

## Report of Cabinet Member for Crime and Stronger Communities Lindsay Cunningham-Cross

Report to the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2014

- Alcohol Strategy and Night Time Economy
  - Since last time I reported to the committee;
  - ARZ now in place for city centre and train station.
  - Report back to cabinet in April on night time economy to include scrutiny committee recommendations, and also results on consultation on Late Night Levy and York After 5.
  - AVANTE group continues to work well on an operational level, tackling issues as and when they arise – had some particular successes around alcohol-related ASB on trains and in train station [ARZ, increase in dry trains, code of conduct and extra BTP patrols helping].
  - Cumulative Impact Zone and review of licensing policy currently with Licensing Committee.
  
- Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Setting up of the ASB hub now well underway – hoping to begin operations mid May with CSAS (Community Safety Accredited Scheme) trained officers in place by the summer.
  - Builds on existing strong partnership with NYP.
  - Successful bid to Police Innovation Fund to help cover some initial set-up costs (IT, fleet and equipment).
  
- Domestic Abuse
  - New board has now met 3 times and is making significant progress in setting out a comprehensive domestic abuse strategy for York that complements the wider York and N Yorkshire strategy but will ensure we have a clear vision for the city and also a clear sense of what services we have, what services we need and how they will be funded.
  - Board membership includes myself, TSL, Paul E-J, safeguarding children and adults, IDAS, Safer York Partnership, NYP and others.
  - Awareness campaign over Christmas/New Year saw an increase in traffic to IDAS (so more people seeking help) but we did not see a spike in the number of reported incidents in terms of crime figures.
  - Biggest challenge going forward is funding issues – current funding sits across lots of different bodies and many grants are due to come to an end at various points throughout the year in 2014.

- Embedding Neighbourhood Working:
  - Last time I updated members on the work being done by C&E team – fact sheets on new models of neighbourhood working launched and work started on responding to peer review recommendations.
  - Since then we have hosted a very successful launch conference for community conversations (oversubscribed), community conversations now well underway (intended to supplement not replace residents forums and ward team meetings).
  - This will also be supplemented with my own (LGiU funded) project due to start imminently, which will look at how we change the relationship between communities and councils building on York's experience and that of other councils around the country.
  
- Voluntary Sector
  - New volunteer co-ordinator appointed in C&E team (Michal Czekajlo) to bring together and promote volunteering opportunities within the Council and beyond.
  - Grants and voluntary sector funding – review to take place as part of 15/16 budget process also in line with recommendations from scrutiny that were reported to cabinet last week.
  - Key element of council strategy going forward continues to be building capacity in community and voluntary sector, so we will continue to invest significant time and resources into this. Key part of the transformation (Rewiring Public Services) programme.