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MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	10 OCTOBER 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS KING (CHAIR), HEALEY (VICE-CHAIR), BURTON, DOUGLAS, ORRELL, WILLIAMS (SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNCILLOR BARNES) AND WATT (SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNCILLOR GILLIES)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS BARNES AND GILLIES

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#### **24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on the agenda. Councillor Williams declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in the business on the agenda, as a member of the York and Selby Magistrates Bench and a member of the Magistrates Association.

#### **25. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 29 September 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was reported that there were no registrations to speak under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

#### **27. PRESENTATION FROM PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

Members received a presentation on the role of the Primary Care Trust within the Safer York Partnership. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda papers for this meeting.

Discussion took place regarding health issues in prison. Members were pleased to note that Askham Grange performed very well in the Prison Health League Tables. It was, however, noted that although the tables reflected performance against specific measurables, the differences in size and nature of prisons meant that comparisons in respect of performance were

difficult. Members were also pleased to note the success of the programme that was in place to tackle substance abuse in prison. The prison had a good success rate in terms of moving inmates to abstinence. The relatively small size of the prison also made it easier to provide an effective support system once abstinence had been achieved.

Members requested that, if this was available, they receive data on alcohol related admissions to hospital during events such as Freshers' Week, Christmas or race events<sup>1</sup>.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the presentation be noted.

REASON: To ensure that the committee is informed of the role of the PCT within the Safer York Partnership.

Action Required

1. Provide data for Members

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**28. PRESENTATIONS ON RESTRUCTURE**

Members received presentations on the restructure of Communities and Neighbourhoods and roles supporting the Safer York Partnership, and proposals for the restructure of community safety in North Yorkshire Police.

Safer York Partnership Staffing Structure

Consideration was given to the following information:

- The current staffing structure for the Safer York Partnership
- The new staffing structure from November 2011
- The current delivery structure
- The structure from November 2012 (including the post of Police and Crime Commissioner)

At the request of Members, details were given of the work of the Domestic Violence Task Group. It was noted that, as well as working with perpetrators, the group was also involved in preventative work and addressing issues in respect of the reluctance of victims to report incidents.

Members asked about the intended benefits of the restructure. They were informed that the restructure would ensure that the

teams that were in place would be better able to work together to tackle issues, for example in respect of problem families.

### North Yorkshire Police Re-structure

Information was circulated regarding the restructure of North Yorkshire Police. The Head of Community Safety for the Police gave details of the review that had taken place and explained that it was intended that all posts would be filled by mid-November. Members were informed of the areas served by each district, which were intended to deliver a service that was equitable but which was also proportionate to demand.

Discussion took place regarding the role of the architectural liaison officers. Members were informed of the success of these posts in reducing crime, particularly when their services were engaged at an early stage in the planning process.

Details were given of the financial savings that would be achieved through the new structure. It would also be more efficient and would allow areas such as York access to a bigger team.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the presentations be noted.

REASON: For information.

### **29. UPDATE ON REGIONAL CCTV SHARED SERVICES CONSULTATION**

Members considered a report that presented a further update on a previously proposed topic on CCTV in York. Members were asked to decide whether or not a review on the usage of CCTV across the city was required.

Members agreed that it was not an appropriate time for a review into this issue to be carried out.

RESOLVED: That a scrutiny review on CCTV in York not proceed.

REASON: It was not an appropriate time for the review to take place.

**30. WORK PLAN**

Consideration was given to the committee's work plan.

Arrangements were made for the Anti-Social Behaviour Task Group to hold a meeting on Friday 21 October 2011 at 2.00pm. Councillor Douglas agreed to substitute for Councillor King as required.

RESOLVED: That the work plan be approved.

REASON: To progress the work of the committee.

Councillor King, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.45 pm].