

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

15 June 2021

**SUBJECT: Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR)**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. This West Yorkshire Police report outlines work undertaken regarding the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR).

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Mayor uses this report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of the SPR.

**POLICE AND CRIME PLAN**

3. PCCs (Mayor) and Chief Constables have a responsibility to make sure that their police service can respond to national and international threats under the Strategic Policing Requirement.
4. These threats include terrorism, serious public disorder, organised crime, major cyber incidents, civil emergencies and CSEA. The Mayor will continue to work with West Yorkshire Police and other organisations across the North East Region to ensure that we can support each other in times of need, and collectively keep our region and country safe.

**KEY INFORMATION**

5. Although the SPR places an obligation on PCCs and Chief Constables, there are also other organisations which need to be involved such as the Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, NHS, National Crime Agency, National Grid and Local Authorities. These organisations come together through the Local Resilience Forum and CONTEST board to ensure that we are focused and equipped to deliver on our collective responsibility under the SPR.
- As part of regular engagement and casework the Office has met with communities to listen to their concerns in relation to terrorism, public disorder, organised crime, major incidents, civil emergencies, and Child Sexual Abuse.
  - The lead officer also sits on the West Yorkshire Contest board which consists of wider partners coming together to share information, best practice and improve our joint response to terrorism.
  - The Mayor will receive updates outside of the Community Outcomes Meetings in relation to Serious and Organised Crime.
  - The Office supports and funds an independent chair of a West Yorkshire Children’s Risk and Vulnerability Strategic Group, bringing together police and safeguarding partnerships to further strengthen partnerships, and coordinate a

collaborative and consistent response to child exploitation and abuse across the county.

- The Office match funds with 3 local authorities 3 Parent Liaison Officers from the charity Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE) to support families and reduce harm to children who are at risk of sexual and other exploitation
- The Safeguarding Adviser attends the national counter terrorism collaboration strategic board.
- The Mayor is chair of the National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network and funds and supports the West Yorkshire Anti-Slavery Partnership.
- The Office has a seat on the West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum (LRF), and along with the Victims Lead, they have used this group to progress work to ensure contingencies to support WY Victims are in place, based on learning from the Manchester Arena bombing.
- During Covid, the Resilience Forum sat a Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) several times a week, for many months and a WY OPCC member took part in every session. This has now been cut back to every three weeks, and COVID as a critical incident, was closed in May. It is believed that the final SCG will be at the end of June.
- It has been noted that West Yorkshires LRF and SCG has functioned particularly efficiently due to its development over time in tackling flooding over several years. For this reason, the SCG is regularly convened, and at the start of COVID, started from a much higher level of partnership co-ordination, than other areas, as a result.

## **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION**

The Covid 19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated many existing structural, economic and health inequalities, resulting in significant impact on the health and safety of individuals and communities across West Yorkshire, which will undoubtedly have significant impact for years to come.

## **ATTACHMENT**

[Chief Constables report – SPR](#)