**Agenda Item No. 6**

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING**

**29 April 2025**

**SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Crime**

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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 Crime. The Home Office defines Neighbourhood crime as Burglary, Vehicle crime, Theft from the person and robbery. 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 Crime. |
| **RECOMMENDATION**   1. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the WYP report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Neighbourhood Crime. |
| **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. Neighbourhood crime was ranked in the top three issues for communities along with ASB and Road Safety. Neighbourhood Crime links with deprivation which highlights the needs to work with partners to deal with societal issues, not just focus on the actual crimes. 3. The Police and crime plan highlights key performance measures in relation to Neighbourhood crime [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**:  * Internal governance meetings to review the metrics on Neighbourhood crime through regular performance monitoring. * Strategic Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Watch. * Working with the business community to tackle assaults on shop workers and associated crimes. * Community Safety Partnerships, Local Authorities, West Yorkshire Police and VCSE sector organisations are working together with the Mayor to deliver distinct and localised aspects. * Meetings with WYP Senior Leadership teams in districts to discuss the impact and challenges of Neighbourhood Crime. * Support the Safeplace scheme and Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO’s). * 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 24 projects who have shared £420,600.30 in tackling Burglary, Vehicle Crime, Theft and Robbery. |
| **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. The Mayor/DMPC are able to receive updates on Neighbourhood Policing 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.  As referenced above, the Mayor and DMPC have worked with the business community to tackle business-related neighbourhood crime, including speaking to Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) when shaping the new Police and Crime Plan. Recently, the DMPC attended the launch of ‘Safer Wakefield’, hosted by Wakefield BID and attended by the Yorkshire Business Crime Network, to discuss work being done at a regional level that can help support local safety initiatives.  **VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (VRP)**  A 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.  The VRP worked closely with colleagues in the Policing and Crime Team on the extensive engagement programme to ensure the voice of our communities including children and young people informed the Police and Crime Plan, but also our own January 2025 Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) and Response Strategy (RS) documents.  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 broader knife crime including Knife Enabled Robbery (KER) which aligns with West Yorkshire being a designated taskforce area for tackling KER.  From the VRP’s January 2025 SNA analysed data showed:   * Overall knife crime was lower than last year (-0.4%) and 2018/19 (-11.7%). There was a small increase in numbers of assaults with intent to cause serious harm that involved a knife (0.4%) but robbery offences where a knife was used increased by 13.2% on last year, with the greatest increase in robbery of business property (28.8%). * There were some local variances: robbery offences, including those involving knives, increased in Calderdale, Kirklees and Leeds. In Wakefield overall robbery numbers reduced, but numbers that involved the use of a knife increased. In Bradford all types of robbery offences reduced in number over the last year.   Applying WHO’s four-level social-ecological model (individual, relationship, community, and societal) to better understand violence and the effect of potential prevention strategies outlined in the RS, Priority 3 looking at the community level draws out a focus on - place based priorities and delivery including ASB, County Lines, organised crime, carrying a weapon, personal robbery, limited economic opportunities.  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 a programme of 22 core VRP funded interventions have been delivered across West Yorkshire, with a further 27 locally agreed interventions led by Community Safety Partnerships as part of localities funding from the VRP.  With consideration for the evidence provided by the SNA and more in-depth Local Profiles, we have provided capacity and resource to work with Serious Violence Duty holders supporting the development of place-based actions plans.  We work closely with policing colleagues, particularly those linked to Operation Jemlock and hot spot policing activity.  As a key workstream of the Adversity, Trauma and Resilience Programme, we are working with several local organisation/services to support them to become trauma informed. An element of this workstream also looks at workforce experiences, especially of those working in professions supporting individuals and communities, also picking up violence against staff.  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 Crime. 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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