North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

15 January 2019

Update following presentation of the Panel's annual report to the

Selby District Council Scrutiny Committee

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the Panel on issues raised by the Selby District Council Scrutiny Committee on 22nd November 2018; and
- 1.2 To seek comment from the Commissioner on the issues or queries raised, where appropriate, to assist in responding to the Committee.

2.0 Crime and Disorder Committee meeting – 19 March 2018

- 2.1 Selby District Council invited the Chair and Secretariat officer to attend their Scrutiny Committee ("the Committee") on 22nd November 2018 to present an annual update report on Panel business and future plans. The full report can be found at https://democracy.selby.gov.uk/documents/s3230/Report%20North%20Yorkshire%20P olice%20Fire%20and%20Crime%20Panel.pdf. Questions received and issues raised focussed on the following points.
- 2.2 **Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner staffing.** A query was raised regarding whether the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner ("the PFCC") will need to recruit additional staff to her office in order to support her oversight of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 2.3 **Custody transport**. The Committee raised some concerns around the arrangements for custody transport. The Panel Chair was advised that due to the closures of local stations, officers had to transport offenders to other stations for custody arrangements, such as York, which consequently took resources away from local areas. Discussion took place on whether stations with custody arrangements could meet officers half way on the route when transporting people. It was agreed the issue of custody arrangements would be raised by the Panel with the PFCC.
- 2.4 **Street Wardens**. The Committee felt the Street Wardens service which used to be operational in the town centre of Selby had proved to be beneficial in assisting people who were out in the evenings and it was felt that this service should be reintroduced. It was agreed this would be raised by the Panel with the PFCC, to ascertain whether there would be any scope for the PFCC to revisit supporting this service.
- 2.5 The PFCC is invited to comment on the points raised with the Panel by the Committee. The Panel will refer any comments made back in writing to the Chair of the Committee.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the Panel:

- (a) note the update provided; and
- (b) invite the PFCC to comment on the issues raised by the Committee.

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Background Documents: None.