

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 March 2011

Community Safety: North Yorkshire Probation Service

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The report introduces a presentation by Peter Brown, Chief Probation Officer.

2.0 Background

2.1 The County Council has designated this Committee as the relevant Crime and Disorder Committee at County level. You agreed to enter into a dialogue with strategic leaders of organisations and agencies that contribute to the Community Safety agenda.

2.2 Peter Brown, Chief Probation Officer, has accepted the invitation to attend. He made a presentation to the former Safe and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee back in January last year.

2.3 Bearing in mind the membership has changed; Peter will revisit briefly the role his Service occupies in the Criminal Justice System and its responsibility to the courts and the community. This will include protecting the public, reducing re-offending, making sure offenders comply with community sentences, ensuring offenders are aware of the effects of crime on victims of crime and the public, and offender rehabilitation. He will also highlight the strategic level challenges the Probation Service may face in the light of some of the latest announcements from the coalition government around policing, crime and disorder and accountability

2.4 One of the major talking points when Peter attended on the last occasion was support for offenders in the community. He will therefore cover the challenges and successes associated with community payback.

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