

North Yorkshire County Council

Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14 November 2011

Work Programme and Forward Plan

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To invite the Committee to consider the work programme.

2 Scope of the Committee

- 2.1 Under the Council's constitution the scope of this Committee is defined as:

“the Council’s corporate organisation and structure, resource allocation, asset management, procurement policy, people strategy, equality and diversity, performance management, communications and access to services.

Partnership working, community development, community engagement, community strategies and community safety (the designated Crime and Disorder Committee)”.

3 Scheduled Committee Dates

- 3.1 The Committee dates for 2012 and 2013 are set out below:
- 23 January 2012, 10:30 am
 - 19 March 2012, 10:30am
 - 11 June 2012, 10:30am
 - 10 September 2012, 10:30am
 - 26 November 2012, 10:30am
 - 21 January 2013, 10:30am
 - 22 April 2013, 10:30am

4 Emerging areas of work

- 4.1 Access to services and localism agenda

Group Spokespersons were provided with an update on two-tier working with district councils at the Mid Cycle briefing meeting in October. This was chiefly in relation to joint customer access at council offices, and a progress report on this will be brought to the September Committee meeting. A future focus for the Committee will be two-tier working around the localism agenda. Areas to cover could include how the district councils and county council are working together to provide parish councils with a greater voice; how they are responding to changes in planning; the localisation of business rates; and the localisation of Council Tax benefit.

4.2 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

The Act received Royal Assent on 15th September 2011. Amongst other things it provides for a police and crime commissioner (PCC) to be elected in each police force area to replace the current police authority. A police and crime panel (PCP) will also be set up in each police force area to maintain a regular check and balance on the performance of the commissioner. Elections for the PCC have been put back to November 2012.

An overview of the Act, plus the arrangements being put in place to set up the Police and Crime Panel for North Yorkshire and York, will be provided at our community safety themed Committee meeting in January.

Of note is that unlike the Police Authority, the PCC and the PCP are not included in the list of 'responsible authorities' that we are able to scrutinise under the Police and Justice Act (2006). (The list has effectively been reduced to include the police, local authorities, probation, fire and rescue, and health.) However although our Committee will not have a formal role in the new policing structural arrangements there may be opportunities for informal working with the PCP, especially via the County Council Member(s) sitting on the PCP. Group Spokespersons will be looking at this in greater detail at future Mid Cycle briefing meetings.

4.3 Libraries

At the end of this month, overview and scrutiny of the library service, archives, registration and coroners administration will transfer from the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Corporate and Partnerships. This will coincide with the re-shaping of the library service to include more community involvement. Julie Blaisdale, Assistant Director - Library and Community Services, will be attending our Mid Cycle briefing meeting in December to discuss incorporating this area of work into the Committee's work programme.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members review the Committee's work programme, taking into account issues highlighted in this report, the outcome of discussions on previous agenda items and any other relevant developments taking place in the county.

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Background Documents:
Appendix 1 – Work Programme Schedule 2011

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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
One Council	To discuss the One Council Vision/programme and reporting schedules. Task Group to be appointed.	Gary Fielding	Regular progress updates
Drugs and Alcohol Team	Focus around the strategic assessment on the fitness of the DAAT to deliver against its core objectives. (complete) Review of the balance between drugs awareness, treatment and that for alcohol misuse, focussing especially measures to reduce alcohol related harm.	Task Group with Care and independence Scrutiny Committee	On completion of Draft Strategy by Substance Misuse Team – provisional date of 23 January 2012
Equalities	To ensure that the Council's Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) process is being used effectively to ensure that equality issues are being considered when drawing up policies or proposals which affect the delivery of services, the carrying out of the Council's functions and the employment practice of the authority.	Neil Irving/Tom Jenkinson	14 November 2011 (introductory report on the process and examples of EIAs.) Timetable for item to be presented to future meetings to be agreed by Group Spokespersons at the Mid Cycle briefing in October.

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Overview Reports

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
Corporate Risk Register	Reported at the appropriate time.	John Moore	14 November 2011
No Cold Calling Zones protocols and enforcement	To seek the input of the Committee into the proposed prioritisation criteria for the development of No Cold Calling Zones. To inform the Committee of new legislation to tackle unfair trading practices, affording the opportunity to use criminal sanctions against cold callers who ignore the wishes of residents within a Zone.	Derek Smith	14 November 2011
Executive Members Update	Schedule alternately.	Cllr Carl Les	14 November 2011
Council Plan	Look at the achievements of the past year in relation to the current Council Plan and make suggestions for future improvements to be included in the 2012/15 Council Plan.	Neil Irving	14 November 2011
Leader of organisations attend to explain commitment/contribution to Community Safety/Safer Communities Forum	Key feature of Designated Crime and Disorder committee - attendance of strategic leaders at forthcoming meetings. 1) MAPPA (public protection arrangements) 2) NY Youth Justice Service - its work with young offenders. 3) Police – overview of changes to operational structures.	Jonathan Spencer	23 January 2012 23 January 2012 To be determined
Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011	Overview of the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Police and Crime Panel/identify implications for the Committee.	Neil Irving	23 January 2012
NYSP Community Safety Agreement	Reviewed annually as part of Crime and Disorder designation.	Neil Irving / Nigel Hutchinson, Chair Safer Communities Forum	23 January 2012
Area Committees and Community Engagement Forums	Update report to committee on the review of Area Committees.	Josie O'Dowd/Neil Irving	23 January 2012

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Localism Bill	A report on the implications of the Localism Bill, (when enacted), relating to the ways in which local authorities will work with communities and parish councils regarding planning issues and service delivery.	Neil Irving	19 March 2012
Libraries	Overview and update on the library service, including community managed libraries.	Julie Blaisdale	19 March 2012
	Overview of archives, registration and coroners administration.	Julie Blaisdale	To be determined
NYNet	Progress update on implementation of community broadband and the support NYNet provides to communities.	Ian Marr	19 March 2012
HR Annual Report	Overview and update of HR internal communication.	Justine Brooksbank / Helen Edwards	19 March 2012
Communications Strategy	Update on resident communications and other communications initiatives.	Helen Edwards	19 March or June 2012
Citizens Panel	Referred by the Executive. Reviewed the status of the Citizens Panel in March 2011, which included an assessment of the value of this resource, what evidence there was that the results were being used by directorates to inform service planning. A number of recommendations were made. 12 month review in March 2012 to assess progress in implementing the Committee's recommendations.	Neil Irving	19 March 2012
Partnerships Contribution and Resources	Review the annual report on partnership monitoring arrangements and any subsequent decisions taken by the Executive, prior to considering what additional work, if any, may be required.	John Moore/ Neil Irving/ Gary Fielding	19 March or June 2012

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Property	Annual Report.	John Moore	June 2012
Annual Procurement Report	Annual report including Sustainable procurement for Directorates within NYCC and in respect of property and highways works.	John Moore	June 2012
Health and Safety	Includes Public Liability – reported annually.	John Moore	June or September 2012
Enhanced two tier working	Update on joint working in relation to customer access.	Gary Fielding	September 2012
	Working together on the localism agenda: planning /New Homes Bonus/working together to promote growth/business rates retention scheme/localisation of Council Tax Benefits.	Gary Fielding	To be determined
Scrutiny and the Budget Process	Further to the post-implementation review of how budget information was made available to Members in 2010, overview and scrutiny committees are asked in the next 12 months to take into account, the savings proposals to be made in Years 3 and 4 for their service remit. For Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee this will involve savings relating to Finance and Central Services.	John Moore	September 2012
North Yorkshire Police	Update on the future direction of the Force, including changes in local policing structures.	Jonathan Spencer	To be determined
Future Performance Monitoring Arrangements	Proposition on the performance management information it would be most appropriate for the authority to retain or develop in future financial years.	Robin Mair	To be determined

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<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle</i>	12 December 2011 10:30 am	10 February 2012 10:30 am	21 May 2012 10:30 am	9 July 2012 10.30am	15 October 2012 10.30am	21 December 2012 10:30am	18 March 2013 10:30am	