

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services

Update on the Management Changes Within North Yorkshire Police

Summary

1. This report presents information on the management changes which have now been implemented within North Yorkshire Police, and an analysis by the Safer York Partnership of the possible advantages and disadvantages to York.

Background

2. At the last meeting of this Committee in September 2009, Members raised the issue of the proposed changes to the organisation and staffing structures for North Yorkshire Police through to 2012, which would result in Chief Superintendent who is currently based in York, being transferred to police HQ at Newby Wiske, and the area commander being at Superintendent level. Members expressed concern that the proposed arrangements may be detrimental to the city and have an adverse effect on crime figures.
3. Members agreed that the resulting affects arising from the forthcoming changes may be suitable for scrutiny review, in line with their responsibilities relating to the Crime & Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, and therefore requested that an information report be presented at this meeting in order to inform that decision.

Consultation

4. The information in Annexes A & B was originally presented to the Chief Executive and Group Leaders at a meeting on 13 October 2009. Annex A was provided by the new Assistant Chief Constable for North Yorkshire Police, and Annex B was provided by the SYP team, giving their perspective on the proposed changes. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods & Community Safety will be in attendance at the meeting to assist in answering any questions the committee may have in relation to the information provided.

Options

5. Having considered the information in the annexes, Members may choose:

- i. To request additional information to inform their decision on whether a scrutiny review is required
- ii. To agree that a review of this topic is not feasible at this time
- iii. That this topic is not suitable for scrutiny review

Analysis

6. In relation to crime & disorder, the role of this Committee is to 'review or scrutinise decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities (in this instance the Police), of their crime and disorder functions.
7. This means the Committee can review the effects of the changes to North Yorkshire Police's organisation and staffing structures on the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the City, but does not have the power to look at the decision to make those changes. And, until sufficient time has passed for the effects of the changes to become clear, it would be difficult to gather information to support a review of this nature.

Corporate Strategy

8. A review of the effects on the city of the changes to North Yorkshire Police's organisation and staffing structures, would be in line with this Committee's terms of reference, and would support the Council's corporate strategy to make York a safer city i.e. 'we want York to be a safer city with low crime rates and high opinions of the city's safety record'.

Implications

9. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, ITT, Property of Other implications associated with the recommendation in this report.
10. **Crime and Disorder** – Although there are no Crime & Disorder implications associated with the recommendation in this report, there may be implications to the City associated with the changes to be made to the organisation and staffing structures for North Yorkshire Police through to 2012. At this stage however, it is not possible to quantify exactly what they will be.

Risk Management

11. There are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to note the contents of the report and agree how they wish to proceed in regard to this possible scrutiny topic.

Reason: To inform the work planning for this Committee

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) N/A

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – North Yorkshire Police Briefing Paper

Annex B – Safer York Partnership – Perspective on Proposed Changes