

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

26 November 2024

SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Policing and ASB

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Neighbourhood Policing and ASB

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Neighbourhood Policing and ASB.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 21-24

3. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. Face to face and online consultation and engagement ran from 1 September 2021-30 November 2021; The Voice of West Yorkshire is one of two key documents which supports the Police and Crime Plan 2021 -24. The document includes the notes of key events held where road safety was raised as area of concern: [police-and-crime-plan-voice-of-west-yorkshire-public-consultation.pdf](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policy-and-strategy/policy-and-crime-plan-voice-of-west-yorkshire-public-consultation.pdf) ([westyorks-ca.gov.uk](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk))
4. The strategic priority of Safer Places and Thriving Communities focuses on the harmful and unacceptable behaviour that targets the different communities of West Yorkshire, through an ongoing commitment to Neighbourhood Policing and partnership working in localities. It will tackle the place-based crime that damages People's everyday lives, including serious violence, anti-social behaviour, and dangerous driving and speeding.
5. The cross-cutting theme of Early Intervention and Prevention received support from both partners and communities, especially in tackling the social issues which communities felt could fuel offending including Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).

KEY INFORMATION

6. Mayoral/DMPC activity to date includes:
 - The Mayor has successfully completed her pledge to maintain a focus on Neighbourhood Policing through an increase of 750 frontline police officers and police staff by April 2024 (1040 achieved).

- Updates on both of these areas (ASB and the Mayors pledge) are included in the quarterly report to the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel.
- The Mayor/ Deputy Mayor visit all Neighbourhood Policing Teams across West Yorkshire, speaking to staff, communities and members of the public.
- The Mayor and DMPC feed into consultation which supports the reduction of ASB through Public Space Protection orders.

Anti-Social Behaviour - Immediate Justice Pilot delivery update

- West Yorkshire is one of ten Immediate Justice pilot sites. The Mayor has been awarded up to £2m grant funding until 31 March 2025.
- In West Yorkshire, our Immediate Justice approach provides a range of tailored services for adults and children to benefit victims.
- This includes completing unpaid work, repairing damage caused by their actions, and the option of restorative justice, where the victim can communicate with the person responsible for the crime.
- For Children aged 12 to 17 years, Restorative Justice working within Youth Justice Services in each local authority support and deliver reparative activities. The positive activities including health and wellbeing, educational sessions, involvement in community groups and activities that will develop a child's sense of empathy for victims and the need to repair harm.
- For Adults, once an investigation by the police into a crime involving ASB is concluded, one of the following may be considered
 - Community Resolution - A method of restorative justice that is an alternative way of dealing with less serious crimes and incidents, allowing officers to use their professional judgement when dealing with offenders. A Community Resolution does not constitute a criminal record.
 - Conditional Caution - Allows the police officer or a relevant prosecutor such as the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to decide to give a caution with one or more conditions attached. A Conditional Caution does constitute a criminal record.
 - Outcome 22 - A Home Office administration code that the police use to indicate that no further action has been taken in response to an offence, but some form of diversionary or educational activity has taken place.

If appropriate, the offender will enter the Immediate Justice scheme, and will either undertake supervised unpaid work, an ASB Awareness Course, or both.

- In Immediate Justice, the police will refer the offender for supervised unpaid work delivered by the Probation Service. If they receive a Community Resolution or an Outcome 22, they will undertake one 7-hour day of supervised unpaid work. If they receive a Conditional Caution, they will undertake two 7-hour days of supervised unpaid work.

- Between 1 April 2023 and 30 September 2024, a total of 572 children and 460 Adults were referred to Immediate Justice.
- A mid-point evaluation of the pilot has been undertaken by Workforce Development Trust and all reports and findings can be found on the website: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/anti-social-behaviour-asb-immediate-justice/>

7. Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund

The Mayors Safer Communities Fund (currently open – [Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund - West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#)) continues to deliver projects to tackle crime and ASB. Grant Rounds 1-6 have awarded 357 projects who have shared £3,040,983.20.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

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 and ASB, as evidenced by the effective implementation of the recent ASB Immediate Justice pilot project. The Mayor/DMPC are able to receive updates on Neighbourhood Policing and ASB 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.

The Immediate Justice Pilot was delivered in partnership with statutory and non-statutory partners. Project planning and reporting around the pilot was convened through the West Yorkshire ASB Steering Group. Following the successful pilot, the ASB Steering Group has broadened its focus to wider ASB issues and offers the opportunity to collaborate, share learning and better understand what might work locally and across West Yorkshire. The group had its first meeting in September 2024 and will continue to meet quarterly.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

There are significant Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion aspects to the Neighbourhood Policing and ASB agenda. Some communities, including those impacted by multiple deprivation, may be much more affected than others.

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ATTACHMENT

[Chief Constable's report – Neighbourhood Policing and ASB](#)