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**REPORT TO:** Ryedale Strategic Partnership Board

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**SUBJECT:** **Community Safety Structures in York and North Yorkshire**

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### **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the merger of the Ryedale Community Safety Partnership (CSP) with 6 North Yorkshire CSPs to create the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership.
- 1.2 To seek the dissolution of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) requires the police force, local authorities, fire and rescue, probation and clinical commissioning groups (collectively known as the responsible authorities) to work together and with others to:
  - a. Protect their local communities from crime and help people feel safer;
  - b. Deal with local issues like antisocial behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse and re-offending; and
  - c. Assess local crime priorities and consult partners and the local community about how to deal with them.
- 2.2 Currently there are six Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in North Yorkshire: Craven, Hambleton and Richmondshire, Harrogate, Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby. In addition, legislation requires that where there is more than one CSP in a county council area, there must also be a county-wide strategy group. This was the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum. In Ryedale, the Ryedale Strategic Partnership is the Board of the RCSP and Safer Ryedale is the Delivery Team. [www.ryesafe.org](http://www.ryesafe.org).

- 2.3 Partners have been considering the nature and number of partnerships in recent years, including those relating to community safety. In January 2011 Local Government North Yorkshire and York agreed four principles for a new approach to partnerships:
- a. The minimum number and simplest of partnership structures, consistent with delivering the required outcomes and statutory requirements;
  - b. A North Yorkshire and York approach to county / sub-regional partnership structures as far as possible, recognising that a degree of pragmatism will be required given the different local authority structures in North Yorkshire and York;
  - c. Local partnerships, including shared community engagement arrangements, at the most appropriate local level; and
  - d. The use of task and finish groups to deal with particular issues, rather than standing thematic partnerships or sub-groups.
- 2.4 Until 2010 the Home Office provided funding to support the work of CSPs in England via the Government Offices for the Regions. From 2010 the Home Office funding came via upper-tier local authorities such as North Yorkshire County Council. In addition, since 2010 the amount of Home Office funding for community safety has reduced considerably - in North Yorkshire from over £700k per annum to around £250k per annum. In April 2013 the Home Office transferred the funding to the Police and Crime Commissioners, as an integral part of their main grant from the Home Office rather than ring-fenced or separately identified for CSPs.
- 2.5 Prior to the election of Police and Crime Commissioners, the York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum reviewed the future of partnerships concerned with community safety with a view to reducing cost and focusing local energy on a locally-based problem solving approach. Proposals focused on reducing the number of CSPs whilst maintaining local groups to ensure the effective delivery of a locally based problem solving approach.
- 2.6 Discussions have continued since, including with the PCC following her election in November 2012. The PCC has strongly supported and encouraged the principle of one CSP for North Yorkshire, alongside one CSP for York. She also encouraged local areas to develop appropriate solutions for their area, which is set out in the arrangements for the local delivery teams.

### **3 PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 The proposal is to combine the six CSPs in North Yorkshire into one North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership, supported by district-based Local Delivery Teams. Each of the responsible authorities will be represented, at the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership. The Ryedale representative will be the Economy and Community Manager of Ryedale District Council.

- 3.2 The draft constitution for the NYCSP is set out in Annex A; this will need to be agreed at the first meeting of the NYCSP.
- 3.3 The role of the NYCSP Chair and Deputy Chair is crucial and a 'role description' has been prepared (Annex B). It is important to note that the role has the duty to respond to any Domestic Homicide Reviews identified throughout the County.
- 3.4 Each district will have a Local Delivery Team that will develop appropriate responses to local issues. In Ryedale, it is recommended that the existing Safer Ryedale Delivery Team fulfils this role. This comprises officers from Ryedale District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Yorkshire Housing, and North Yorkshire Probation, meeting quarterly to deliver the Safer Ryedale Action Plan. An invitation to all the relevant 'responsible authorities' and the voluntary sector will also be extended.
- 3.5 One implication of this proposal is that the Ryedale Strategic Partnership will no longer act as the Board for the Ryedale Community Safety Partnership. With the main remit of the Partnership gone, the continued existence of the Partnership and the resources that each partner is required to deploy to retain it, is in question. It is therefore proposed to dissolve the Ryedale Strategic Partnership.
- 3.6 Alternative forums for discussion on key themes or on Ryedale's key priorities do exist;
- Local Government North Yorkshire and York
  - Health and Wellbeing Board
  - York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership
  - Ryedale Business Forum
  - Ryedale Area Committee
  - Ryedale Parish Liaison Forum
  - Safer Ryedale Local Delivery Team
  - Ryedale Equalities Forum
- 3.7 The RSP constitution allows for dissolution. The proposal to dissolve the Partnership will require the support of two thirds majority of those present and voting at the meeting, with a quorum of six members of the Partnership being present.

#### **4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Ryedale Strategic Partnership Board is recommended to approve:
- (i) The merger of the Ryedale CSP with 6 North Yorkshire CSPs to create the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership.  
(NYCSP)

- (ii) That the Ryedale CSP Delivery Team, 'Safer Ryedale', becomes the Local Delivery Team for the NYCSP.
- (iii) That the Ryedale Strategic Partnership be dissolved.

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**Background papers:**

None

**Background papers are available at:**

None