



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
DATE:	25 MARCH 2021
REPORT OF THE:	HEAD OF CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MARGARET WALLACE
TITLE OF REPORT:	SAFER RYEDALE PROGRESS WITH DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide committee with an update on the work of the Safer Ryedale Partnership. And the delivery of the Ryedale Community Safety Action Plan 2019/21.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note.
- (i) The work of partners on the delivery of the Ryedale Community Safety Action plan 2019/21; (Appendix A)
 - (ii) The North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership Strategy (Appendix B) and the next steps in the development of the new Ryedale Community Safety Action Plan 2021/22

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.

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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 was enacted in 1998 and places a statutory duty on all local authorities together with their partners agencies to develop and deliver a community safety strategy.

This strategy is delivered through the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (Appendix B). 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.

- 6.3 The purpose of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (YCSP) 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 hubs. The themes and objectives within the strategy are identified following a joint strategic intelligence assessment (JSIA).

- 6.4 The Local Ryedale Community Safety Group (RDCSG) meets six monthly and incorporates statutory partners including Ryedale District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, and representatives from the voluntary sector. The Group provides feedback to the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP) illustrating how the local action plan has contributes towards the NYCSP strategic objectives.

- 6.5 The Safer Ryedale action plan on local activities in 2019/21 is delivered by multi-agency partners are included in (Appendix B). The action plan supports the previous NYCSP strategy and Local Priorities listed below;

- Continued development of the Community Safety Hub and partnership working
- Develop work around Mental health and offending
- Develop a calendar of prevention activities around community safety, including days of actions
- Work with partners to tackle county lines across the district
- Deliver drugs and alcohol awareness
- Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Review and utilise the tools and powers available
- Explore funding opportunities and maximise resources available.

There has been a slight delay in the action plan coming to committee as a result of the national pandemic. However, work has continued to be progressed and a list of delivered priorities are outlined below and within the action plan (Appendix A).

- 6.6 Ryedale District Council has now achieved the co-location with North Yorkshire Police to develop the Community Safety Hub. Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) are now co-located at Ryedale House and sit within the Safer, Stronger Communities Team working in partnership with community link officers and new Civil Enforcement Officers. This has led to greater understanding of the role of the Hub and increased interaction with council teams, particularly Housing Options and Environmental Protection
- 6.7 In 2020, Ryedale District Council recruited two new civil enforcement officers to work in the Safer, Stronger Communities team to deal with low level antisocial behaviour, and environmental crime, dog fouling, Littering, Fly tipping, collection of stray dogs etc.
- 6.8 In 2020 a review of the fortnightly Ryedale Community Safety problem solving Multi-Agency Partnership (MAPS) Meetings was undertaken. It was agreed that the group would take forward the use of the Orcuma system that was launched throughout North Yorkshire in April 2019. The Orcuma system is a case management database linked with the North Yorkshire Police Niche system where Community Safety Hub cases can be created giving a full recording of individual activities.

The introduction of this system has quickly highlighted repeat cases and provided partners with a full history of events and shows common factors for many of these cases which include alcohol/drug, anti-social behaviour, violence and mental health issues and helps identify any safeguarding issues. This ensures that all cases are risk assessed and a multi-agency approach undertaken.

The group also introduces operation ambience which includes a multi-agency response to complex antisocial cases or repeat offenders. This approach involves key partners undertaking joint visits to repeat offenders offering support and highlighting action that could be taken if they continue with their offending behaviour.

- 6.9 Since the introduction of the Orcuma System in April 2019 the Community Safety Multi-Agency Partnership Meeting have had;
- 449 referrals direct into the Orcuma system
 - there are currently 12 open cases being discussed with attending partners
 - 4 Individuals signed up to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's)
 - 3 Criminal Prosecution Notice Warnings (CPNW)
 - 3 referrals to community mediation services.
 - Ryedale District Council currently do not have any Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) in place, however work is ongoing to gather the necessary data to take these forward
 - 3 Fixed Penalty Notices for Fly tipping have been issued
 - There have also been individual Multi-agency problem solving meetings that have taken place throughout this time to deal with some more complex antisocial behaviour cases for example ASB at Tara Park.
 - A new Community engagement project was also run in Pickering after reports of antisocial behaviour. A community event took place in the Memorial hall engaging the community using a toolkit called "Place Standards" asking 14 questions on "How good is our Pickering"
 - All Safer, Stronger Communities staff have also undertaken community safety and

enforcement training and are now accredited through keep Britain tidy in relation to our statutory responsibilities.

6.10 Ryedale District Council along with partners have also undertaken community safety prevention campaigns have included;

- Dogs Trust Check-up and Chip Event
- Winter dog walker checks –engaging with 99 owners to ensure they are being Responsible owners from November to the end of February.
- Hate Crime week
- Safeguarding week
- Domestic abuse
- Bogus callers awareness
- Homelessness Campaign and checks
- Traveller/Gypsy count –Team involved in the collating of this annual campaign
- Proactive campaigns with licenced premises to aid training of staff in the signs of drug misuse within the premises and how actively to discourage this type of behaviours
- Mini-Police with 40 pupils participating as of March 2020
- Multi-agency fraud and scam talks to local groups.
- Road Safety education events including winter driver checks engaging with 120 drivers
- Wolds against rural crime campaign – North Yorkshire Police and community Team.

6.11 During Covid it was agreed that the MAPS meeting would take place weekly to deal with any community tensions and implementing of new Covid government guidance. Due to this it was agree that the new community safety action plan for 2021/22 should be placed on hold to ensure resources were utilised appropriately during covid. Action taken through this group resulted in;

- Joint visits with Police and Environmental health officers
- Joint patrolling of areas of concerns.
- Multi-agency meetings to tackle ASB and public health concerns
- Join working to support vulnerable people
- Join communications on fraudulent and scam activities
- Introduction of a new Covid marshal

This meeting went back to fortnightly after North Yorkshire public health set up the Covid locality outbreak meetings.

6.12 During Covid we also introduced the Ryedale Community Connect Partnership meeting. This meeting brings together all tiers of local government and public services, along with community volunteer groups and charities to work together to help support our most vulnerable people during covid. This included providing support in relation to self-isolation, mental health and wellbeing and increased poverty and personal debt, food distribution and public safety.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial – The District Council has an established community safety budget for staffing. The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire provides funding for community safety to enable responsible authorities to react to emerging local community safety needs and demands for targeted services, respond to emerging local community safety concerns or immediate crime and ASB reduction requirements and conduct planned targeted communications and social marketing interventions. This funding is £1,916.12.
- b) Legal – Any legal implications will be highlighted when detailed proposals are brought to Committee and / or Council for approval within the new action plan priorities.
- c) Equalities- The North Yorkshire Community Safety Strategy identifies local issues that have equalities implications; the need to address the risk of criminal activity in disadvantaged communities; the involvement of young people both as potential victims and offenders; domestic violence; hate crime and tackling the fear of crime, particularly amongst vulnerable groups.
- d) Resources- Staffing is included through the work of the Safer Stronger Community team and community safety partners
- e) Planning- Not applicable
- f) Health & Safety- Health and safety Risk assessments are undertaken.
- g) Environmental and Climate Change - Not applicable
- h) Crime & Disorder- The Community Safety Strategy and action plan meet our statutory duty under the crime and disorder Act 1998.

8.0 NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 Development of the new Ryedale Community Safety Action plan 2021/22 in line with the NYCSP strategic priorities
- 8.2 Further development of the Community Safety Hub
- 8.3 Introduction of five new community link officer areas inline with council wards, Town Council. Parish Council areas.
- 8.4 Introduction of intelligence led practices and new area profiles to establish baseline information and measure outcomes.
- 8.5 The review of the Anti-social Behaviour Policy
- 8.6 Introduction of Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

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Background Papers:

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