

North Yorkshire County Council

Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

26 November 2012

Work Programme

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 Forthcoming Committee dates for 2012 and 2013 are:
- 21 January 2013, 10:30am
 - 22 April 2013, 10:30am

4 Updates

4.1 One Council

- 4.1.1 The One Council Members Task Group met in September to discuss the progress of the Customer Access work stream including improvements to be made to the County Council's website. The group was also updated on the progress of the Management and Supervision work stream, including the rollout of the concept of the 'NYCC Manager' to be introduced through a revised Behaviour and Skills Framework.

- 4.1.2 The task group will be meeting on 30 November to discuss the progress of a number of the implementation plans within the Customer Access work stream, the draft Internet Strategy and the draft Management Framework.

4.2 North Yorkshire Credit Union

- 4.2.1 In June the Committee was made aware that the Financial Services Authority had requested the Credit Union to source additional capital in order to continue its operations.
- 4.2.2 North Yorkshire Credit Union (NYCU) was placed into liquidation following a High Court order on 31 October. The reasons for the closure were due to a number of factors including high levels of bad debt on loans to members due to inadequate credit referencing and credit control, and an over dependence on non-recurring grants.
- 4.2.3 The County Council and other third parties (district councils and housing associations) were not prepared to fund all of the capital that was required to keep NYCU operating. This was due to the sizeable amount of funding that would have been required, with no guarantees about its longer-term sustainability. A possible merger with another credit union was explored but the FSA was unlikely to have supported this option.
- 4.2.4 Consequently the more recent focus has been on a “managed closure”. As part of this managed closure, discussions have been held with other local credit unions with a view to them offering support and services to NYCU’s members following its closure.
- 4.2.5 Earlier this month the County Council’s Executive agreed to provide a one-off grant to the South Yorkshire Credit Union to help establish a new service in the county.
- 4.2.6 South Yorkshire Credit Union (SYCU) has now extended its service into York and North Yorkshire and is planning to set up branches in York and Scarborough. Your Chairman has suggested that the Committee invites a representative of the SYCU to attend a future meeting to discuss their plans and business strategy for North Yorkshire.

5 Future items

5.1 Community safety

- 5.1.1 The Committee’s meeting in January will have a community safety theme in line with its Crime & Disorder Committee function. Nigel Hutchinson (Chair of the York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum) will be attending to give an update on the work of the Forum. Other items will include the commissioning strategy for domestic violence services and changes to the youth justice system.
- 5.1.2 At the Mid Cycle briefing in October, Group Spokespersons were circulated a draft protocol being developed between the Police and Crime Panel and the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The purpose of the protocol is to encourage the Panel and Overview and Scrutiny Committees to work together on issues of common interest and to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort. A finalised draft version will be presented to the January’s Committee meeting for approval.

6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 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: None

Annexes: Work Programme Schedule 2012

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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
One Council	<p>To discuss the One Council Vision/programme and reporting schedules.</p> <p>A Task Group has been appointed and met on 19 October 2011, 16 November 2011, 8 February 2012, 5 March, 2 May, 27 June, 8 August and 10 September.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 30 November.</p>	Rob Polkinghorne	Regular progress updates
Alcohol Misuse Review	<p>To review the arrangements in the county for tackling the effects of alcohol misuse, including preventative services against a backcloth of changed structural arrangements within the National Health Service.</p> <p>To date work has progressed on an alcohol needs assessment with a view to developing a high level alcohol harm reduction strategy to give direction and focus on future commissioning intentions.</p>	Joint task group with Care and independence Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Progress update on 21 January 2013

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Overview Reports

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Y&NYSCF Community Safety Agreement	To review the Community Safety Agreement annually as part of the Committee's Crime and Disorder overview & scrutiny remit.	Neil Irving / Nigel Hutchinson, Chair Safer Communities Forum	21 January 2013
Domestic Abuse Strategy	Commissioning strategy for domestic violence services/overview of how the various statutory and VCS organisations work together to protect victims and tackle offenders.	Neil Irving/Gemma Ingles	21 January 2013
Youth Justice	To highlight significant changes to the youth justice system, brought about by the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012, particularly around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • youth sentences • remands of children otherwise than on Bail • out of court disposals • rehabilitation of offenders. 	Lesley Ingleson	21 January 2013
Protocol between the Police and Crime Panel and the Crime & Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committees in North Yorkshire and York	To consider and approve the protocol between the Police and Crime Panel and the Crime & Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committees of the North Yorkshire local authorities including City of York Council, setting out their respective roles and arrangements for future partnership working etc.	Neil Irving	21 January 2013
Executive Member's update	To highlight some of the recent issues considered by the Executive and to identify relevant key issues and priorities for the coming months: schedule alternately.	Cllr Carl Les	22 April 2013
HR update	Overview and update of HR internal communication.	Justine Brooksbank/Helen Edwards	22 April 2013
Performance Monitoring Arrangements	Update on the implementation of the Council's revised Corporate Performance Management Framework.	Gary Fielding	22 April 2013

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Libraries	Overview and update on the library service, including community managed libraries.	Julie Blaisdale	22 April 2013
	Overview of archives, registration and coroners administration.	Julie Blaisdale	To be determined
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.	Jonathan Spencer	To be determined
Communications Strategy	Update on resident communications and other communications initiatives.	Helen Edwards	To be determined

<i>Scheduled Committee Meetings</i>	21 January 2013 10.30am	22 April 2013 10.30am
<i>Scheduled Agenda Briefing</i>	21 January 2013 9:30 am	22 April 2013 9:30 am
<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle</i>	21 December 2012 10:30am	18 March 2013 10:30am