**Agenda Item No 9**

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING**

**18 June 2024**

**SUBJECT: STRATEGIC POLIcing requirement**

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| **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE**1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR).
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| **RECOMMENDATION**1. That the Mayor/Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) uses the report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of the Strategic Policing Requirement.
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| **POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 21-24**1. The SPR sets out the Home Secretary’s view of the significant national threats that the police must prepare for, and the appropriate national policing capabilities that are required to be in place to counter those threats. As stated in the Police and Crime Plan, the SPR places a duty on the Mayor (delegated to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime) to ensure that West Yorkshire Police contributes appropriately to these national strategic aims.
2. The national threats set out in the SPR are:
* violence against women and girls (subject to a separate COM [report](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/11991/item-7-vawg-cover-paper.pdf))
* **terrorism**
* serious and organised crime (subject to a separate COM [report](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/11988/item-4-soc-cover-paper.pdf))
* **a national cyber security incident**
* child sexual abuse (subject to a separate COM report on this agenda Safeguarding – Child)
* **public disorder**
* **civil emergencies**
1. In the development of the Police and Crime Plan, the Mayor has a legal obligation to refer to the Strategic Policing Requirement.
2. There are specific objectives and outcomes regarding the reduction of Serious Organised Crime (relating to cyber-crime and County Lines) contained within the Police and Crime Plan’s performance framework.
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| **KEY INFORMATION****Notable activity includes:*** The Mayor/DMPC receives regular updates via governance meetings outside the Community Outcome Meeting (COM) on topics included under the SPR. Additionally, West Yorkshire Police provide papers on SPR topics for the Police and Crime Panel throughout the year. Considering specific SPR topics:
* **Violence against Women and Girls:** A cross-cutting theme in the last Police and Crime Plan, and a major area of focus over the past three years, including the establishment of the Women’s Safety Unit with West Yorkshire Police.
* **Serious and Organised Crime:** A separate paper has been submitted for this COM session. West Yorkshire Police fulfil the role of lead force for the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU).
* **Child Sexual Abuse:** A separate paper on this topic has been submitted for this COM session. Through our Commissioning team, the Mayor’s office supports the funding of ChISVA (Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor) posts in West Yorkshire, as well as playing a significant role in the establishment of West Yorkshire’s SARC facility for the care of victims of sexual abuse and violence.
* **Civil Emergencies:** West Yorkshire Combined Authority works with strategic partners for major emergency events through the West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum. This body includes representatives from health, local authorities, the transport network, and the Environment Agency.
* The Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund continues to support a wide range of grassroots-level diversionary projects which aim to support the delivery of SPR. You can find out more about the funded projects and the inclusion of Clear Hold Build (part of the response to serious organised crime by following this link. [Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund - West Yorkshire Combined Authority (westyorks-ca.gov.uk)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/mayor-s-safer-communities-fund/)
* As part of regular engagement and casework the Mayor/DMPC have met with communities to listen to their concerns in relation to terrorism, public disorder, organised crime, major incidents, civil emergencies and child sexual exploitation and abuse.
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| **PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION*** The SPR places a duty on the Mayor (delegated to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime) to ensure that West Yorkshire Police contributes appropriately to these national strategic aims.
* Other partner organisations (such as the Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, NHS, National Crime Agency, and Local Authorities) will also contribute to the SPR’s requirements. These organisations collaborate through the West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum and CONTEST Board to ensure we are equipped to deliver our collective responsibility under the SPR.
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| **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION** * The communities of West Yorkshire are increasingly diverse and complex, necessitating a sophisticated response to the challenges faced in West Yorkshire now and in the future.
* The SPR covers a number of crime areas where victims’ specific vulnerabilities may be relevant, and which may call for respect for protected characteristics, and/or measures taken to achieve equality in an individual’s engagement with criminal justice services or victim support services.
* Whether it be child sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, cyber-crime, or new threats from serious and organised crime like human trafficking or terrorism. To meet the communities’ needs and serve the people of West Yorkshire effectively, West Yorkshire Police and partners must be able to understand and respect individuals’ needs.
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| **ATTACHMENT**[Chief Constable’s report](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/12479/item-9-com-spr-report.docx)  |