
REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 11 October 2006

REPORTING OFFICER: Cabinet Member (Public Protection & Rural Affairs)
(Councillor Les Ellington)

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF MOTION – FUTURE OF NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE FORCES**

WARDS AFFECTED: All

FORWARD PLAN REF: N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** This report is to inform Council of the actions taken since its last meeting on 19 July 2006, to address the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Jim Clark and seconded by Councillor Fred Willis.

“The Council welcomed the announcement of the Home Secretary to postpone a final decision on the future of Yorkshire Police forces. It calls on him to use this time to urgently commission a report on the financial implications for each of the four police authorities, in particular the impact on Council taxpayers. Further, in view of the rural aspect of Harrogate district, a full assessment should be carried out about the impact mergers would have on successful neighbourhood policing by the North Yorkshire force.”

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1** That Council notes the actions taken to address the Notice of Motion and in particular the letter sent to the Home Secretary (a copy of this letter is at Appendix 1).

3.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION

- 3.1** None.

4.0 ACTION TAKEN

- 4.1** A meeting has taken place between the Cabinet Member (Public Protection & Rural Affairs) and Councillors Clark and Willis to discuss the Notice of Motion. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Home Secretary explaining

the concerns of the Council. A copy of the letter sent is at Appendix 1.

Background Papers – None

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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT/CRIME AND DISORDER

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy			
B	Environment			
C	Social Equity			
i)	General			
ii)	Customer Care/People with Disabilities			
iii)	Health Implications			
D	Crime and Disorder			

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable