
MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	29 JUNE 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS FRASER (CHAIR), GILLIES (VICE-CHAIR), ORRELL, WAUDBY, KING AND CRISP (SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNCILLOR B WATSON)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS VASSIE AND B WATSON

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on the agenda. Councillor Crisp declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 – “2009/10 Year End Monitoring Report – Finance and Performance” as a resident of an apartment and a representative on the management board.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 10 May 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no registrations to speak under the Council’s Public Participation Scheme.

4. 2009/10 YEAR END MONITORING REPORT - FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Members received a report that presented two sets of data:

- The 2009/10 financial outturn for revenue expenditure for the Neighbourhood Services Directorate.
- Performance outturn against the directorate plan priorities and key performance indicators.

It was noted that Table 2 – progress on delivering Corporate Strategy Actions (page 14 final row) should be amended to read “Go live date in late September 2010”.

Officers gave details of the key issues and significant variances, as outlined in the report.

Members noted that total carry forward requests of £100k had been identified in respect of ward committees. The key reason for the underspend had been that a number of schemes had been identified but had not been completed due to staffing difficulties or because of the need to undertake technical evaluation work and to gain necessary consents. The team was now fully staffed.

Clarification was sought regarding the recycling arrangements that were in place in respect of flats and communal properties. Officers explained that the council worked hard to engage with the management agencies for these properties in order to put suitable arrangements in place.

RESOLVED: That the performance update be noted.

REASON: In accordance with budgetary and performance monitoring procedures.

5. SAFER YORK PARTNERSHIP BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

Members received a report from the Safer Partnership Board that detailed performance on the Community Safety Plan. Officers went through the key issues.

Members noted that the changes in the way in which Hate Crimes were now recorded had impacted on the statistics. Work was taking place with communities to gain their confidence in reporting such incidents.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: To ensure that the committee was informed of performance in implementing the Community Safety Plan.

6. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS PRIORITIES AND PUBLIC ATTITUDE SURVEY RESULTS

Members received a report that provided information on the priorities set for North Yorkshire Police's (NYPs) Safer Neighbourhood Teams in York for the year 2009-10, and those rolled over or newly set for the first quartile of 2010-11. It also presented data gathered via NYPs Public Attitude Survey between October 2009 to March 2010.

Discussion took place as to ways in which the Police were tackling anti-social behaviour. Officers explained that this usually involved long term problem solving and close partnership working. Details were given of the development of additional capable guardian schemes in wards with high crime rates.

It was noted that a report was to be considered by the Executive on 20 July 2010 regarding an Area Working Pilot proposal. This six-month pilot would introduce enhanced neighbourhood management support

arrangements designed to develop wider partnership working and more integrated service delivery.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Safer Neighbourhood Teams' priorities for the city be noted.
- (ii) That the Public Attitude Survey results be noted.
- (iii) That a report on the Capable Guardian Pilot and an overview of other initiatives, including information on the Area Based Working Pilot, be presented at the next meeting.

REASON: To fulfil the requirements of the Police and Justice Act 2006 in regard to scrutinising crime and disorder issues.

7. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE FORCE POLICING PLEDGE - PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

Members received a report that provided information on North Yorkshire Police Force Policing Pledge performance for the Force as a whole, and specifically for the City of York.

The Committee noted that the Home Secretary had recently made a speech that referred to proposed changes in respect of Policing Pledges. The initial indication from the Police Authority was that, at least in the short-term, they may continue with some of the pledges as they were seen as important to the community.

RESOLVED: That the information in the report be noted.

REASON: To fulfil the requirements of the Police and Justice Act 2006 in regard to scrutinising crime and disorder issues.

8. PRESENTATION FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Superintendent Winward from North Yorkshire Police gave a presentation to the Committee. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda reports.

Discussion took place regarding the strategies that were in place to tackle cycle theft in the city.

9. DRAFT FINAL REPORT FOR GRITTING POLICY REVIEW

Members considered the draft final report on the CYC Winter Gritting Policy.

Concerns were expressed that the draft report did not make sufficient reference to the policy on the gritting of footpaths, although this issue had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Members also suggested that the strategies in place to raise awareness of the council's winter maintenance policy could be extended to include information being placed in "Your City" and "Your Ward".

- RESOLVED: (i) That an additional paragraph be included in the report in respect of the gritting of footpaths.
- (ii) That the proposed wording of the additional paragraph be circulated to members of the committee via email for approval.
- (iii) That the draft recommendations arising from the review, as detailed in paragraph 49 of the report, be approved.
- (iv) That an additional recommendation relating to providing advice to residents wanting to clear snow and ice from footpaths near their property be included.
- (v) That, subject to the addition of the recommendations suggested above, the draft final report be signed off.

REASON: To conclude the review in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols.

10. WORKPLAN

Consideration was given to the committee's workplan.

RESOLVED: That the work plan be updated to include a report to the committee on the Capable Guardian Pilot and an overview of other initiatives, including information on the Area Based Working Pilot (minute 6 refers).

REASON: To progress the work of the committee.

Councillor Fraser, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 7.35 pm].