

## North Yorkshire County Council

### Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

21 January 2013

#### 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 2013 and 2014 are:

- 22 April 2013, 10:30am  
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- 1 July 2013, 10:30am
- 1 November 2013, 10:30am
- 3 February 2014, 10:30am
- 28 April 2014, 10:30am

#### **4 Updates**

##### **4.1 One Council**

- 4.1.1 The One Council Members Task Group last met in November to discuss the progress of a couple of the implementation plans within the Customer Access work stream ('I need Support to Live Independently' and 'My Child is Starting School'). The task group also discussed the draft Internet Strategy, received an update on the development of the draft Management Framework, and scrutinised the programme highlight report for October.

- 4.1.2 A practical demonstration was given on the new 'stripped down' webpages being developed for users accessing the website with mobile devices. They include signposting arrows for people to find the information they need. The task group suggested that the simple and easy to navigate design of these webpages should provide the way forward for redesigning the website more generally in order to benefit PC/laptop users as well.
- 4.1.3 The task group will be meeting after today's Committee meeting to discuss the cultural change agenda (changing staff behaviours: values, expectations, leadership styles etc.) and to comment on the draft Management Framework as well as to receive the latest programme highlight report.

#### 4.2 Alcohol Related Harm

- 4.2.1 Last year some Members of this Committee were involved when the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee looked at the support for people with drug problems and wider alcohol related harm.
- 4.2.2 The initial findings of that review focussed on the workings of the Substance Misuse Board. The focus then shifted to major themes such as Policy, Intervention and Treatment, Education and Prevention, Public Perception and Community Safety concerns.
- 4.2.3 The intention was to review how successful commissioning interventions in these areas were in reducing alcohol related harm. This would be approached with the guidance of the Director of Public Health, whose responsibilities now fall to the County Council.
- 4.2.4 In the short term however, Members supported the suggestion that Alcohol Related Harm should feature as one of the workshops at the North Yorkshire Wider Partnership Conference, held in October 2012. The thinking being the learning points from this would lend weight to the shadow Health and Well Being Board's initial view that Alcohol Related Harm would be one of the six main priorities in the Health and Well Being Strategy. The conclusions of the workshop (Appendix 2 attached) will be reported by the Care & Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January.
- 4.2.5 The Government's Alcohol Strategy has recently been published. It includes a package of health measures and proposals to crackdown on 'binge drinking' culture, cut the alcohol fuelled violence and disorder that blights communities, and reduce the number of people drinking to damaging levels. This and the merits of continued scrutiny involvement will be one of the main discussion points when Lincoln Sergeant, the recently appointed Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire, attends the Care and Independence Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. The decision that Committee takes will be reported to you.

## **5 Future items**

### **5.1 Credit Union**

5.1.1 The Chief Officer of South Yorkshire Credit Union (SYCU), Ian Guest, has confirmed that he will be able to attend the Committee's meeting in April to discuss SYCU's business strategy and plans for North Yorkshire.

### **5.2 Youth Justice**

5.2.1 The Legal Aid, Sentencing & Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 is introducing a number of significant changes to youth justice around youth sentences, remands of children otherwise on Bail, knife crime, and rehabilitation of offenders. The idea overall is to simplify the youth justice system. Some of these changes were introduced last December others will be introduced this April.

5.2.2 The Council's Youth Justice Service Manager will provide an overview of the changes at the Committee's April meeting.

## **6 Recommendation**

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:

Appendix 1: Work Programme Schedule 2013

Appendix 2: Alcohol Related Harm Workshop notes, North Yorkshire Wider Partnership Conference (18 October 2012)

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**In-depth Scrutiny Projects**

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
One Council	<p>Have an in-depth focus on the One Council Vision/programme and reporting schedules, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The future organisational model</li> <li>• Customer Access</li> <li>• Programme performance - with a focus on financial savings</li> <li>• Cultural change agenda</li> </ul> <p>A Task Group has been appointed and met on 19 October 2011, 16 November, 8 February 2012, 5 March, 2 May, 16 July, 9 August, 10 September and 30 November.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 21 January 2013.</p>	Rob Polkinghorne	Regular progress updates
Alcohol Related Harm	<p>Review the arrangements in the county for tackling the effects of alcohol misuse, including preventative services against a backdrop 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 the Care and independence Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Progress update to be provided on 21 January in the work programme report

## Corporate & Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme Schedule 2013

### Overview Reports

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
Localisation of Council Tax Benefit	Update on the local CTB schemes in North Yorkshire.	Gary Fielding	18 March Mid Cycle
Libraries	Update on the library service, including community managed libraries.	Julie Blaisdale	18 March Mid Cycle
	Overview of archives, registration and coroners administration.	Julie Blaisdale	To be determined in the new Council
Performance Monitoring Arrangements	Update on the implementation of the Council's revised Corporate Performance Management Framework.	Gary Fielding	18 March Mid Cycle
Executive Members update	Highlight some of the recent issues considered by the Executive and identify relevant key issues and priorities for the coming months: schedule alternately.	Cllr Carl Les	22 April
Credit Union	Overview of South Yorkshire Credit Union's plans and business strategy for North Yorkshire.	Jonathan Spencer	22 April
HR update	Overview and update of HR internal communication.	Justine Brooksbank/ Helen Edwards	22 April
Youth Justice	<p>Overview of significant changes to the youth justice system, brought about by the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012, particularly around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• youth sentences</li> <li>• remands of children otherwise than on Bail</li> <li>• out of court disposals</li> <li>• rehabilitation of offenders.</li> </ul>	Lesley Ingleson	22 April

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Property	Receive annual report.	Gary Fielding	To be determined in the new Council
Annual Procurement	Receive annual report.	Gary Fielding	To be determined in the new Council
Health & Safety	Receive annual report.	Gary Fielding	To be determined in the new Council
Community Safety Agreement 2013/14	Consider the Community Safety Agreement 2013/14.	Neil Irving	To be determined in the new Council
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 in the new Council
Communications Strategy	Update on resident communications and other communications initiatives.	Helen Edwards	To be determined in the new Council

<b>Scheduled Committee Meetings</b> (agenda briefings to be held at 9.30am on the same day unless otherwise announced)	<b>22 April 2013</b> 10.30am	<b>1 July 2013</b> 10.30am	<b>1 Nov 2013</b> 10.30am	<b>3 Feb 2014</b> 10.30am	<b>28 April 2014</b> 10.30am
<b>Scheduled Mid Cycle</b>	<b>18 March 2013</b> 10:30am	<b>7 Oct 2013</b> 10:30am	<b>6 Jan 2014</b> 10:30am	<b>10 March 2014</b> 10:30am	

## Note from Workshop 1: Alcohol Related Harm

**Facilitators: Dr Martin Hawkings, Dianne Draper & Georgina Wilkinson**

**Note taker: Lesley Dale**

### **Introduction**

This workshop was to assist with the refresh of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.

### **Key issues**

- Based on the JSNA data, alcohol may not appear to be a problem however last year we saw 165 alcohol related deaths, 100,000 hospital admissions and over 30million spent on the health economy.
- Two thirds of those deaths related to older age group over 55.
- High levels of drinking are linked to a range of health conditions/problems with older age groups
- Hidden harm
- 20% higher recommended level increase in consumption of wine in affluent areas

### **Binge Drinking**

- Impact on crime and public disorder (Harrogate, Scarborough and Craven) large quantities lower income levels unemployment areas of deprivation and equality
- Affects different groups across the population of NY
- Children suffer with parents drinking behaviours this information has come through Child line.

### **Strategies**

- Alcohol key issue for public health strategy
- National alcohol strategy
- Harm reduction strategy to take the above forward.

### **National picture: Diane Draper**

- National Alcohol Strategy: comprehensive view of alcohol harm reduction nationally led but with local actions, however this document does not have all the answers. Further consultations are planned to get more details.
- Outcomes of Alcohol Treatment (measure hospital admissions, complexity in local areas)
- Minimum unit price - lots of interest in this. This is likely to be introduced but consultation about what the minimum unit price should be. This is a complex matter and needs to be communicated carefully. Likely to hit high/problematic drinkers
- Community Safety- Binge drinkers
- Alcohol consumption guidelines to be reviewed
- Reduce alcohol related deaths
- Focus on the wider structures that are changing i.e. Health and Wellbeing board.
- Commissioning of alcohol and drug services
- Ring fenced grants in public health
- 2 Programme managers to look at this: supporting the JSNA, investment in alcohol services, treatment data, community and society impact.

**Aim of the 2 workshop groups to look at the following areas:**

- **Local area priorities**
- **Interventions**

**Workshop group**

**Scarborough/Ryedale (Martin Hawkings/ Georgina Wilkinson)**

**Issues**

- Crime – underestimated influence, domestic violence, violent crime. Do crime statistics give the full picture?
- Night time economy is not the only issue e.g. home-drinking
- Publicity is focused on that which affects other people e.g. in local press
- Cheaper to drink at home – hidden drinking and pre-loading
- Younger adults- accidents/risky behaviour(unprotected sex/STDs)
- Older people – concern public drinking in town.

**Priorities**

**Priority 1**

Understand the real need/ scale of the problem locally

- Modelled estimates only provide part of the picture
- Could explore other data i.e. A&E attendances, data from Primary Care, consider a local Health and lifestyle survey

**Priority 2**

Screening through to treatment

- Need more screening / brief advice but could swamp treatment services. Needs to be in more locations i.e. primary care, A&E, GI clinics, criminal justice system. Need better access to more extended brief interventions
- Potash – improved affluence 4000-5000 construction workers (what will be the impact of this?)
- Higher tiers (3/4)  
Community detox, Residential detox, Rehabilitation, Custody/prison detox services  
Need better understanding of cost-benefit ratio - Upfront costs considerable - What impact in long term?

**Priority 3**

**Education:** what work is happening in schools: how well delivered/effective, need to get this right

**Culture:** very high alcohol/spirit preloading

- “Evening doesn’t start until you are drunk”, people with significant problems aren’t drinking alco-pops but vodka
- Associated drug use
- Street drinking population – increasingly visible and growing group in Scarborough: offending , housing, mental health needs

**Priority 4**

**Licensing**

- Licensing objections - Where particular establishments? Why do off licences/ pubs need to sell alcohol very early i.e. 7am-9am Possible opportunities
- Crime data, disturbance data, health data - challenging to make work



- Licensing hours – relaxing licensing hours has not seen developments of café culture.

**Priority 5: Getting the message across**

- People don't understand units
- People don't see the long term health consequences of alcohol consumption
- There is a culture that sees alcohol consumption as being ok. Can we replicate the message @ smoking and cultural acceptability to alcohol. Need a National approach to change social/cultural attitudes towards alcohol (soaps, radio, u-tube - alcohol is cool). This needs to be supported by working together locally using consistent messages, supported by local campaigns/ social marketing.
- Alcohol Concern - promoting 'abstaining' in January, focus on professional and affluent drinkers, need to use locally
- Do we have the right hooks to provide an alternative to drinking- not enough alternatives in Scarborough but opportunity with pot ash – sports, leisure, ongoing education, clubs, investment in community well-being

**Hambleton/Richmondshire/Craven/Harrogate/Selby (Dianne Draper)**

**Issues**

- Minimum price and lower income
- Smuggling alcohol
- Hidden use of alcohol
- Self medication – due to MH and self esteem
- Justified priority for HWB B
- Cultural issue – start change young

**Priorities**

- Preloading
- Complexity of the issue 'localism'
- Identifying needs of carers
- Asking for help – benefits
- Identifying the issues
- IBA where and how
- Education
- Advertising standards – more visible
- Product placement
- Drink driving- younger/older
- What's the problem?
- Wrap around services for alcohol services
- GP engagement