

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
15 May 2019
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 4 March 2019, and one Mid Cycle Briefing on 15 April 2019.

In March, we reviewed the role that volunteers play in the running of a range of Council services and how they are supported. The Corporate Volunteering Project, early thinking around a Volunteer Strategy and a set of standards that would be met by all parts of the Council, and the development of a marketing strategy were all scrutinised. Members welcomed the drive to ensure that there is a consistent approach to how we work with volunteers across the Council and recognised the crucial role that they play in delivery of key services, ranging from community libraries to school admission appeals panels.

At the March meeting, we also continued our scrutiny of work to promote community safety in the County, as we fulfil our key role as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee. Representatives from the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) that works with adult offenders in the county provided an outline of the history of CRC and gave a presentation on: the work that they do with people in prison; support in the community; and how they assess and manage risk.

At our Mid Cycle Briefing in April, we continued our review of work being undertaken to reduce adult reoffending rates in the county. We had a presentation by the National Probation Service, who are responsible for high risk offenders, on how they run their integrated offender management programme.

At the next meeting of the committee on 17 June 2019, we will be scrutinising:

- The delivery of the county's Community Safety Plan
- Community libraries and how they are working, 18 months on from the transfer
- The Locality Budgets scheme
- The annual report of Brierley Group and the performance of the Council's traded services.

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