



REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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REPORT OF THE:	HEAD OF ECONOMY AND HOUSING JULIAN RUDD
TITLE OF REPORT:	SAFER RYEDALE – PROGRESS WITH DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2010/11
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the progress towards delivery of the 2010/11 Safer Ryedale Action Plan
- 1.2 To present the document “Safer Ryedale and North Yorkshire Police Annual Assessment December 2010 – Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment” (the Ryedale JSIA 2010) to Members.
- 1.3 To present the first draft of Safer Ryedale’s Action Plan 2011-12 for Member comment.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note the report.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 placed a statutory duty on local authorities to put in place arrangements for crime and disorder scrutiny committees, the statutory function of the committee being to review, scrutinise and report on the decisions made and action taken by responsible authorities relating to crime and disorder issues under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 3.2 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. (Minute 42(b) refers.)

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 Risks are outlined in the Risk Matrix in Annex A.

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5.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 The Safer Ryedale Delivery Team meet approximately 6 times per annum to review progress towards delivery of the Safer Ryedale Partnership Plan. The Performance Monitoring Report is updated quarterly, identifying progress with each of the four priorities, through identifying progress towards meeting the objectives and actions. A traffic light system is used to assess progress.
- 5.2 The Ryedale JSIA 2010 was published in December 2010; it is the first truly joint assessment of Strategic Intelligence by North Yorkshire Police and their Community Safety partners.
- 5.3 The audience for the Ryedale JSIA 2010 is intended to be as wide as possible, whilst noting the sensitive nature of the contents. However, this document is classified as 'Restricted' by the Police and therefore may only be circulated freely within law enforcement and to partners and partnerships where Information Sharing Agreements are in place and registered with the Force Information Manager, Legal and Compliance Directorate. This is not a public document and is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act 2000 under Section 31.
- 5.4 In view of this, it is recommended that the public be excluded during any specific consideration of the JSIA which is appended to this report as EXEMPT Annex C since it is likely that if they were present during its consideration there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) paragraph 7: "Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
- 5.5 Safer Ryedale's Priorities for 2011-12 are based on the data published in the Ryedale JSIA 2010 and other, locally identified, priorities.

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 A variety of approaches are used to engage with communities, both face to face and through consultation exercises. These include:
- Website www.ryesafe.org
 - Media opportunities – Safer Ryedale has a target of 12 press releases per annum
 - A 'media diary of events' has been drawn up to highlight the community based events for the Partnership throughout the year
 - CAP (Community & Police) meetings
 - Parish Liaison Forum
 - Voluntary Sector Forums
 - Bi-annual street surveys in all four of Ryedale's market towns
 - The new 'Rural Voice' project, co-ordinated by Ryedale Voluntary Action, contributes to the involvement of the voluntary sector in Safer Ryedale's processes
 - Valued network of Watch Groups.

7.2 One gap identified in the consultation undertaken in previous years was in relation to feedback from young people. Although 'street surveys' are carried out at youth centres a more representative sample was required. During 2010/11 a significant amount of work has been undertaken to engage with young people through youth groups and councils, air and army cadets, the Young Farmers and the Young People's Officer.

8.0 REPORT DETAILS

2010/11 Partnership Plan

8.1 The Partnership Plan was published, on line, in May 2010, on the Safer Ryedale website. www.ryesafe.org. A summary leaflet was also printed and distributed. The Performance Monitoring Report for Quarter 3 of 2010/11 is in Annex B.

8.2 The Performance Monitoring Report details progress under each of the four priorities:

Domestic Violence (p 2 of Annex B refers)

8.3 Delivery of the actions under this priority depends on close working with the Domestic Violence support structure, including the Domestic Violence Co-ordinator (DVC) for Scarborough and Ryedale. The previous DVC moved to another post in August 2010; the post was in the process of being taken over by North Yorkshire Police (NYP), who has now made an appointment (with effect from 1 February 2011). However there has been no-one in this post for six months and this has had an impact on delivery, especially in relation to work being carried out in schools.

Safer Roads (p 5 of Annex B refers)

8.4 The action under objective 1 to deliver 8 Operation Sirens has had to be put on hold, as NYP have withdrawn their support for this initiative, due to the Association of Chief Police Officers having issued a directive that Police Forces should use a different process for deterring speeding. NYP is unable to continue supporting Operation Siren for the time being.

Community Priorities (p 7 & 9 of Annex B refers)

8.5 Under objective 1, there has been an excellent take-up this year of new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes with a total of 48 new schemes having started since April 2010, bringing the total number of schemes in Ryedale to 359.

8.6 Under objective 3, training on fixed penalty tickets for dog fouling is taking place in February 2011 for Street Scene operatives, car park attendants, PCSOs and the Dog Warden.

8.7 Under objective 4, Multi-Agency Partnership meetings (MAPs) are currently only taking place in two out of Ryedale's four secondary schools. This has been due to staff changes at Ryedale School (and should change when a staff member returns from maternity leave) and a parent complaint at Norton College; the complaint concerned a child's behaviour being discussed without parental knowledge and MAPs have been suspended while a policy is being written.

Alcohol Harm Reduction (p 12 of Annex B refers)

8.8 Two detached youth workers work in Ryedale for four hours a week out of office hours, in order to combat the increasing rise in numbers of young people presenting with drug and alcohol issues in Ryedale.

The detached youth workers meet with young people on the streets, wherever the

young people choose to meet together. In November they carried out a successful awareness-raising day about drug/alcohol issues and risky behaviour at Norton College. They have been involved in helping to resolve some of the issues around the youth shelter in Eastgate car park in Pickering, and can refer young people to agencies for treatment.

Safer Ryedale has put £8,250 into this work in 2010/11; it is unlikely that this level of funding will be available for the coming year.

Community Engagement (p 14 of appendix B refers)

- 8.9 All press releases are posted on the Safer Ryedale website – www.ryesafe.org – together with performance monitoring reports, meeting papers and other items of interest.

Introduction to the Ryedale JSIA 2010

- 8.9 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has a statutory responsibility to produce a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment annually in order to review crime, disorder and substance misuse issues and determine which areas should be priorities for the coming year. The police are also required to deliver annual Strategic Assessments.
- 8.10 In May 2010, North Yorkshire Police ceased the creation of police-only Strategic Assessments, focusing upon working with partners to deliver a truly joint assessment.
- 8.11 The resultant document is therefore GPMS 'Restricted' and is an internal document for use by the partnership and constituent member agencies, as well as providing North Yorkshire Police with the required level of strategic analysis across a number of areas of law enforcement.
- 8.12 Common themes from the CSP level assessments will feed up into the county picture in the form of the Community Safety Agreement (CSA).
- 8.13 The document contains a comprehensive picture of the work of Safer Ryedale, the context in which that work is carried out, and the problems of crime, disorder and substance misuse which the Partnership seeks to address.
- 8.14 In Section 1.2 – Methodology – the prioritisation method is described. Appendix A of the Ryedale JSIA 2010 shows the matrix used to determine which themes would be selected for enhanced JSIA analysis, described in Section 6. These cover Domestic Abuse, Anti-Social Behaviour, Alcohol Related Offending and Road Safety, closely mirroring the priorities identified by other partners.
- 8.15 Section 7 contains standard JSIA analysis of other issues, some of which were identified by Safer Ryedale partners (partly through responses to their twice yearly public consultation exercise) as local priorities and were therefore included in the Priorities selected for 2011-12.

Safer Ryedale's Action Plan 2011-12 (Draft)

- 8.16 Safer Ryedale Delivery Team, meeting on 17 August 2010 (when initial prioritisation for the Ryedale JSIA 2010 had been published) agreed the following four 'Priorities for Action' for 2011-12.
- Domestic Abuse
 - Safer Roads
 - Community Priorities to include Anti-Social Behaviour, Shop Theft, Theft from Unattended Vehicles and Violence

- Alcohol Harm Reduction

8.17 Following publication of the final Ryedale JSIA 2010, a working group met in January 2011 to decide the aims and objectives for each of the priorities. The working group took into account the need to focus resources, avoiding duplication and adding value where possible through partnership working.

8.18 The draft Action Plan is attached to this report at Annex D. It outlines the aims and objectives for each priority, and gives an indication of the baselines and targets agreed by the working group. The actions are still being developed.

8.19 The draft Action Plan is currently being reviewed by each of the four Priority Task Groups, to determine what actions they will deliver in 2011-12. When this process is complete and the Safer Ryedale Delivery Team and Ryedale Strategic Partnership (acting as the Safer Ryedale Board) approve the completed document, it will be brought back to this Committee.

8.20 Officers will then prepare the 2011/12 Safer Ryedale Partnership Plan, which is the community focussed publication. As in 2010, this will contain

- A review of activity in 2010/11
- Key messages from the JSIA
- Description of the Safer Ryedale Partnership structure
- Statistical evaluation
- Details of community engagement
- Priorities for 2011/12
- New activities or initiatives
- Funding and resources.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The report is for information only

10.0 NEXT STEPS

10.1 The Priority Task Groups will identify actions for the draft Safer Ryedale Action Plan 2011-12 by the end of March 2011.

10.2 The Safer Ryedale Partnership Action Plan will be presented to the RSP Board on 14 April for approval.

10.3 It will then be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 April 2011.

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Background Papers:
None