

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

14 November 2017

Feedback from the Area Committees

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To bring to the attention of the Executive specific issues considered at the recent meetings of the County Council's:-

- ◆ **Hambleton Area Committee - 25 September 2017**
- ◆ **Yorkshire Coast and Moors County Area Committee - 27 September 2017**

2.0 Hambleton Area Committee - 25 September 2017

2.1 Area Committee Membership - Appointment of Co-opted Members

The following Co-opted Members were appointed to serve until the first meeting of the Area Committee following the annual Meeting of the County Council in 2018.

Community First Yorkshire - Leah Swain
 Northallerton area Parish/Town Councils - Kevin Hardisty
 Thirsk area Parish/Town Councils - Caroline Artingstoll

2.2 North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update for Hambleton

Group Manager David Pitt highlighted the following issues involving North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) that had occurred between 1 April 2017 and 30 June 2017:-

- ◆ Service Delivery – an overview of the Community Safety initiatives conducted in the Hambleton Area for the past 3 months.
- ◆ Prevention Activity.
- ◆ Operational Welfare Unit – the replacement Welfare Unit was expected to be delivered into the Service in September 2017, becoming operational in the Autumn. The Unit would be located at Thirsk Station and crewed by RDS personnel.
- ◆ Emergency First Responder (EFR) – the Scheme remained active at Pickering and Lythe Fire Stations, but notice had been served by YAS to all Yorkshire and Humberside Fire & Rescue Services to terminate the EFR Schemes from 30th November 2017.
- ◆ Youth Engagement – the BTEC Scheme at Stokesley School had started in June with 12 students enrolled in the Course which aimed to reduce anti-social behaviour and raise the profile of the Service within the community. Northallerton Station had concluded, but recruiting was now taking place for a new cohort for a Course starting in September.
- ◆ Response Activity.
- ◆ An assurance was given that there was currently on-going discussion with the Government and Fire and Rescue Services regarding the termination of the EFR Scheme.

- ◆ The FBU had set out a number of concerns regarding the on-going review currently being carried out by the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority, which had been put to the meeting of the Authority held on 20th September, 2017. In order to address one of the concerns raised, the Chairman of the Authority had offered an opportunity for the creation of a Non-voting seat for a FBU representative on the Authority's Collaboration Committee.
- ◆ There was on-going engagement with the NYFRS regarding the implementation of the TRV's and associated operational and crewing matters.

2.3 North Yorkshire Police Update

Inspector Dave Murray (Hambleton Neighbourhood Inspector) highlighted the following issues:-

- ◆ Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) – crime continued to remain stable, with an overall reduction within the year to date
- ◆ Burglary – overall was showing an increase, with 121 crimes within the same period, but remained well below 2015-16 levels which saw 157 crimes. One male had been remanded in prison in connection with 5 burglaries and 7 thefts over recent months in Northallerton
- ◆ Rural Watch – secured funding continued to support the very successful Rural Watch patrols, ensuring the volunteers were supported by dedicated officers
- ◆ ASB – remained slightly up on the same period last year, however, this was on the back of significant reductions over the previous 5 to 6 years
- ◆ Counter Terrorism – levels of Threat fluctuated dependent on national events and North Yorkshire Police continued to work alongside partners in maximising opportunities, strengthening and communicating the Prevent Strategy
- ◆ Northallerton Custody Closure Pilot had been concluded and analysis work had been presented to the Chief Constable and the PCC for a decision scheduled for 26th September 2017
- ◆ Recruitment – recruitment for Police Constables and PCSO's continued, with further Officers and Detectives being interviewed in late September, as part of a national Officer transferee advertisement. PCSO's were currently starting independent patrol, with more recruits having commenced their training earlier in September
- ◆ HQ17 Alverton Court – the migration of staff from Newby Wiske was almost complete and the planned move for Northallerton High Street Officers was scheduled for late October.

2.4 Highways Update

The Area Committee received an oral report from the Area Highways Manager, Nigel Smith, which covered the following issues:-

- ◆ Capital Programme 2017/18 - 95% of schemes had completed on the ground and the Programme was well advanced and the 2018/19 Capital Programme design is currently well underway.
- ◆ Winter maintenance - Winter Season officially started on 2 October 2017, requiring a considerable amount of preparation. 55,000 tonnes of salt are available Countywide. Some of the Gritter fleet have been replaced with new more reliable machines. The workforce standby rotas have been confirmed through to April 2018.
- ◆ Routine maintenance – regarding routine pothole filling, the workload is manageable and it is being completed within the prescribed timescales.

- ◆ Capital Programme - the annual closure of Sutton Bank for routine maintenance was successful, involving rock face inspections and the repairs to the crash barriers at the hair pin bends.
- ◆ Area 2 Office – a staffing update was provided and the forthcoming Area 2 Member annual meeting with Members and the Director of BES due on 5 October 2017 was flagged.
- ◆ Countywide Partnerships Workshop - a very positive countywide partnership workshop had been held recently with Ringways, Barrie Mason, ESL and NYCC partners from around the county, with a particular focus on customer satisfaction and how to improve the quality of highway services that were delivered.

2.5 Community First Yorkshire

The Area Committee received a presentation by Leah Swain, Chief Executive of Community First Yorkshire, introducing and outlining the work of Community First Yorkshire.

2.6 Proposed Closure of Alzheimer's Society Facility, Stokesley

Mike Rudd, Head of Commissioning - Services for Older People and Adele Wilson-Hope, Stronger Communities Delivery Manager (Hambleton) reported on the proposed closure of the Alzheimer's Society Facility, Stokesley.

Mike Rudd informed the Area Committee that on Wednesday 2 August 2017 HAS staff were made aware of Alzheimer's Society's (AS) plans to cease delivery of the dementia day service operating from Town Close in Stokesley. The service was operated and funded by the Alzheimer's Society with no funding contribution or involvement from NYCC. The decision had been taken by AS following a review of the service which determined that the day centre was no longer financially viable, having run at a substantial loss over the previous year. In addition AS were concerned about the suitability and sustainability of Town Close as a venue.

Whilst the decision to close the AS service was disappointing and the manner in which it had been taken doubly so, there was confidence that a strong and suitable successor organisation had been found in the CCA. The Committee was assured that HAS, Stronger Communities and the CCA would work closely together to ensure there would be able to take the service forward to ensure that people living with dementia and their carers in Stokesley were suitably supported.

2.7 Local Mental Health Services - Consultation

The Area Committee received an oral report from Janet Probert (Accountable Officer - Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group) providing information on the public consultation on proposals for improving adult and older peoples' mental health services in Hambleton and Richmondshire.

3.0 Yorkshire Coast and Moors County Area Committee - 27 September 2017

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Community First Yorkshire – Caroline O'Neill
 Parish/Town Councils – Patrick Malton (Grisethorpe and Lebberston), Richard Thompson (Newby and Scalby) and Linda Wild (Whitby).

3.2 Whitby Park and Ride – Costs and Income

The Committee received a report on the costs and income associated with the park and ride scheme in Whitby. Members noted that there was a small surplus but that it was not yet considered sufficient to spend. However officers had been asked to have schemes ready for when resources do become available.

The Committee discussed options for extending the operating season and/or operating hours. It was noted that any such changes need to be carefully considered in terms of the likely financial impact on the scheme. For example extended hours to encourage commuters to use the site had been trialled previously. Richard Marr, Area Highways Manager, agreed to liaise with Whitby Town Council over a request to consider trialling extended hours of operation at weekend evenings.

3.3 Highway Operations response to flooding in Scarborough on 23 August

Richard Marr, Area Highways Manager, briefed the Committee on the response to the substantial rainstorm on 23 August which caused widespread surface water flooding in the Scarborough area. Officers from Yorkshire Water also attended the meeting and answered questions on the operation of their systems. It was confirmed that all such flooding events are investigated by the agencies involved. Any proposals for improvements to the system would need to be costed and considered in line with individual agencies' prioritisation processes.

Members thanked all involved for their actions on the day to respond to the impact of the extreme rainfall.

3.4 Community First Yorkshire

The Committee welcomed a presentation from Caroline O'Neill as the new Community First Yorkshire representative, summarising the work of the organisation.

3.5 Regular updates on local highways issues, Police and Fire and Rescue Services

The Committee considered an update on local highways issues and regular reports from both the Police and Fire and Rescue Services. Members raised a number of local concerns with regard to speeding with Superintendent Dey and discussed the potential future use of drone technology in policing in the county.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 That the report be noted.

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Background Documents: the published agendas and reports for each of the meetings identified in the headings in this report.