



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 15th December 2022

CRIME AND DISORDER PANEL

20th October 2022 at 2.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Pettigrew in the Chair

Councillors Batson, Boyd (Substitute for Sandford) Shutt and K. Swinburn.

Officers in attendance:

- Eve Richardson Smith (Deputy Monitoring Officer and Legal Team Manager)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Joanne Paterson (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Paul Caswell (Head of Safe and Young)

Also in attendance:

- Councillor Ron Shepherd (Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities)
- Superintendent Paul French (Humberside Police)
- Paula Grant (VANEL and Member of the Community Safety Partnership)

There were no members of the press or the public present.

CD1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Pettigrew be appointed as the Chair for this the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting.

CD.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillors Aisthorpe, Dawkins, Sandford and Westcott.

CD.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were received for any items in this meeting

CD.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The committee considered a report that provided an overview of findings of the CSP's Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA), including performance data and emerging threats. It set out the Community Safety Partnership (CSP's) areas of priority for the coming three years and their pertinence to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.

Members queried what work was being undertaken to stop drug dealing across the borough. Superintendent French confirmed it was a priority for the police and that money had been invested in a facility where reporting concerns could be done confidentially. He also highlighted that more police officers had been recruited and those were frontline police roles. The police were committed to operation galaxy to respond to local concerns around drug dealing and there were specialist officers in neighbourhood teams to support this. Superintendent French encouraged people to report crime and he reassured the Committee that the police were committed to dealing with offenders.

Referring to the stalking and harassment statistics members asked what was being done to support victims and prosecute offenders. Superintendent French explained that the figures were now included with the anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse figures which had increased the profile of these cases. The police were keen to listen to women and girls to hear their views on where they had felt intimidated and unsafe when out. He confirmed that this information would enable the police to increase patrols, street lighting and mobile CCTV in those areas to give people reassurance and that perpetrators were being tackled. Mr Caswell explained that the ASB team were working alongside the police to target the known ASB hot spots across the borough

A member thanked to the police for the work they had done across the South Ward where the number of nuisance motor bikes had reduced and the drug dealing concerns by residents had been addressed which was welcomed. Superintendent French was reassured to hear that and recognised the neighbourhood policing team were committed to having the local policing team located at Centre 4 at set times and days for the next three months.

The Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities referred to the crime figures within the JSIA and if the crime figures for the town centre were separated out from the West Marsh would it give a different perspective. Mr Caswell explained that officers had looked at the data around safer streets 2 and had taken out commercial crime and as a result West Marsh came on out on top.

The Committee heard about the work that was going on across the borough in relation to electric scooters. Superintendent French confirmed the police could seize a scooter if an offence was being committed. Members were concerned about the increase in ASB because of people riding electric scooters and felt it should be included with in operation yellow fin. Mr Caswell confirmed that this concern was being looked as part of the review of the Public Space Protection Orders.

Ms Grant explained to the Committee the work that was being done with the neighbourhood watch and community groups around local crime and she suggested that the communication that goes out by these groups to residents could be included the use of the 101 number for non-emergency calls was welcomed by the panel.

A member was concerned about the number of young people who were vaping in local parks and open spaces and queried if it was illegal? Superintendent French confirmed that it was illegal to buy vapes under the age of 18 but not smoke them. He explained it was about the education round the harm of vaping that was key. Mr Caswell explained the work that was being carried out by the youth engagement team to look at dressing the route courses with young people.

Members referred to the different types of motorbikes and tactics that the police had when dealing with motorbike crime. Superintendent French explained that there were strict operational procedures. Across the force and locally it was around intelligence gathering and engagement which was found to be effective together with the appropriate method of pursuit by the police and motorbike traffic teams when required. Mr Caswell gave an update on operation yellow fin which was welcomed by the committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.32 p.m.