**Agenda Item No 9**

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING**

**29 July 2025**

**SUBJECT: Effectiveness and Efficiency Criminal Justice System**

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| **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE**1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of supporting effective and efficient criminal justice.
2. This cover paper highlights the importance of the report topic in respect of the Police and Crime plan and also includes the delivery of the Mayor and her office. Together the West Yorkshire Police (WYP) report and the cover paper provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of work underway in respect of supporting the Criminal Justice System.
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| **RECOMMENDATION**1. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the WYP report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Criminal Justice.
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| **POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 24-28**1. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of ‘The Voice of West Yorkshire’. The Voice of West Yorkshire represents the views of over 6,500 respondents and includes the views of children and young people. It is part of a series of documents which includes a summary needs assessment. You can review the documents here: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/the-police-and-crime-plan/)
2. The Local Criminal Justice Board was highlighted as the way in which the Mayor can work with criminal justice partners to drive improvements in the criminal justice system that benefit victims of crime. You can find out more about the board and its work here (insert link).
3. In the Police and Crime plan the Mayor has committed she will:
* work with WYP and criminal justice partners to ensure that all victims benefit from their rights under the Victim’s Code
* Use her convening powers to bring together Combatting Drugs Partnerships across West Yorkshire to ensure consistency of response
* Lead the Local Criminal Justice Board to make necessary improvements to the services offered to victims of crime, within delivery parameters set out by central government
* Make sure that justice is accessible for the most vulnerable victims and the most marginalised communities in West Yorkshire.
1. There are also key police and community performance measures in relation to Criminal Justice in the Police and Crime Plan.
2. We received substantial feedback detailed in the [Voice of West Yorkshire](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westyorks-ca.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2Futxbrkhs%2Fvowy-final.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) on the Criminal Justice System.

A detailed Equality Impact Assessment which looked at how the themes and priories impacted communities was completed for the 2024-28 plan, you can read it here:[eqia-stage-1-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westyorks-ca.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2F4tijlbky%2Feqia-stage-1-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)[eqia-stage-2-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westyorks-ca.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2Fd5hcfsqw%2Feqia-stage-2-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) |
| **PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION*** The VCSE sector is vital to supporting victims and survivors of the worst crimes to obtain justice.
* Services such as Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA) and Independent Sexual Violence Advocates, the Independent Stalking Advocacy Caseworkers and the Rape Crisis Centres are vital to supporting Victims and Survivors to work with the police in order that they remain engaged with lengthy investigations.
* The partnership has worked with West Yorkshire Police to give a victims voice to policy that has increased the use of special measures for vulnerable victims.
* Appropriate Adult provision is vital to making the criminal justice process fair and equitable for vulnerable adults and children. Following the loss of funding for Vulnerable Adults from Local Authorities, the Mayor now funds that service in the VCSE sector.

**Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP)**The VRP take a public health approach to violence, focusing on deterrents and protective factors. It considers which interventions will be universal (aimed at the general population) and which will be targeted at those more at risk. In addition, we recognise though that our approach will also hold to account those who perpetrate serious violence. Our approach therefore includes the role that enforcement and criminal justice can make to this whole system approach.The VRP are interconnected with the enforcement work against knife crime and serious violence under Op. Jemlock which aligns with WYP’s response to SOC through their Programme Precision project.With the Integrated Care Board, the VRP co-leads the West Yorkshire Adversity, Trauma and Resilience programme, with a specific workstream focused on criminal justice. Recent activity within this workstream has included:* Ongoing work with West Yorkshire Police, Prisons and Probation to be trauma informed organisations
* CJ Conference held in 2024
* CJ Pathways resource development

Staff within the VRP have and are currently working locally with police and partners in Clear Hold Build areas across West Yorkshire.**Serious Violence Legal Duty (SVD):** The VRP continue to coordinate the West Yorkshire partnership response, providing intelligence, capacity and capability to duty holders, and with oversight still provided through the West Yorkshire Serious Violence Reduction Executive Strategic Steering Group. This duty exists to ensure councils, and local services work together to share information and identify activities to prevent and reduce serious violence. In addition, the VRP host a partnership data dashboard which collates a variety of data from partners to allow an informed and detailed understanding of where, when, how and who is involved in serious violence. This data is used annually to produce the West Yorkshire Strategic Needs Assessment, which in combination with the VRP’s Influential Factors report provides insights to why serious violence occurs in West Yorkshire. These documents then inform the Violence Reduction Response Strategy. More detail about the work of the Violence Reduction Partnership can be found here:[West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/west-yorkshire-violence-reduction-partnership/)[Strategic Needs Assessment/Response Strategy/Influential Factors](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/west-yorkshire-violence-reduction-partnership/needs-assessment-response-strategy/)[VRP Annual Report 2023-24](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/12890/vrp-annual-report-2023-24-final.pdf) |
| **EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION** There is substantial evidence which suggests bias throughout the criminal justice system which includes disparities at various stages eg arrests and sentencing and includes those who are black and minority ethnic, men including young males and women. |
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| **ATTACHMENT**[Chief Constable’s report](https://theauthorityv13-auth.azurewebsites.net/media/wclftrnt/item-9-com-paper-efficiency-effectiveness-july-25.docx)  |