

## Corporate & Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

22 April 2013

### Executive Member`s Progress Report

#### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to:

- (a) highlight some of the recent issues considered by the Executive since the last meeting of this committee
- (b) identify some of the key issues and priorities for the coming months

Questions, comments and views are invited from Members of the Corporate & Partnerships O&S Committee on the content of this report, or any other issue, and the Exec Member will be pleased to respond and note.

#### 2. Recent Issues

- Police & Crime Panel – the Commissioner`s “first” Policing Plan was reviewed by the Panel, and accepted without recommendation, although numerous questions were asked, comments were made. The Commissioner answered all questions to the Panel`s satisfaction, and I`m pleased to report that the comments made were addressed when the final plan was released last week. The interesting work will now commence when the Panel continues to monitor the Commissioner`s performance against the objectives in the Plan.

As part of the learning process (both ways) I am visiting all constituent authorities with the Panel`s supporting officers to explain the work of the Panel, and where the boundaries lie.

The next meeting of the Panel on 25<sup>th</sup> April, will take the form of the first confirmation hearing where the Panel will be asked to approve the Commissioner`s choice of Chief Constable and possible Financial Officer.

The Panel is now politically balanced again with the appointment, for as long as needed, of Helen Flynn, a LibDem cllr from Harrogate

### **3. Items contained in the Forward Plan**

- Executive, 18<sup>th</sup> June – Q4 performance out-turn. Is a new way of doing PM needed?
- Executive, 9<sup>th</sup> July – annual report on partnership governance
- Executive, 9<sup>th</sup> July – One Council quarterly report

### **4. Future Issues**

- A new Emergency Planning manager takes up appointment on 17<sup>th</sup> April. I would like to pay tribute to the out-going officer, Mark Wilkinson, who has helped to transform the service into the highly efficient one it is today.
- The closer working with Selby DC is an important piece of work that may well prove to be a model for the future, saving back office costs, improving customer engagement, but retaining democratic governance.
- Publishing statutory notices on-line
- An improved website.
- A new way of doing PM
- Video conferencing
- Paperless comms, and Members` IT needs
- Area Committees .....?

And finally, it has been a privilege to be held to account by, but also significantly, work with this O&S committee over the last 4 years.

Thank you.

Carl Les  
7 April, 2013.