NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee
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Non-crime data – development of key lines of enquiry

1.0	**Purpose of Report**
1.1	To enable committee members to identify some specific lines of enquiry relating to crime and non-crime incidents that can be followed up by North Yorkshire Police.

2.0   Background

2.1   The Area Committees were provided with extensive and detailed crime data upon a regular basis by North Yorkshire Police. Whilst this data was helpful in understanding what crimes had occurred in a given area, it did not enable the committee members to understand the broader range of socio-economic factors that contributed to crime, disorder and community stress. As such, there were limited opportunities for committee members to think about what prevention, early intervention and support could be put in place in their area and what the role of the Council could be.

3.0   Non-crime data

3.1   With the creation of the Area Constituency Committees in 2018 a decision was made to look afresh at the data, information and analysis that was being requested from North Yorkshire Police. Discussions took place with North Yorkshire Police Strategic Intelligence to better understand the data that would enable committee members to better understand their area and open up broader lines of enquiry about what actions could be taken. The outcome of these discussions was to focus upon non-crime data.

3.2   The majority of incidents that the police are deployed to are not concerned with crime but related to welfare issues, vulnerable people and anti-social behaviour. The split between crime and non-crime activity is about 20%/80%. Non-crime data tends to give a better sense of what is going on in a community and where the pressures are. It can also enable predictive data and analysis to be developed over time.

4.0   Development of lines of enquiry

4.1   A framework for the collection and analysis of trend non-crime data has been developed by North Yorkshire Police Strategic Intelligence. (Only trend data will be available to the committee. There will be no access to personal information or information that may enable the identification of an individual.) What they now need to understand is the type of trend data, information and analysis that the committee members are interested in so that a structured and targeted discussion can take place at a future meeting of the committee, rather than a more general overview.

4.2   The following questions, based upon the PESTELO risk assessment methodology, may assist members with the identification of some specific

lines of enquiry that can be used to interrogate the non-crime data. Non-crime data typically relates to welfare issues, vulnerable people and anti-social behaviour.

- Political – have there been national policy changes and initiatives that may have had a detrimental impact locally?
- Economic – how well is the local economy performing? Are there any social issues arising from low wage jobs, underemployment and unemployment?
- Social – are there significant inequalities between different communities and groups across the district? How have changes in national and local government policies impacted upon people on low and fixed incomes?
- Technological – what is the impact of technological advances upon how people work, socialise and buy and receive services?
- Environmental – are there any risks associated with climate change? What are the differences in quality of life between urban and rural areas in the area?
- Legal – have there been any changes to the way in which laws and policies are enforced?
- Organisational – what changes have there been to the way in which the County Council commissions and delivers services and what affect has this had upon the local communities?

When thinking about the above, it may also be helpful to consider how these risks are likely to change over time.

5.0   Recommendation
That the committee identifies some specific lines of enquiry relating to non-crime incidents in their area which can be fed back to North Yorkshire Police Strategic Intelligence. Specific data and analysis can then be brought back to a future meeting of the committee for scrutiny.

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