

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**14 November 2018**

**CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Since my last statement to Council, the Corporate and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee has held one formal meeting on 3 September 2018.

At that meeting, the committee received a detailed update on the work of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership providing an update on the refresh of the Community Safety Plan, and an overview of how partners are working together to deliver the Plan priorities. The committee also received an update on the Youth Justice Strategic Plan and the implementation of its new model of practice.

Both reports were well received and the committee were pleased to note that the Community Safety Hubs were working well, as it demonstrated what could be achieved when people worked together, sharing resources and intelligence. We were also pleased to note a reduction in the number of first time entrants into the Criminal Justice System in North Yorkshire, and a 44% reduction in Youth re-offending compared to the baseline year, which gives an early indication that the new model of practice is embedding well.

At its mid cycle briefing on 29 October 2018 the Committee received an overview of the national PREVENT strategy together with a progress update on local delivery of the Prevent duty.

The committee has continued to look at access to over the counter banking services in the county and the role that branch banks and Post Offices have to play in rural communities, and I have written to both the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and all North Yorkshire MPS to raise the Committee's concerns about the impact on rural communities and small businesses as a result of the decisions being made by the financial sector, based upon a commercial rationale that does not fully take into account the social and economic value of the services that they provide to the community. At its next formal meeting on 3 December 2018 the Committee will conclude its work on the review.

We are also scheduled to meet with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, following her successful bid to take on the governance of the Fire and Rescue Service, as the committee is keen to understand her plans for closer working between emergency services in the county. Her attendance was slipped from an earlier meeting as her team are currently in a holding position, waiting for the Statutory Instrument (SI) to go through Parliament. This is due to happen on 15 November 2018, although there is the possibility that it may be delayed.

At that same meeting we will also be scrutinising:

- Year One Implementation of the County Council Plan 2017/20
- The Annual Workforce Plan
- Operation of the Customer Portal
- Operation of the Parish Portal and Parish Council engagement

Cllr Derek Bastiman

Chairman - Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

30 October 2018