



REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	10 DECEMBER 2009
REPORT OF THE:	JULIAN RUDD HEAD OF ECONOMY AND HOUSING
TITLE OF REPORT:	SAFER RYEDALE PARTNERSHIP REVIEW
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide a context for the Scrutiny review.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Members note the report and consider what scrutiny of Crime and Disorder they would like to undertake at future meetings.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Council's Constitutional Review Working Party on 8th July 2009 recommended that:

(i) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be designated the Council's crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee;

(ii) That it be recommended to Council that the terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be amended to include:

(a) To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions;

(b) To make reports or recommendations to the Council with respect to the discharge of those functions;

(c) To have at least one meeting each municipal year dedicated to scrutinising crime and disorder matters; and

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 This report is for information only.

REPORT

5.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

5.1 The report provides background information on the Safer Ryedale Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

6.0 POLICY CONTEXT

6.1 Council Priorities 2009 – 2013 Aim 4: To have active communities where everyone feels welcome and safe.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

8.0 REPORT DETAILS

8.1 The Safer Ryedale Partnership was formed as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It is a statutory body comprising partner organisations with the duty placed on them to work together to reduce crime and disorder and associated issues. The statutory partner agencies are:

- Ryedale District Council
- North Yorkshire County Council
- North Yorkshire Police
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- North Yorkshire Police Authority
- York and North Yorkshire Primary Care Trust
- National Parks Authority

8.2 Annually, the Partnership updates its Partnership Plan. This contains all the information about the Partnership's priorities. An electronic version is in annex A and a hard copy is also available. The Memorandum of Understanding and co-operation is in annex B.

8.3 The Board is chaired by Marie-Ann Jackson, Corporate Director. Membership is outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding 6(d) above. The Board approves the Strategy and Action Plan, reviews performance information and is involved currently in the preparation of the Joint Strategic Information Assessment. Cllr Hope and Cllr Maud represent the Council on the Board.

8.4 The Delivery Team is chaired by Jos Holmes, Economy and Community Manager. This Team meets quarterly to review progress against the Action Plan, approve bids for funding and prepare papers for the Board. The 2009 quarter 1 action plan is in annex C for information.

8.5 The four priority groups are:

- Safer Roads - Chaired by Mal Austwick, Area Manager, North Yorkshire Fire Service
- Community Priorities - Chaired by Insp. Tim Hutchinson, North Yorkshire Police
- Alcohol Harm Reduction - Chaired by Sandi Clarke, Crime and Disorder Officer, Ryedale District Council

- Domestic Abuse - Sandra Rees, Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator Ryedale and Scarborough, Scarborough Borough Council.

8.6 Safer Ryedale is responsible for the collection of performance data. This is updated on the Covalent system and performance data is outlined in annex D.

8.7 The council currently expends £70,930 on community safety activity, largely on the Community Safety Manager post (excluding CCTV).

8.8 The Partnership has two part time officers, funded through Government Office and partner grant aid. These are the Crime and Disorder Officer and the Community Safety Link Officer and are employed by Ryedale District Council.

8.9 The partnership manages funding of £113,000 in 2009/10 to pursue its priorities. This funding is likely to be reduced considerably in £20010/11 as funding is allocated according to crime levels. Consequently, low crime levels have resulted in a loss of anticipated grant aid.

8.10 The Safer Ryedale Partnership have agreed to investigate closer working and a possible merger with the Ryedale Local Strategic Partnership. This was prompted in part by the retirement of the Council's Community Safety Manager and, should this proposal proceed, it is not intended to replace this post.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

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Background Papers:

None.

Background Papers are available for inspection at:

Location or web address