



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
DATE:	21 APRIL 2022
REPORT OF THE:	PROGRAMME DIRECTOR PEOPLE AND RESOURCES
TITLE OF REPORT:	SAFER RYEDALE PROGRESS WITH DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the work of the Safer Ryedale Partnership on the delivery of the Ryedale Community Safety Action Plan 2021/2023

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
 - (i) Note the achievements of the Safer Ryedale, Action Plan as outlined in (Appendix A) to deliver the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership Strategy (Appendix B)

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was designated as the Ryedale District Council's crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee in July 2009. To undertake this function, it was resolved to receive reports from the Safer Ryedale Partnership.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 The significant risks would be the failure to meet the local authorities' legislative responsibilities.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Ryedale District Council- council plan 2020-24 “Our environment a sustainable, safe and clean place” A safe place to live.

REPORT

6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 In the interests of efficiency and economy, the responsible authorities in the county of North Yorkshire have agreed to establish a single Community Safety Partnership for North Yorkshire to be known as the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP).
- 6.2 **Section 17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998** the crime and disorder act were enacted in 1998 and places a statutory duty on all local authorities together with their partner agencies to develop and deliver a community safety strategy.
- 6.3 This strategy is delivered through the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (Appendix A). Section 17 of the act requires local authorities to identify community safety implications in all their activities which Ryedale District Council (RDC) complies with in order to prevent crime and disorder, drugs misuse and reoffending.
- 6.4 The purpose of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP) is to bring together the responsible authorities, supported by other relevant organisations, to fulfil their statutory responsibilities to work together. The NYCSP is supported by district and community safety hubs. The themes and objectives within the strategy are identified following a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA). A number of joint coordinating groups exist and where appropriate Ryedale District Council is represented.
- 6.5 The Ryedale District Community Safety Group brings together the operational managers responsible for the delivery of the action plan (Appendix A). The group is there to ensure local delivery of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP) Plan and respond to emerging issues affecting individuals and communities, in particular:
- i) protect the local community from crime and disorder and help people feel safer.
 - ii) Manage local issues e.g., anti-social behaviour (ASB), drug or alcohol misuse, re-offending and crime prevention.
 - iii) Assess local crime and disorder priorities and consult with partners plus the local community about how to deal with them.
- 6.6 Statutory partners including Ryedale District Council (RDC), North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), North Yorkshire Police (NYP), North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service(NYFRS), and representatives from the voluntary sector meet regularly. The Group provides feedback to the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership illustrating how local activity contributes towards the strategic objectives
- 6.7 Local activities in 2021/22 delivered by multi-agency partners are outline in the report in the delivery of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP) strategy

and action plan and allows for the coordination of activity across the district.

- (i) Partnership Development
- (ii) Community Safety Hub.
- (iii) Early and effective Interventions
- (iv) Hate Crime and Community Cohesion
- (v) Serious and Organised Crime
- (vi) Domestic Abuse

- 6.8 The North Yorkshire Community Safety Strategy highlights the importance of **Partnership working** and the development of **Community Safety Hubs** in District Councils to increase multi-agency collaboration to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime affecting communities, including the co-location of police, district councils and other services in 'Community Safety Hubs' in each area. In February 2021 North Yorkshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team co-located to Ryedale House. This has resulted in a shared front reception desk for police and council and the joint sharing of office space with the Safer, Stronger Communities Team. The new Community safety Hub has continued to further develop and now includes Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) a NYP Domestic Violence Officer, Problem Solving Tactical Expert Advisor, NYP School Liaison Officer, NYCC, Change Direction Youth Mentor, Community First Yorkshire community development officer, Fire & Rescue, all now regularly work within the community safety Hub. The Ryedale Community Safety Hub is be recognised across North Yorkshire as best practice.
- 6.9 Ryedale Community Safety Hub now host fortnightly multi-agency problem solving meetings (MAPS) which are jointly chaired by the Safer, Stronger Community Manager and North Yorkshires Police (NYP) Inspector. The MAPS meetings focus on complex cases of Antisocial Behaviour that require a multi-agency response. The meetings are attended by various partners linked to specific cases. These include North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS), North Yorkshire Adult Social Care & Mental Health services, Social Housing Providers, RDC Housing, (NYP) Domestic Violence Officer, (NYP) Problem Solving Tactical Advisor, and Horizons.
- 6.10 Referrals for the meeting are made via the North Yorkshire Orcuma case management system which all North Yorkshire local authorities use to enable sharing of information across the area. The meeting provides the details required to formulate and direct resources at the areas and issues required to address the antisocial behaviour. The use of the Orcuma system and regular meeting also helps identify repeat cases and gives a full history of events. This allows partner agencies to identify any complexities to the case that need to be addressed.
- 6.11 The Community Safety Hub partnership group from April 2021- March 2022 have had 95 full referrals direct into the Orcuma system from partner agencies that have reached the qualifying matrix threshold to be presented to the fortnightly multi-agency problem solving meeting. On an average each meeting discusses 9 open cases with attending partners.
- 6.12 Between the dates of June 2021- March 2022 the Community Team have conducted 75 joint visits with partner agencies which have included social housing providers, Living Well Co-ordinators, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Moors National Park, Trading Standards, English Heritage. The breakdown of these visits includes welfare checks of residents and concerns around property issues, health and wellbeing, animal welfare cases, licencing checks (night-time economy), environmental crimes, and concerns around hoarding issues, linked to Fire Safety.

- 6.13 Weekly tasking/ briefing meeting takes place each Monday with representatives from the hub to include Inspector/Sergeant, NYRS, Community Enforcement, Community Link Officers, RDC Homeless Officer and Housing Officer. The tasking document includes information around intelligence, patrol prioritises, vulnerable individuals and vulnerable communities. This enables information sharing around current cases and gives the partnership the ability to take action as a group to aid in the resolution of issues in collaborative way of working to problem solve.
- 6.14 In December 2021 it was agreed to set up a new fortnightly Community Multi agency problem solving meeting to focus solely on early **intervention and prevention and community cohesion**. The group was set up to try to identify any emerging community tensions, upcoming community events and requirement for any community enforcement activities to take place. The concept behind the formation of this new group is around early identification of threats, risk, and cohesion, and to help empower local communities to resolve issues and community tensions that directly affect their areas whilst working with partner agencies. Parish/ Town Councils attend the meeting and work with partner agencies to discuss, bring to the fore and make referrals. Parish and Town Council representatives are encouraged to make referrals into the Hub, and these are recorded in the North Yorkshire Orcuma case management system. Recording the local issues also allow the group to look at any trends around community tensions and events for forward planning.
- 6.15 Prevention Work- The Community team, North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, have also been involved in a number of Road Safety Winter Checks, and speeding awareness initiatives to reduce road accidents in our area, encouraging drivers to check their cars and slow down. A community Safety Hub prevention calendar has also been developed inline with National awareness raising campaigns i.e., safeguarding week.
- 6.16 Safeguarding and protection of our most vulnerable residents have also been at the heart of the work of the Community Safety Partnership. Adults and Children at Risk of Protection of Domestic abuse. RDC officers regular attend MARAC an MATAC meetings in a timely manner and help put in place safety planning quickly for victims at high risk of domestic abuse and families.
- 6.17 **Domestic abuse** awareness session held in June 2021 was well attended by RDC employees and external partners. Staff also encouraged to undertake IDAS online webinars & events. RDC Housing & Community Team attended online Hard to Help training raising awareness of domestic abuse and how to engage with perpetrators. As well as running a virtual event was held on 7th October 2021 to raise awareness of IDAS and other key domestic abuse services – attended by 48 people. Work is ongoing to enable a member of IDAS staff to co-locate with the RDC housing team on a part time basis.
- 6.18 Helping those in need, the community Link officers have also been involved in supporting the work of Citizens Advice bureau (CAB) ensuring that people seeking help and assistant can do this regardless of their circumstances. Ryedale District Council has supported the development of the Citizen Advice mobile van at the Pickering and Helmsley Markets, providing a free of charge pitch site to allow accessible advice to those in need and also providing officer support and information on council services available. The team also attend the Ryedale Charities together 'One Stop Shop' in Pickering on a monthly basis and are working with NHS CCGs on making the links to wellbeing and social prescribing.

- 6.19 Community Safety has become more **intelligence led** and introduced new area profiles for each of the community link officer areas. The information helps officers identify key issues and use their resources in conjunction with key partners.
- 6.20 The introduction of two community enforcement officers into the community team to address environmental crime and ensure we fulfil our animal welfare duty, has seen great partnership working and progression in enforcement action against people breaking the law. Community officers have now been trained WABITAB Accredited Enforcement Training and dog behaviour and control training and one officer has received national award from Keep Britain Tidy.
- 6.21 As outlined in the Safer Ryedale Action plan there has been a substantial amount of work achieved in 2021/22. It has been agreed at the NYCSP that the CSP strategy will remain in place until after Local Government reorganisation and Ryedale will continue to deliver on the action plan, while developing the community safety Hub in 2022/23.

7.5 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.6 The following implications have been identified:
 - a) Financial – The financial requirements to deliver the strategy and action plan are met through the service budget and funding from the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commission funding.
 - b) Legal – There are legal requirements to be undertaken in the pursuit of taking enforcement action that are met within the service budget.
 - c) Equalities- new area profiles allow the community team to identify our most vulnerable individuals and identify areas that require further investments/resources.

7.7 NEXT STEPS

- 7.8 Further development of the Community Safety Hub and development of a new Safer Ryedale Action Plan for 2022/23.

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Background Papers:
Overview and Scrutiny - Committee 25th March 2021- [Safer Ryedale, Community Safety Plan](#)

Background Papers are available for inspection at:
Location or web address