**Agenda Item No. 5**

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING**

**29 April 2025**

**SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Policing and ASB**

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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 Neighbourhood Policing and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).
2. This cover paper highlights the importance of the report topic in respect of the Police and Crime plan and also includes the delivery of the Mayor and her office. Together the West Yorkshire Police report and the cover paper provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of work underway in support of Neighbourhood Policing and the work to tackle ASB.
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| **RECOMMENDATION**1. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the WYP report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Neighbourhood Policing and ASB.
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| **POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 24 - 28**1. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of ‘The Voice of West Yorkshire’. The Voice of West Yorkshire represents the views of over 6,500 respondents and includes the views of children and young people. It is part of a series of documents which includes a summary needs assessment. You can review the documents here: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/the-police-and-crime-plan/)
2. Priority 2 – Safer Places and Thriving Communities includes ASB. The needs assessment states that ASB should be looked at holistically and should be measured not just by the volume of crimes and incidents, but also by public perception of safety including the safety of those that work as well as live in that area. The Mayor has said that she will continue to work with Local Authorities to understand the extent of ASB case reviews and ASB hotspots across West Yorkshire improving confidence and satisfaction. The Mayor recognises the importance of Neighbourhood policing in supporting this priority.
3. The Police and crime plan highlights key performance measures in relation to ASB [Police and Crime Plan 2024-28](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/wajjirdy/west-yorkshire-police-and-crime-plan-2024-28.pdf#page=20)
4. All of the cross-cutting themes in the Plan impact this priority:
* Safety of Women and Girls
* Effective response to men and boys
* Children and Young people
* Reducing Vulnerability
* Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

A detailed Equality Impact Assessment which looked at how the themes and priories impacted communities was completed for the 2024-28 plan, you can read it here:[eqia-stage-1-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westyorks-ca.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2F4tijlbky%2Feqia-stage-1-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)[eqia-stage-2-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westyorks-ca.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2Fd5hcfsqw%2Feqia-stage-2-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) |
| **KEY INFORMATION**1. **Mayoral/DMPC activity to date includes**:
* The Mayor continues to maintain a focus on Neighbourhood Policing. The quarterly performance report from West Yorkshire Police contains a section that looks at recent developments in Neighbourhood Policing. As part of the Police and Crime plan the performance matrix looks at a number of performance measures linked to Neighbourhood Policing including Confidence and Satisfaction figures as well as ASB incident numbers
* Updates on all of these areas are included in the quarterly report to the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel and the papers are published [here](https://www.westyorkshire-pcp.gov.uk/meetings).
* The Mayor/ Deputy Mayor visits all Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Senior Leadership Teams across West Yorkshire, speaking to staff, communities and members of the public.
* The Mayor and DMPC feed into consultation which supports the reduction of ASB through Public Space Protection orders.
* The Immediate Justice 2-year pilot ended on 31 March 2025 following the Home Office funding coming to an end.
* A mid-point evaluation of the pilot has been undertaken by Workforce Development Trust and all reports and findings can be found on the website: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/anti-social-behaviour-asb-immediate-justice/>
* Funding was approved to undertake a final evaluation to build on the first phase and even though the Immediate Justice Programme ended on 31 March 2025, ASB remains a priority, and future work with similar ambitions and delivery may return. Phase 2 evaluation will build on Phase 1, and pull forward the key features, good practice, and evaluation strategy to support any future approaches or projects. The intention of Phase 2 is as follows

**Quantitative Analysis and Evaluation:** Assimilate, cleanse, re-run the full/complete project data, supplementing with new analytical models.**Qualitative Analysis and Evaluation:** Focused re-engagement with delivery and secondary partners (where possible) to secure and blend insights, and explore the ‘Key Line of Enquiry’: “What lasting impact has Immediate Justice had on tackling ASB in West Yorkshire?”**Reporting:** Phoenix structured, summative evaluation with recommendations, insights and good practice useful for any future programmes.* The Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund supports the priorities and cross cutting themes in the Police and Crime Plan. You can find out about how the fund supported the delivery of the 2021-2024 plan on our website. Monitoring delivery against the new Plan (Grant round 7 onwards) has started. In total, to date (GR1-7) the fund has supported 143 projects who have shared £1,542,320.54 in tackling ASB.
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| **PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION - POLICING AND CRIME**Both statutory and non-statutory partners work at a local level to support Neighbourhood Policing, this may also include PCSO partnership funding arrangements.  Strong partnership arrangements exist in relation to Neighbourhood Policing and ASB, as evidenced by the effective implementation of the recent ASB Immediate Justice pilot project. The Mayor/DMPC are able to receive updates on Neighbourhood Policing and ASB by multiple routes, including attendance at Community Safety Partnership meetings by members of the Policing and Crime Team, and via visits to Neighbourhood Policing Teams across West Yorkshire. The Immediate Justice Pilot was delivered in partnership with statutory and non-statutory partners. Project planning and reporting around the pilot was convened through the West Yorkshire ASB Steering Group. Following the successful pilot, the ASB Steering Group has broadened its focus to wider ASB issues and offers the opportunity to collaborate, share learning and better understand what might work locally and across West Yorkshire. The group had its first meeting in September 2024 and continue to meet quarterly.**VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (VRP)** The key role of the West Yorkshire VRP is to lead and coordinate a preventative, whole-system approach to violence reduction, with a particular focus on children and young people under the age of 25.  Home Office guidance for VRU funding 2025-26 has outlined activity should (if not already) support the Government’s Safer Streets Mission, which includes work to prevent: * Serious Violence, especially public space knife crime;
* Broader knife crime, including Knife Enabled Robbery;
* Violence Against Women and Girls
* Anti-Social Behaviour.

 The VRP have recently submitted a new budget and delivery plan for 25/26 to the Home Office based on the funding value of £4.34m (matched to 2024-25). Of this £2.38m has been allocated for commissioned interventions which is over 50% of the overall budget.During 2024-25 using evidence from the VRP published SNA and the Youth Endowment Toolkit, a programme of 22 core VRP funded interventions have been delivered across West Yorkshire, with a further 27 programmes delivered through funding provided to each Community Safety Partnership by the VRP, and another 11 interventions as a result of Home Office funding for Serious Violence Duty holders. Up to end December 2024 these interventions combined had worked with a total of 9281 children and young people aged 24 years and under, 714 aged 25 or older and provided workforce development/training to 264 professionals. Monitoring information for January to end March 2025 is due by end of April.  The WY Adversity, Trauma and Resilience programme provided initial advice to the Immediate Justice planning activity to support a trauma informed approach.  In 2025-26 the VRP are expected to be instrumental in the delivery of the ‘Youth Futures Prevention Partnerships’, a local mechanism to identify, assess and refer children and young people most at risk of involvement in crime or violence into evidence-based support, by bringing together the right services to help them lead safe and healthy lives.  Aligned to the Department for Education, the Government have also announced the development of Youth Futures Hubs. From the details shared to date, the following elements are known: * Hubs will focus on early intervention and prevention, addressing the influential causes of violence, knife crime, and mental health challenges among young people.
* They will be place-based, located in communities where they are most needed and accessible.
* Mental health specialists, youth workers, educators, police, and other relevant services will collaborate to provide a comprehensive and integrated support offer across areas such as training, education, skills, sports, music, arts, and employment.

 The VRP Director and members of the team have met with partners from each place, to have early discussions on the approach to implementing both initiatives, looking at the opportunities, current arrangements and potential additional funding that may be available centrally, alongside VRP funding. These conversations will be ongoing at a local level, with place-based meetings now being organised.  Guidance on both initiatives is expected in the coming weeks.More detail about the work of the Violence Reduction Partnership can be found here:[West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/west-yorkshire-violence-reduction-partnership/)[Strategic Needs Assessment/Response Strategy/Influential Factors](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/west-yorkshire-violence-reduction-partnership/needs-assessment-response-strategy/)[VRP Annual Report 2023-24](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/12890/vrp-annual-report-2023-24-final.pdf) |
| **EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION** There are significant Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion aspects to the Neighbourhood Policing and ASB agenda. Some communities, including those impacted by multiple deprivation, may be much more affected than others. There is a requirement for community-based intervention providers to complete a EqIA for the funded provision. |
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| **ATTACHMENT**[Chief Constables report – Neighbourhood Policing and ASB](https://theauthorityv13-auth.azurewebsites.net/media/fi0fylna/com-neighbourhood-policing-and-asb-april-25.docx) |