
Housing and Community Safety Policy & Scrutiny Committee

24 June

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal & Governance

Overview of Housing & Community Safety service areas

Summary

1. This cover report introduces Members of the new Housing and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee to the service areas relating to Housing and Community Safety within the broader CYC Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Directorate.
2. Annex 1 to this report provides an overview of Building Services, Community Safety, Older persons accommodation, Housing Delivery and Housing ICT, incorporating the following service areas under this committee's remit, which are set out in more detail in a separate report on the agenda for this meeting:
 - a) Housing Revenue Account
 - b) Housing Strategy and Regeneration
 - c) Housing General
 - d) Commissioning and contracts
 - e) Older People's accommodation Programme
 - f) Landlord services, Homelessness and Housing options, standards and adaptations
 - g) Community Safety
 - h) Early intervention, prevention and community development
 - i) People & Neighbourhoods strategy & Policy
 - j) Anti Social Behaviour

- k) Building Services
- l) Repairs and Maintenance
- m) Housing Development

Background

3. Following a review by Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee into scrutiny operations during the last municipal year, Full Council approved that the then Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee (HHASC) be split into two separate scrutiny committees: the Health & Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Housing and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee. This was done in order to create a more manageable workload and to provide capacity for the proper scrutiny of the housing and community safety functions.

Consultation

4. No consultation on the preparation of this cover report was necessary; Annex 1 has been provided by the Assistant Director of Housing and Community Safety and his team.

Options

5. Members of the Committee can:
6. (i) receive and note the annex document from the Assistant Director of Housing and Community Safety; and/or
7. (ii) request further information at future meetings arising from the issues raised in the presentation.

Analysis

8. The Assistant Director of Housing and Community Safety will attend the meeting to present his team's areas of operation and discuss the challenges and priorities the team faces in the coming year. The information provided is intended to help shape the Committee's work plan, where Members and the Assistant Director feel scrutiny involvement would add value or be beneficial in relation to any of the challenges or priorities identified.

Council Plan

9. Following the recent local elections in York, the Council is currently preparing a new strategic Council Plan, in conjunction with the new ruling administration. That Plan will, of course, identify its priorities over the coming term and matters relating to housing and community safety are likely to play an important part in those priorities.

Implications

10. There are no financial, HR, equalities, legal, crime and disorder, IT, property or other implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management

11. There are no risks arising from the recommendations in this report.

Recommendations

12. That Members;
13. (i) note the report and information provided in the annex; and
14. (ii) Consider whether they wish to receive any further information or reports on any issues raised.

Reason: To inform Members of the service areas under its remit.

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

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Annexes

Annex 1 Overview of Housing and Community Safety Services Report

Abbreviation

CYC- City of York Council

HHASC- Health Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny
Committee