through multi-agency operations and projects. Examples have been joint operations between DVLC and NYP to undertake ANPR vehicle checks, execution of warrants on properties and community clean-up campaigns. A No Crime Day would engage all agencies across the city in focusing on community safety for a 24 hour period and provide a joint contribution to achieving high performance in the first quarter of the financial year.
- 3.4 It is envisaged that this three pronged approach to the Summit event would maximise the opportunities for multi-agency support,

provide a range of events simultaneously that would attract media interest and provide the opportunity for key stakeholder debate and input to the refresh of the Community Safety Plan for York. There is also scope for business community involvement and if the outlined approach to the summit is approved, Safer York Partnership will work alongside CYC Economic Development Unit to generate support from the business community.

- 3.5 Safer York Partnership is predicted to meet its crime reduction performance target by the end of March 2012. However, due to the continuation of the economic recession, crime is beginning to increase and in particular, the city is experiencing some significant increases in Serious Acquisitive Crime. We know from experience that multi-agency days of action can significantly boost performance as all agencies are focused on reducing crime over a 24/48 hour period. Having consulted with the Police Safer Neighbourhood Commander for York, it would better to focus the Crime Summit on 25th April in order to boost the figures for 2012/13 in the knowledge that sustaining such high levels of performance beyond March 2012 will become significantly more of a challenge.

Consultation

4. Safer York Partnership has consulted with North Yorkshire Police as the main stakeholder in this event. Support has been approved by ACC Iain Spittal.

Options

5. Option A: That the Cabinet Member notes the report and approves the proposed format for an annual crime summit event, as set out in paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

Option B: That the Cabinet Member notes the report but does not approve the proposed format.

Analysis

6. Option A: The event is planned for 25th April in accordance with timescales agreed by the police and Safer York Partnership. The format proposed ensures maximum media coverage for the event

and participation from a range of organisations as well as community involvement.

Option B: Would put at risk the likelihood of an event in April due to the timescales needed to identify an alternative format.

Council Plan

7. Community Safety continues to be a priority within the Council's corporate plan and the role and contribution of Safer York Partnership is recognised.

Implications

8. **Financial** Whilst there are financial implications to such an event, Safer York Partnership would be engaging with the community at this time and money has been allocated within the partnership budget to support this work. Approaches would also be made to local business to support/sponsor the event.
9. **Human Resources (HR)** Staff across a range of Council directorates would be required to be involved in a crime summit to ensure that relevant services are available and able to engage with residents attending. The administration and organisation of the event can be met from resource with the Safer York Partnership team.
10. **Equalities** Diversity and social inclusion play a key role within all aspects of community safety. Therefore it is crucial to involve the equalities team within the planning and running of the event to ensure that all communities have equal access.
11. **Legal** Not applicable
12. **Crime and Disorder** This is a crime and disorder related event and therefore requires substantial input from the SYP team to organise and host.
13. **Information Technology (IT)** Not applicable
14. **Property** Not applicable
15. **Other**

Risk Management

16. There are no identifiable risks associated with this proposal.

Recommendations

17. The Cabinet Member is asked to consider Option A set out in Paragraph 5.
18. Reason: To enable the event to take place as planned on 25th April involving a wide audience and participation.

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