

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

20 July 2022

STATEMENT OF THE CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Corporate and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a remit that includes the following:

- The Council's corporate organisation and structure, resource allocation, asset management, procurement policy, people strategy, equality and diversity, performance management, communication and access to services
- Partnership working, community development, community engagement, community strategies and community safety
- This Committee is the Crime and Disorder Committee for the Council for the purposes of Part 3 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

Since the Chairman's last statement to Council in May 2022, the Corporate and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee has met once on 6 June 2022. The following items were discussed:

- North Yorkshire Refugee Resettlement Update
- Locality Budgets Annual Review 2021-22
- Insurance Claims Analysis Report
- Corporate Risk Register Update
- Community Libraries Annual Update
- Draft Work Programme 2022-23

There were in-depth discussions around the following:

- The approach taken to resettling refugees across the different districts and the issues around finding suitable accommodation. and encouraging self-help and peer support;
- The balance between refugee integration and staying within their own community;
- The difficulties for local Authorities in dealing with the government led Ukrainian refugee scheme i.e. o idea about who is arriving until after the event when sponsors provide information;
- The mechanism for volunteer groups who wish to support but not provide housing;
- The types of projects and activities funded by the Locality budgets and the lost opportunities as a result of the unspent budgets;
- The breakdown off liability and motor claims made during and the decrease in the number of claims, thought to be linked to the lockdown;
- The significant number of claims made by cyclists due to potholes and their associated rising cost to the Council;
- The increasing risk to vulnerable children, adults and families as a result of not having a robust Safeguarding service in place;

COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID IRETON
CHAIRMAN CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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