COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

13 September 2022

SUBJECT: Mental Health

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Mental Health.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Mental Health.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 21-24

- 3. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. Face to face and online consultation and engagement ran from 1 September 2021-30 November 2021; The Voice of West Yorkshire is one of two key documents which supports the Police and Crime Plan 2021 -24. The document includes the notes of key events and can be found here: police-and-crime-plan-voice-of-west-yorkshire-public-consultation.pdf (westyorks-ca.gov.uk). Approximately half of respondents felt that addressing mental health issues should be a key priority.
- 4. The Plan consultation has told us that residents understand that addressing poor mental health and child vulnerability can help reduce crime. We will work with all partners to bring about a generational change in stopping people from falling into crime.
- 5. Priority 4 Responding to Multiple and Complex Needs details a specific outcome to reduce trauma and build resilience for the population across West Yorkshire, for those who are vulnerable, facing multiple difficulties, complex needs, mental health crisis, adversity or childhood trauma.

KEY INFORMATION

- 6. Mayoral/DMPC Activity to date includes:
 - The Criminal Justice and Mental Health Forum is currently undergoing a review and will be re-launched with the Criminal Justice and Victims and Witnesses Policy Officer as Chair with a view to an elected chair to taking over when the meeting is established.

Mayor's Safer Communities Fund

The Mayors Safer Communities Fund continues to deliver projects to tackle poor mental health. Details of projects funded can be found here (<u>Mayor's Safer Communities Fund - West Yorkshire Combined Authority (westyorks-ca.gov.uk)</u>

The Mayors Safer Communities Fund GR1 awarded on 1 March 2022 – 39 projects were awarded a total of £208,254.93 with 29 projects focussing on Mental Health (£158,813.21).

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

With a diverse population distributed across urban and rural areas, understanding the needs of our communities can be complex. It is crucial that we are engaged with all our communities to understand their needs so we can serve them well. The health needs of people in the criminal justice system are increased by additional social needs and inequalities, unemployment, rough sleeping, lack or education, training and social isolation.

ATTACHMENT

<u>Chief Constables report – Mental Health</u> (PDF 225KB)