# Annual Report 2013 – 2014 Cabinet Member for Homes & Safer Communities to Community Safety Scrutiny

The last year has seen some positive steps forward in the area of Safer Communities but the concern for future years will be whether such services will still be provided. As with all services, provided by the Council and its partners, they are under continued pressure as a result of funding reductions by central Government. The City of York Council, and partners, are working to ensure that vital services are provided and are doing well considering the funding cuts, percentage wise, being four times that of Whitehall

A growing concern for residents, and business, is how York is perceived due to the behaviour of some who use the City's licensed premises and how those premises are managed. Whilst it is not possible to control 'pre-loading' as a City and with our partners we can ensure that the law is enforced and that strong messages on Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) are sent out. During the year I will be working with Council Officers, and partners, to gather evidence so that action can be taken against those licensed premises that continue to break the law with regard to the Licensing Act 2003, that is to serve people who are intoxicated. Such premises also give a 'bad' name to the licensed trade which has many hard working owners, managers and employees. So I will be clear that the behaviour of some companies will not be acceptable in the City and this will be a priority



**Safer York Partnership** (SYP) - took on the running of Retailers Against Crime York (RACY) as it was decided to mainstream its function by working more closely with the Police. Given the budget position there will be a review of the whole partnership arrangements in light of the Community Safety Strategy which needs to take into account the new arrangements with the ASB hub.

Crime Statistics for the year end 2013-14 (North Yorkshire Police and Iquanta<sup>1</sup>) show that reported crime fell by 550 crimes, a 5% reduction in total crime on the previous year. This is the eighth year in a row that overall crime has fallen within the City. All reduction targets were been met in 2013/14 except shoplifting which has seen a 5% rise in reported crime levels – nationally an increase in shoplifting of food. A recent benchmarking study suggests York should be able to achieve continuing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Home Office performance measurement system to compare most similar community safety partnerships

reductions in business crime and cycle theft. The City also performs well against its peers in acquisitive and violent crime which has seen a 14% fall over the last financial year.

After four years of falling cycle thefts, although meeting Community Safety Plan targets, York saw a significant rise in theft levels in 2013/14. The rate of cycle theft per 1000 population is four times higher than in the comparable cities for cycling, Cambridge and Oxford.

Hate crimes reported in 2013/14 have followed a similar trend to previous years with around 100 incidents reported. The majority of crimes/ incidents are of a racial nature and are spread throughout the City. However information shows that hate crimes are under reported and that there has been a rise linked to extremist politics in the country.

To see more about the work of SYP go to http://www.saferyork.org.uk/

**Anti Social Behavioural (ASB) Hub -** The Council was successful in bidding to the Police Innovation Fund, for £58k, towards setting up the ASB hub. Launched in May 2014 it consists of North Yorkshire Police Force (NYPF) Officers and several Council departments.

Situated at West Offices the Hub involves bringing together elements of the police IT system to the building. There are daily meetings to discuss ASB incidents reported which look to decide who is the most relevant agency to deal with the issue. A risk assessment has been put in place to review all ASB incidents to ensure the correct level of actions needed and to make decisions on high risk cases - it is expected that there will be a case load of around 50 high risk cases at anyone time.

The implementation of the Hub's case management system is currently underway but as it will have to meet both organisation information compliance guidelines for Public Service Network (PSN) and Public Service Network Police (PSNP) this will be launched towards the end of the year - it is vital to the Hub's work that there is agreement to and provision of a multi-agency case management system. The initial project plan to purchase a solution is currently on hold whilst NYPF decide their long-term corporate vision for data sharing, ownership and usage.

**AVANTE** - During the last year the SYP sub group AVANTE (Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy) has been looking at the night time economy and problems related to excessive alcohol consumption. Work has included the *Cumulative Impact Zone* - dealing with issues

around noise and premises selling off sales alcohol in the City Centre and the *Alcohol Restriction Zone* - launched in April which deals with the problem of those drinking cheap alcohol from off licenses before/between bars.

**AVANTE Refresh** – after attending my first meeting I have asked Officers to refresh the group, as I feel some key players of the night time economy are missing. Presently there is a 'doing to' rather than involvement feel. With that in mind I have invited representatives from the Taxi Association and the Licensed Victuallers Association to join.

I also believe that there is a need, at certain points in the year, to listen to and work with those who hold 'events', such as the Race Course. With that in mind I will be meeting with the Clerk of the Course, William Derby to see how he can work with the Group at key points in the year.

**River Safety Working Group -** A *River Safety Working Group* has been convened as a sub-group of AVANTE in the light of the recent river deaths. Membership of the group includes:

North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, City of York Council CCTV, University of York, University of York St. John, APEX Radio Systems Ltd and the Police Crime Commissioner.

The first meeting was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at which the interim findings of a recent ROSPA River Safety Audit were reported and a term of reference adopted based on the following draft:

To reduce river-related fatalities in York by:

- Raising awareness of the dangers of entering York's rivers, particularly after consumption of alcohol, through the use of campaigns targeted at adult residents, students and visitors.
- Increase the probability of rescue by ensuring access to safety devices such as: life buoys, grab chains, search lights etc.
- Prevent/design out access to the river at known danger/trip and fall spots wherever possible.
- Improve coordination of emergency response between NYP and North Yorks Fire & Rescue Service.
- Encourage evening venues to contribute to the safe return home of customers, through the use of training and awareness programmes and Nightsafe radio and liaison with support services such as: Street Angels, University of York Nightsafe scheme, Static Ambulance Unit.

• Improve the education of York's children in relation to river safety and the importance of swimming/life saving skills.

**Nightsafe Radio -** 70 evening venues now carry the new Nightsafe radio. In addition, radios are carried by the following agencies:

North Yorkshire Police, Street Angels, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, City of York Licensing, North Yorkshire Police Licensing, Anti Social Behaviour Hub, City Centre Enforcement Team, British Transport Police Minster Police, York University Student Union Nightsafe scheme, City of York Council Control Room.

The Nightsafe Radio scheme is delivered by York Business Against Crime (YBAC) but is monitored via AVANTE.

**Static Ambulance Unit -** The static ambulance unit, based in St. Helen's Square on Friday and Saturday nights commenced on the 6<sup>th</sup> June and will be on site from 7pm until 4am. The Unit is not a *Rest and Recovery Centre* but for those who have suffered minor injuries, usually as a result of falls due to excess alcohol - over 90% of attendees are discharged from a similar unit in Leeds. Those seriously drunk will continue to be referred to the Hospital Emergency department. For those who may need somewhere to rest, they will be referred to the Street Angels Night bus, on Saturday evenings, which will be parked adjacent.

Monitoring information will be collected by Yorkshire Ambulance Service staff, including in which venue last drinks were consumed - this information is vital when understanding where issues arise. I am keen that the information is used to target safe drinking, address health and welfare issues and help enable prosecution of those breaking the law.

**Alcohol Diversion Programme –** The programme began taking referrals on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May with the first course starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The programme is delivered by Lifeline with capacity for 10-15 people on each course. Those arrested by either North Yorkshire Police or the British Transport Police - will be offered the option of attending the course and the charge being cancelled - offenders will be expected to book onto the course within 15 days of arrest as part of the bail process.

The programme is aimed at those who are non-alcohol dependent, but referrals will take place for those who are alcohol dependent to more appropriate treatment programmes. Those who cause problems either on trains or at York railway station, including non-York residents, will also be expected to attend the programme in York. The programme is one of five throughout the country and aims to encourage people to reflect on their behaviour, personal responsibility and the choices they make, rather than on alcohol issues alone. The programme is being evaluated by the University of York with initial findings to be reported after 6 months.

**The University of York Students' Union** (YUSU) - have developed their own 'Street Angels' programme due to be launched in Freshers' Week - provisionally called 'Nightsafe' the Union have received applications from over 100 would-be volunteers. The scheme will provide help and support to students, and others, in vulnerable situations at night in town. The idea is to provide a friendly, non-judgemental face that people can turn to for assistance. The scheme will operate on *YUSU Club nights*, focusing on those clubs and the surrounding areas



University of York St. John – Plan Safe, Drink Safe, Home Safe campaign – the University of York St. John Students' Union has recently developed this campaign which has been considered by the River Safety Working Group for adoption across the city.

The scheme covers posters, beer mats, leaflets, etc gives advice on safe drinking and how to get home safely after a night out in York

**Business Crime -** York Business Against Crime (YBAC) goes from strength to strength. YBAC has a Board of Management, which includes

### representatives from

the retail sector and meets on a monthly basis. Relevant policies and protocols are now in place and the scheme is due to be assessed by the Association of Business Crime Partnerships (ABCP) in Autumn 2014. Tanya Lyon, Community Safety Manager, Crime & Night Time Economy represents CYC on the YBAC Board and is the link to ABCP. 36 retailers have signed up to the scheme with additional applications pending - the top 25 most targeted stores who have not signed up have recently been written to informing them of the benefits of the scheme. There has been positive feedback from retailers about the new SentrySIS<sup>2</sup> intranet system which allows images of offenders to be shared between stores and with North Yorkshire Police - there will shortly be a meeting with Business Against Crime in Leeds (BACIL) to discuss how we can access each others' images for information sharing purposes.

YBAC Exclusion Order meetings are held monthly. Exclusion Orders are imposed on those whose offending is 'persistent and prolific', who are over 18 years of age, have had more than 5 arrests in a 12 month period and an arrest in at least 3 out of the previous 6 months – there are currently 15 individuals who have been served an Exclusion Order.

A meeting with Acomb retailers, in late May offered a month's free trial of YBAC membership for Acomb stores during July.

**Acquisitive Crime - the** Burglary Task Group and the Cycle Theft Task Group both met in late May to review data and to redraft action plans. Both groups meet monthly, whilst the vehicle crime task group has been suspended as the data for this crime type shows low levels. However, SYP continues to monitor the data in order to identify any emerging trends. Both groups are chaired by Tanya Lyon, Community Safety Manager, Crime & Night Time Economy and are attended by other CYC representatives as well as a range of external public, private and voluntary sector members.

**Crime Summit –** The summit took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and was used to consult on the Community Safety Strategy for the next three years - this will set the direction of work for the Safer York Partnership over that period. Delegates included representatives from the statutory and voluntary sector and residents associations.

The keynote speaker was Deputy Chief Constable Tim Madgwick who gave an overview of the national picture for Community Safety as he is the Association Chief Police Officer lead in this area. Workshops were held themed around Alcohol, ASB and Domestic Violence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> information sharing portal that allows retailers and key stakeholders to share intelligence, images of offenders and information

**York Domestic Violence Strategy Board -** I first started discussing how the Council, and its partners, could better act on the causes of and support required, in relation to Domestic Violence, with Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones in autumn 2012.

One of the first aspects discussed was how the City could become a White Ribbon City. I would like to note, at this point, the excellent work done by the former Lord Mayor of York Cllr Julie Gunnell (2013-2014) and City of York Officer Nicola Squires, along with many others, who gained White Ribbon status for the City

http://www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk/ I would like to thank the former Lord Mayor for her passion with regard to this subject, which she has supported for a number of years, and the profile Domestic Violence has had in the charities she supported.

In the summer of 2013 I met with Council officers about the setting up of a distinct *York Domestic Violence Strategy Board* as there was a view that York's issues were becoming lost in the North Yorkshire Board's work. The Board first met in October 2013 and now meets bi monthly. The Board consists of myself, as Chair, Cabinet Member for Health & Community Engagement, Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones Director of Health & Wellbeing, Jon Stonehouse Director of Children's' Services, Education and Skills, IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service), North Yorkshire Police, Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group, York St John's University and Council Officers from Adults and Children's Services.

The Board has decided to have its own strategy, distinct from North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC). CYC has been part of a joint strategy for many years – due to it not being seen as a Council priority – but this has meant that York has been 'lost' in the NYCC plans and policy. CYC will still work with NYCC but I, and the Board members feel, we have different needs and priorities in York.

During the next year we will be looking at the continuing challenge of funding, the complexities of growing 'need', how to ensure that those who experience domestic abuse during sporting events can be supported - such as the World Cup- and issues such as Forced Marriages, Sexual Assaults and continued support of White Ribbon. I believe it is important that we do not have a '*it does not take place in York*' view and with that in mind we need to be aware of the issue of Female Genital Multination (FGM) and that it can happen here.

There are some issues with regard to funding for Domestic Abuse services over the coming years - funding comes from a variety of pots, many of which are due to run out. Part of the funding comes via the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and I am concerned about the future of victim support services due to the procurement process being undertaken which could mean cutting out local providers and resulting in a patchwork service that doesn't serve anyone well. Therefore, we are moving work forward on the York strategy to put York in the best negotiating position. I am confident we can use our working relationship with the PCC to achieve the results for York - this is important as IDAS have seen referrals up by 30% not just as a result of an overall rise in incidents but that more people are willing to come forward

North Yorkshire and City of York Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) – In late May I visited the SARC in York. The SARC opened in May 2013 and is the main centre in North Yorkshire - although there are medical suites in Harrogate and Scarborough - and is self referral.

The design and running of the Centre is based on best practice from across the country. It is not a 24/7 service, a crisis centre, but does have flexibility so that those who require the service can be seen at their convenience either here in York or the staff member will travel across North Yorkshire if a victim cannot travel to York.

The SARC is staffed by a member of Police staff not a Police Officer. This is because the service is about providing a dedicated service for men and women who have been raped or sexually assaulted recently or in the past. The service allows people to decide if they wish the crime to be referred to the Police to be fully investigated – it gives time to think.

For those who have recently been assaulted a Forensic Medical Examination Team can be seen and evidence taken can, if required, be used in any prosecution. Staff at the Centre can also sign post victims to other agencies for counselling support such as a Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA's) If a victim of an assault decided to report an assault North Yorkshire Police have Sexual Offences Investigation Trained Officers (SOIT) who have received specialist training to work with victims of rape and sexual assault.

Further information can be found at http://www.turntobridgehouse.org/

I will be discussing the service further with the Police and Crime Commissioner as I am interested in how more residents can be made aware of the service and how we can get the message in to schools, as we are already about Domestic Violence in young people's relationships

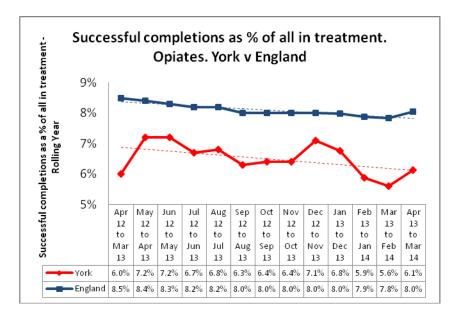
Section 136 Suite – North Yorkshire Police Force area was the last in the country to have a Section 136 Suite. These facilities are essential to the City as many people with mental health conditions were spending time in unsuitable Police Cells. Through the Health & Wellbeing Board I drove this forward but unfortunately it was held up by the NHS PropCo who had not undertaken project work before and delayed the provision by many months - disturbingly trying to lay the blame on others.

I recently visited the Section 136 Place of Safety Suite at Bootham Park. The suite is welcoming, light and airy but also safe. There is an office, an interview room and two 'safe rooms'. Both rooms, and their ensuite wet rooms - one of the most up to date in the country bathrooms - are ligature free and no fittings or fixtures could be used for self harm. Each room has CCTV, not for recording purposes but for monitoring as viewing panels were not allowed to be installed in the Grade 2 listed doors. It is the only Suite in the country to have this.

**Drug and Alcohol treatment services -** In 2010 CYC took over the commissioning responsibility from Health and in April 2013 it became part of the new Public Health structure. In 2011 all *Drug & Alcohol* treatment services within the commissioning scope of the Council were subject to competitive tender - contracts were awarded in April 2012 these are due to be re-tendered in 2016-17

National *Drug and Alcohol* strategies set out key aims for the delivery of treatment services and Public Health England (PHE) have reflected these within their key priorities.

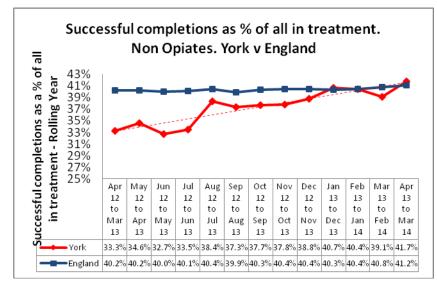
- Recovery Orientated Integrated Drug Treatment Systems in local areas should "Offer every support for people to choose recovery as an achievable way out of addiction" Drug strategy 2010. "The goal of all treatment is for drug users to achieve abstinence from their drugs" NTA 2009
- Reduction in the burden of disease and disability in life focusing on preventing and recovering from conditions with the greatest impact, including dementia, anxiety, depression and drug dependancy



Successful completions trend charts York v England (Opiate only)

Opiate rate - drugs such as Heroin and Crack Cocaine have shown an improving trend over reporting periods but have not yet reached the national average

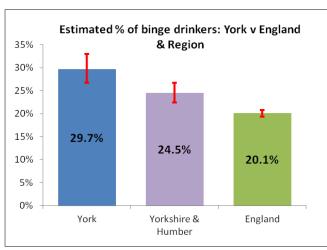
Successful completions trend charts York v England (Non Opiate)



Non opiate rates self reported drug addiction including cannabis and new psychoactive substances - have improved over the last few reporting periods and are now close to the national average.

*The next twelve months* - Following recommendations from the JSNA, Safer York Partnership agreed to support the development of a cross partner Alcohol Needs Analysis, strategy and action plan which is intended to be shared with the Health & Wellbeing Board.

A project group will develop and build on existing profiling to ensure the City is able to effectively tackle the wider spectrum of alcohol related issues faced such as Illegal sales, prevention of harm to individuals, anti social behaviour, night time economy specific issues as well as the treatment of dependency. Public Health and the *Drug & Alcohol* team continue to work with treatment providers to increase the access for clients who wish to seek abstinence from addiction. Work will also move forward to support the development of a recovery centre following a capital investment by Public Health England with the recovery provider Changing Lives



#### Estimated % of binge drinkers in York.

**Alcohol -** Binge drinking is defined as consumption of at least twice the daily recommended amount of alcohol in a single drinking session (men 8 or more units, women 6 or more units). York is estimated to have a significantly higher percentage of binge drinkers than the

n the chart.

The estimated percentage of 'increasing risk' and 'higher risk' drinkers in York (24.5%) is higher than regional (22.2%) and national (22.3%) levels. Currently there are no local estimates available for levels of alcohol dependency, however if the national estimates (NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care, 2009) are applied to the York population this would suggest there are almost **7,000** males and **3,000** females in York with some degree of alcohol dependence (mild, moderate or severe).

The estimated percentage of dependent drinkers in the population can be used to gauge the treatment 'penetration rate' for York in comparison with England. Table below shows number of adults in structured alcohol treatment in 2012-13 as a percentage of the estimated number of dependent drinkers based on 2012 mid year population figures.

| Data                                  | Region  | Males     | Females   | Persons   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| a. 16-74 population<br>(ONS Mid 2012) | York    | 74,456    | 76,760    | 151,216   |
|                                       | England | 19,425,65 | 19,725,82 | 39,151,48 |
|                                       |         | 7         | 8         | 5         |
| b. Dependent Drinker                  | York    | 6,924     | 2,763     | 9,688     |

#### Alcohol treatment penetration rate for York and England

| Estimates - % of 16-<br>74 population (9.3%<br>male, 3.6% female) | England | 1,806,586 | 710,130 | 2,516,716 |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| c. In structured  | York    | 291       | 200     | 491       |
| alcohol treatment<br>2012/13 NDTMS                                | England | 69,461    | 38,727  | 108,188   |
| d. Treatment  | York    | 4.2%      | 7.2%    | 5.1%      |
| penetration rates<br>(c/b*100)                                    | England | 3.8%      | 5.5%    | 4.3%      |

The Public Health England identifies three main ways in which alcohol use impacts on health and wellbeing: hospital admissions; mortality and months of life lost and alcohol related crime. York is rated against it's 'nearest neighbours' as experiencing:

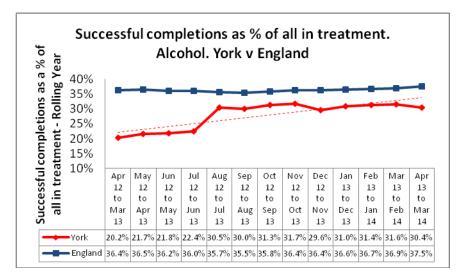
- the 'least' amount of harm for hospital admissions
- the 'least' amount of harm for mortality and months of life lost
- 'lower' harm levels for alcohol related recorded crime
- 'higher' harm levels for alcohol related violent crime.

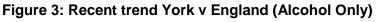
The council is working with partners to build a broader base of city centre activities between 5 to 8pm, that are family friendly and not centred on alcohol consumption. In addition, there is continuing work with the two universities and student unions to promote better awareness of excessive alcohol consumption, to address issues surrounding behaviour, alcohol misuse and also river safety.

Public Health England estimated the financial cost to society of alcohol misuse for each local authority for 2011/12. The cost in York was £77.26 M and the breakdown was as follows:

- £13.17 M on NHS costs e.g. alcohol related: hospital admissions, outpatient visits, A&E attendances, ambulance journeys, GP consultations and specialist treatment.
- £23.38 M on crime and licensing costs e.g. alcohol attributable offences, alcohol specific crimes, cost of Issuing Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs) and licensing costs.
- £37.52 M on workplace and the economy costs e.g. alcohol related: absenteeism, unemployment, premature mortality and years of potential working life lost.
- £4.28 M on social services costs e.g. alcohol attributable expenditure on children's and adults social care.

York has a lower alcohol cost per head of population (£391) compared with regional (£397) and national (£402) averages. The detailed breakdown of costs per head of population is shown in the chart below and it can be seen that York has a much higher average cost to the workplace and the economy.





# York Drug performance information - 2013/14

In structured treatment

- 742 adult drug clients actively receiving treatment
- 496 adult alcohol clients
- 86 young people (drugs / alcohol)

Successful treatment completions

- 95 adult drug clients
- 151 adult alcohol clients
- 32 young people (planned exits)

# Drug Intervention Programme (DIP)<sup>3</sup>

- 152 new people on the DIP programme
- 5 new referrals per month from DIP to structured treatment

<sup>1</sup>Drug Intervention Programme - aims to engage drug-misusing offenders involved in the Criminal Justice system in formal addiction treatment and other support, thereby reducing drug-related harm and offending behaviour.

The success of the DIP programme in helping drug misusing offenders to engage in treatment is shown by the percentage currently in treatment who were originally referred by DIP.

### Prevalence estimates

- 1122 estimated number of opiate and / or crack users in York
- 603 opiate and / or crack users in treatment in 2013/14

**Yorkshire & Humber Scambusters Team** – based in York it is tasked with tackling rogue traders. I have been, with Officers, to visit residents targeted by a company that preys on residents over the age of 60 and makes alarming claims with regard to structural conditions, such as imminent danger of collapse of their property.

Trading Standards - The team undertake a variety of works including:

- Testing the accuracy of weights and measures such as shop scales, weighbridges and petrol pumps
- Advice & training
- Enforcement visits
- Team undertake sales checks of alcohol to those under aged
- Cold Calling Zones

The team work with other Trading Standards authorities in the UK

**National E-Crime investigation team** – is based in York, and has received national praise for its work. Work undertaken in the last year includes investigating loan sharks and illegal money lending

# Food & Safety Unit

Officers monitor and enforce food safety and standards legislation in over 1,800 food premises including food retailers, restaurants, pubs, takeaways, caterers and manufacturers. At food hygiene inspections premises are given a Food Hygiene Rating which goes into a web site that the public can access. In the last year, nine premises received a hygiene rating of zero and were required to make improvements. During the year, 757 inspections have taken place. The team have dealt with 875 food complaints.

The team also investigate health and safety accidents and respond to health and safety complaints from employees and members of the public.

### **Environmental Protection Unit**

The main areas of work include the investigation and resolution of complaints of noise, bonfires, nuisance and related anti social behaviour.

During 2013/14 EPU received 1609 complaints about noise including loud music, parties, shouting, domestic noise, noise from pubs and clubs and dog barking.

EPU operate a weekend night time Noise Patrol service for complaints about noise, licensed premises and other environmental issues. In 2013/14 they received 1143 calls to the Noise Patrol and made 555 visits. As a result of evidence obtained on the Noise Patrol they served 22 noise abatement notices, witnessed 6 breaches of noise abatement notices and undertook 2 seizures of noise generating equipment.

During 2013/2014 EPU successfully prosecuted six individuals for noise nuisance offences as a result of loud music coming from their properties. Overall fines of £900 were given and £3,206.90 in costs were awarded to City of York Council. In addition two forfeiture orders were granted for music equipment which was seized by the Council from the offenders' properties.

In May 2013 Elvington Park Limited, Elvington Events Limited and their company director were found guilty of breaching a noise abatement notice as a result of noisy motor sports at Elvington airfield, following an appeal to the Crown against a previous conviction. The two companies were fined £3,500 each and the company director fined £2,000. In addition costs of £11,000 were also awarded to the Council.

### Licensing

The licensing section of the Council covers a wide range of licensing, registration and enforcement including:

- Hackney Carriage driver & Vehicle including the establishment and review of taxi ranks
- Private hire driver, vehicle operator
- Supply of alcohol
- Regulated entertainment
- Provision of late night refreshment
- Street trading
- Gambling licences for bingo, betting, adult gaming centres, family entertainment centres and casinos
- Small lotteries
- Charity collections
- Sex establishments
- Scrap mental dealers/motor salvage operators

- Sports grounds the 'Safety at Sports Advisory Group monitors York City Football Club, Huntington stadium and York Racecourse
- Animals
- Poisons
- Explosives
- Petroleum

During the last year, as a result of representations received against applications, 28 licensing sub committee hearings were held to determine premise licences, a personal licence and temporary event notices under the Licensing Act 2003.

In light of concern over sexual entertainment venues from members of the public I have asked officers to start to investigate how these can be limited in the City

# **Registration and Celebration Services**

York's *Birth Death and Marriage* records date back to 1837 and can be issued for genealogical certificates. Births can be registered at 3 Childrens Centres and the service is looking to expand venues for civil funerals and celebratory ceremonies such as baby naming and renewal of marriage vows. There are 30 approved venues throughout the City where weddings and Civil Partnerships can be held. The service also takes charge of Citizenship ceremonies.

### Meetings - relevant to the Portfolio - July 2013 to July 2014

Domestic Violence Strategy Board - Oct 2013, Jan, March, May 2014 Section 136 Suite – April 2014 AVANTE - April, July 2014 White Ribbon launch May 2014 Police Crime Panel Development Session, Harrogate – May 2014 David Walker RoSPA – May 2014 Inspector Phil Cain – May, June 2014 SARC Visit – May 2014 River Safety Group – May 2014 William Derby, York Race Course – July 2014 Police Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan - June 2014 Chief Constable Dave Jones – June 2014 PCP Complaints Sub Committee – June Police Crime Panel, York – July 2014 Licensed Victualler Association – June 2014 Taxi Associations – June 2014

West Yorkshire & York Tackling Illicit Tobacco for Better Health – July 2014 Night time City Centre Patrol with NYPF – July 2014 Cabinet Office meeting on Serious and Organised Crime, Newton Aycliffe – July 2014