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Foreword

Message from Safer Ryedale Executive Board

Safer Ryedale was formed as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It is a statutory body made up of a number of partner agencies, with the duty placed on them to work together to reduce crime and disorder and associated issues.

The statutory partners are as follows:

- 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

Safer Ryedale also includes a range of other partners from the statutory and voluntary sectors who are very much involved in this work. As a Partnership we actively encourage involvement and participation in our common aim to make Ryedale a safer place and we will continue to develop these links over the coming year. It has been recognised that by working together a real difference can be made by drawing on expertise within the wide range of agencies and voluntary sector organisations.

Not only does the Partnership have a strategic focus but it also prides itself in listening and responding to those people and communities that may be the victims of crime and anti-social behaviour throughout the District.

This Partnership Plan follows on from previous Safer Ryedale Community Safety Strategies and responds to the new legislative requirements and good practice. It will be reviewed on an annual basis with opportunities for wider consultation and comment.

Ryedale is a low crime area and has consistently maintained this status amongst other similar rural areas. The Partnership is not complacent and needs to continue working to maintain and improve on the low levels of crime and disorder in the District and our efforts will be directed to this task.



What is the Partnership Plan?

Each Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) across the country is required to produce a Partnership Plan, which has been developed following legislative changes brought in under the Crime and Disorder Act Review 2006.

The Plan builds on the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (J.S.I.A). This document pulls together data and information from various partners. It shows levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse, changes in those levels, analysis of why those changes have occurred and a review of the previous year's performance. The JSIA is an `intelligence led` approach to community safety ensuring that we get the right resources in the right place at the right time to sustain reductions in crime and disorder. The strategic assessment helps us to understand the community safety problems in the district and in turn our priorities.

Previously, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships compiled a three year Strategy which was designed to tackle the priorities identified for the whole period of that Strategy. The last Strategy ended at the end of March 2008.

Priorities change as time progresses and partnerships should now be prepared to shift their priorities in line with the needs of their communities.

This plan sets out the expectations of Safer Ryedale; what it will deliver over the next three years, the resources available, how performance will be measured and will act as one of the mechanisms to communicate to local people. It builds on our analysis of crime and disorder and sets our priorities.

The Plan will be reviewed annually and covers the period April 2008 – March 2011. It includes short, medium and long-term objectives and aligns to other local and countywide plans from individual and collective agencies.



Ryedale District

Situated between York and the Heritage Coastline of North Yorkshire, Ryedale is a rural area containing several small market towns, villages and isolated dwellings. Ryedale covers 150,659 hectares and is the largest district in North Yorkshire. The main route through the District is the A64 York to Scarborough Road. In addition, the A170 runs from Scarborough to Helmsley and the A169 between Malton and Whitby.

The district has a population of 51,952 divided between 22,024 households and is one of the sparsest populated districts in the country. Generally Ryedale has an older population, with a high proportion of people aged 65 years or over and a smaller proportion of people aged between 15 and 44 years than the average for England. People in Ryedale are also healthier and live in larger accommodation than the English average.

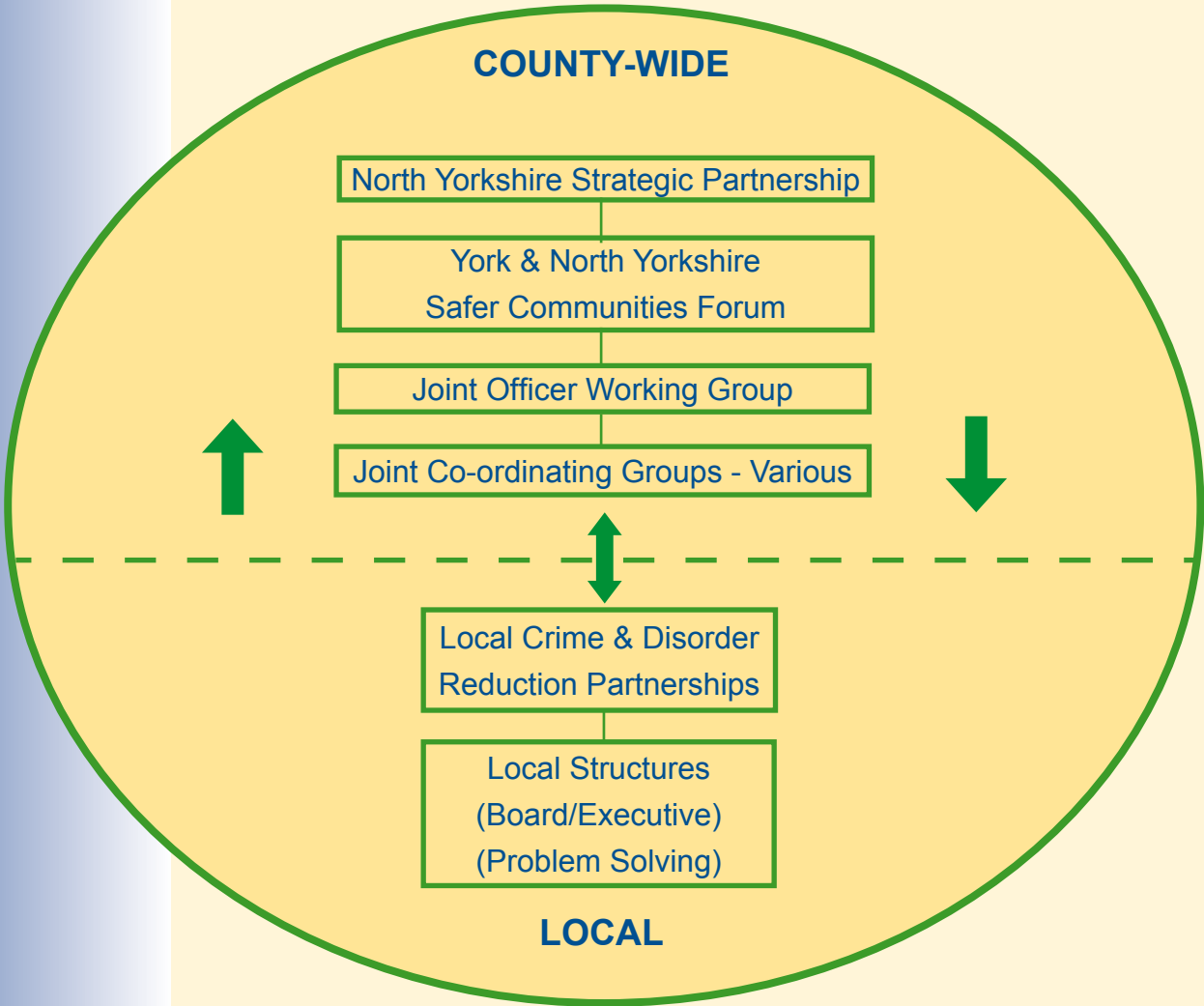
Ryedale has one of the lowest crime rates in the country and much work is undertaken to maintain this level and to try and gain improvements. One of the main crime categories that have seen huge reductions over the last couple of years is car crime. The crime figures for 2006/07 showed reductions in all crime including burglary and violent crime. Safer Ryedale have introduced a range of projects and initiatives to address crime and concerns from the community such as speeding vehicles and inappropriate driver behaviour with Operation Siren to target low level infringements, deploying mobile speed awareness signs and distributing wheelie bin stickers. We aim to continue this approach within the new Partnership Plan.



Partnership Process

Structure Overview

Within the county of North Yorkshire and under the overall leadership of the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership there is a commitment to work in a balanced manner, ensuring that where we are able to work strategically and in partnership this will be done, but also recognising the importance of working to deliver local priorities identified by local communities.



The structure above aims to simply illustrate the relationship between the county composition and the local make-up.

County Level Structure

The York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum brings together countywide agencies and other relevant partnerships such as the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB), and representatives that have a commitment to working in partnership to tackle the issues of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. The Forum identifies those priorities that are of the greatest concern and sets targets to address these.

Underpinning the Forum are the Joint Co-ordinating Groups, which are tasked to identify specific actions that will, by working together, make a positive difference in key action areas.

Local Level Structure

The local Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) led by the 'Executive Board' has a statutory responsibility to produce this plan and the Strategic Assessment. Having the right people around the table is critical to the success at a local level and it is therefore recognised that the composition may vary from one locality to the next.

Local delivery is the key to the success of any partnership and again these structures will vary. Models that are familiar include multi-agency problem solving groups and task and finish groups, which are brought together to tackle or deal with a specific issue, once resolved or concluded they disband. The frequency of these meetings will again reflect local needs.

Safer Ryedale have a number of local task groups who address our key priority areas such as Safer Roads, Domestic Abuse and Anti-social Behaviour along with location based problem solving groups.





Engaging with our communities

Community Engagement

Engaging the community is a core function of the Partnership. Without understanding the needs of the local community priorities would be lost and the focus would not be directed.

The Partnership will not undertake this function in isolation it will embrace the structures that exist already to engage with communities including those that are hard to reach. It will work in conjunction with police Safer Neighbourhood teams and others working within our communities, it is an inclusive approach.

The Partnership will develop and enhance approaches that will allow communities to identify their priorities and have a voice to ensure issues affecting their lives are dealt with and where appropriate agencies, officers and Elected Members are held to account.

A variety of approaches will be used including written material, the use of websites, through media opportunities, public meetings and interactive sessions.

Community engagement is something that the partnership not only wants to undertake, legislation also makes it a legal requirement, and we want to ensure it is a positive and worthwhile experience.

The Partnership will develop a Communications Plan in order that this area of work becomes more inclusive and community focused.



Our priorities

Introduction

Our priorities have been developed from our Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment which is compiled using information gathered from all the responsible authorities, wider partners and information provided by the community. The partnership priorities also include the delivery of county wide Local Area Agreement targets.

Our performance will be measured and monitored through quarterly reports to the Executive Board. The system will link into the county wide reporting mechanism as part of the Local Area Agreements.

Safer Roads - We aim to make roads in the District safer for all their users and reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road collisions.

Community Priorities – The partnership has prioritised those crime types that reduce the quality of life in some areas of the District, such as anti social behaviour, and burglary.

Alcohol Harm Reduction – We aim to significantly reduce the occurrence of all crime relating to alcohol consumption, such as criminal damage, and anti social behaviour

Domestic Abuse – We aim to protect and support people experiencing domestic abuse in the Ryedale District.





Safer Roads

We take an overview and promote safety and the reduction of accidents on Ryedale's roads in any way we can.

Although the levels of road traffic collisions are low, work is continuing to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions on the roads. Local observations indicate that the majority of incidents on the roads in Ryedale are vehicle collisions with the younger male drivers, with speed or inexperience being key factors, along with the use of motorcycles.

We work on preventative measures such as raising awareness about how to be safe on our roads through initiatives like Operation Siren, which aims to educate drivers caught exceeding the speed limit of the dangers of excess speed. Educational work is carried out in the local schools and with target groups of people e.g. Drive Alive, Drive Wise and Impact Roadshow.

We also deal with enforcement issues such as working to reduce speeding in villages and towns. We recently purchased 3 hand held laser devices so that the Safer Neighbourhood Team Officers can respond directly to local concerns.

We will also be working on county wide initiatives through the 95 Alive Partnership and also with neighbouring Districts on joint education events e.g. motorcycles over peak holiday times.



Community Priorities

Safer Ryedale aims to target all behaviour that is detrimental to the community and reduces the quality of life for people living in the area e.g. burglary, criminal damage and anti social behaviour.

There have been reductions in car crime over the last 2 years and Safer Ryedale introduced and implemented the Not So Fast... initiative to raise awareness of this crime type through media campaigns, roadshows, leaflets, car park signage and targeting businesses.



We will continue to work together to reduce the key crime types e.g. burglary, to tackle anti-social behaviour and to target offenders. Much work has been undertaken already to address these key areas through initiatives like: B.O.B (Beware of Burglars), Doorstep Crime projects to tackle Bogus Callers such as the drama presentations by Stagecraft Ryedale and the Nominated Neighbour Scheme to funding diversionary activities and teenage play equipment for young people. These will continue along with the launch of Buying Time a DVD to aid the farming and equine community to implement measures to reduce the opportunities for crime.

We will also encourage the use of available powers to tackle unacceptable behaviour effectively in the community.

Alcohol Harm Reduction

Safer Ryedale aims to raise awareness on the consequences of alcohol misuse to minimise the harm to both individuals and the community. Our local plans will seek to reduce behaviour that is fuelled by alcohol, including violence, criminal damage, domestic abuse, sexual offences and anti-social behaviour.

According to the 'North Yorkshire and York Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy' document for 2008-2011, Ryedale District is below the national average in all eight areas measured for rates of alcohol related occurrences when comparing districts with the English average. This is encouraging however, this does not mean that negative behaviour fuelled by alcohol should be tolerated.

Safer Ryedale have introduced a number of initiatives including, Designated Alcohol Restriction Areas through Ryedale District Council in four of the five market towns in 2004, the 'Lock 'em Inn' initiative is aimed at educating late-night revellers to moderate their behaviour after leaving public houses.

We will continue our work in this area and further strengthen it through better information and targeting campaigns and resources to address the issue and to promote sensible drinking to reduce incidents of alcohol related nuisance.



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Have Ready to Hand:

- Means of Identification
- Birth/Marriage Certificates
- Medication needed for you or your family
- Keys, money, small personal valuables

Take These with you when you leave

Domestic Abuse

Safer Ryedale aims to reduce the numbers of repeat cases of domestic abuse. Already we have seen reductions last year through the work of the Scarborough and Ryedale Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator in developing and implementing with Partner agencies (statutory and voluntary sector) nationally recognised work e.g. Making Safe which seeks to support victims of domestic abuse to remain in the family home whilst challenging the behaviour of the offender. Also the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts aim to quicken and add expertise to the criminal justice process.

We will also raise awareness and encourage education initiatives on the issues of domestic abuse in the community and with harder to reach groups; this includes the national missdorothy.com project.

We will also develop with others training packages for agencies to train up their own staff to provide an effective response to domestic abuse.

Resources and Funding

Maximising Resources

Within the Ryedale area there is a commitment to work with neighbouring partnerships to maximise the resources available. This has been evident for a number of years with the joint funding of a County Analyst, who collates all relevant information and produces reports, and a County-wide Co-ordinator for the Prolific and Priority Offender Strategy.

Sharing of projects between Partnerships across the County will be developed further.

The efficient use of resources is an area that will continue to be explored, including how limited and reducing funding can be maximised to have the greatest impact, not only within distinct boundaries but also across the county.

Funding

The funding available to Partnerships varies each year and the mechanisms to attract funding to areas that are low in crime is challenging.

With the introduction of the Local Area Agreements, Partnerships will receive allocations based upon a variety of formulas linking to targets, crime levels, population and priority work areas. Top slicing of funding will potentially become more commonplace with a clear strategic focus from the York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum on allocations and spending.



Financial contributions from the local authorities, Police Authority, Police Force and County Council have historically enhanced the local delivery and it is envisaged that these will continue during 2008/09 with a review likely in the years to follow.

Each Partnership will continue to explore opportunities for attracting external funding to complement the local delivery.

Action planning

The action planning process clearly defines the work that needs to be undertaken in order that the Partnership can meet its objectives and tackle the issues that have been raised in the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment.

The objectives set will be driven by the SMART principles

- Specific** - Objectives will specify what we want to achieve
- Measurable** - Enable us to measure if we are meeting our objectives
- Achievable** - Will be achievable and attainable
- Realistic** - Achieved with the resources available
- Timely** - Occur within a set timescale

By adopting this approach, the aim of our objectives can be understood and the process of who is accountable can be established.

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