

# Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Wednesday 13 December 2023**

Time: **10 am**

Venue: **Council Chamber, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DH**

## Supplementary Agenda

- 10. Update from the Chair of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP) Scrutiny Sub-Panel** (Page A2)  
Report from the Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services

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Item No: 10

**Report title: Update from the Chair of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP) Scrutiny Sub Panel**

**Date of meeting: 13 December 2023**

**Responsible Cabinet Member: N/A**

**Responsible Director: Grahame Bygrave (Interim Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services)**

## **Executive Summary**

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider an update from the Chair of the NCCSP Scrutiny Sub Panel, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris.

## **Recommendations:**

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- 1) Consider the progress being made by the Scrutiny Sub Panel and what recommendations (if any) it might make for its future work.
- 2) Agree the appointment to the third County Council place on the Scrutiny Sub Panel for the rest of the civic year.
- 3) Consider the future arrangements for scrutiny of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership and suggested amendments to the Terms of Reference.

## **1. Background and Purpose**

- 1.1 In June 2011 the Home Secretary gave permission for the seven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Norfolk to formally merge into one CSP for the whole of the county. Responsibility for scrutiny of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP or “the Partnership”) lies with the County Council and this statutory scrutiny function is set out at paragraph 4 of Appendix 2A of the County Council’s Constitution, which can be viewed [here](#). Since the change of governance arrangements at the County Council in May 2019 this role has been undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee, through a dedicated Scrutiny Sub Panel.

## **2. Progress**

- 2.1 Since the last update to the Scrutiny Committee at its 21 June 2023 meeting, the NCCSP Scrutiny Sub Panel (the “Sub Panel”) has not met. The meeting scheduled for 28 September 2023 was cancelled owing to concerns about low attendance and the meeting scheduled for 7 December 2023 was declared inquorate.

## **3. Forward Work Programme**

- 3.1 Consideration will be given to the forward work programme and discussed with the Community Safety Team in due course.

## **4. Appointment to the Scrutiny Sub Panel**

- 4.1 At the beginning of each civic year, the Scrutiny Committee is asked to appoint 3 County Council members (politically balanced) to represent the County Council on the Scrutiny Sub Panel.
- 4.2 The political balance on the County Council has now changed, making it necessary to review the appointments. The overall composition of the County Council is now:

54	Conservative Group
11	Liberal Democrat Group
10	Labour Group (-2)
04	Green Group
02	Independent Group
03	Non-aligned Member (+2)
<b>84</b>	<b>Total</b>

- 4.3 It is suggested that the places on the Scrutiny Sub Panel should now comprise 2 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat.
- 4.4 The two Conservative places have already been appointed to. The Scrutiny Committee is therefore asked to agree the appointment to the third County Council place on the Scrutiny Sub Panel for the rest of the civic year.

## **5. Future arrangements for scrutiny of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership**

- 5.1 In Norfolk, the model for management of community safety is unique, as it is the only place in the country in which the core community safety duties of responsible authorities are co-ordinated and delivered by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk.
- 5.2 There is an opportunity for Norfolk to lead nationally in this area. The intention is to bring together the priorities set out in the current Police and Crime Plan and the Partnership’s Community Safety Plan, working towards a ‘one plan’ approach, to provide a clear set of unambiguous priorities that partners can align resources and activities to.

- 5.3 Closer alignment of the key scrutiny bodies would also give councillors the opportunity to further develop their role, through a core group of individuals who would develop expertise in both the strategic plans and their operational delivery. Adjusting the practical arrangements to facilitate this may also help to improve attendance and engagement.
- 5.4 Suggested amendments to the Scrutiny Sub Panel's Terms of Reference are set out at **Annex 1** of this report for the Committee to consider, for implementation in May 2024 following the Police and Crime Commissioner elections.
- 5.5 Any amendments agreed by the Scrutiny Committee would need to be recommended to Council for approval, in order for the necessary changes to be made to the County Council's constitution.

## **6. Proposal**

- 6.1 To consider the progress being made by the Scrutiny Sub Panel and what recommendations (if any) the Scrutiny Committee might make for its future work.

## **7. Impact of the Proposal**

- 7.1 Regular review by the Scrutiny Committee will strengthen the governance of the Partnership's activity and support effective scrutiny.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1 None identified.

## **9. Resource Implications**

- 9.1 **Staff:** None identified.
- 9.2 **Property:** None identified.
- 9.3 **IT:** None identified.

## **10. Other Implications**

- 10.1 **Legal Implications:** None identified.
- 10.2 **Human Rights implications:** None identified.
- 10.3 **Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) (this must be included):** None identified.
- 10.4 **Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA):** None identified.
- 10.5 **Health and Safety implications (where appropriate):** None identified.
- 10.6 **Sustainability implications (where appropriate):** None identified.
- 10.7 **Any other implications:** None identified.

## **11. Risk Implications/Assessment**

- 11.1 N/A.

## **12. Select Committee comments**

12.1 Not applicable: this report has not been taken to a Select Committee.

## **13. Recommendations**

13.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

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## **14. Background Papers**

14.1 None.

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## Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel

### Terms of Reference

#### 1. Role of the Sub Panel

The role of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel is to:

- Scrutinise on a quarterly basis the Community Safety Partnership Plan and on such other occasions as are required to scrutinise the actions, decisions and priorities of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Crime and Disorder Partnership [known locally as the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership] in respect of crime and disorder.
- Scrutinise the priorities set out in the Community Safety Partnership Plan.
- Make any reports or recommendations to the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership and/or where considered appropriate to Norfolk County Council's Scrutiny Committee.

#### 2. Membership

- 3 County Councillors (~~politically balanced and can be drawn from the Police and Crime Panel to be the same 3 County Councillors appointed to the Norfolk Police and Crime Panel~~).\*\*
- 7 District Council members – one co-opted from each District (to be the same district councillor appointed to the Norfolk Police and Crime Panel).
- Each member of the Sub Panel to have one named substitute (to be the same as those named substitute members appointed to the Norfolk Police and Crime Panel). No other substitutes are acceptable.
- The Sub Panel may wish to consider co-opting additional non-voting members onto it if appropriate.
- The Chair to be elected from the County Council members on the Sub Panel on an annual basis.

- The Vice Chair to be elected from other members on the Sub Panel on an annual basis.

**\*\*Note:** The political group allocations to the Police and Crime Panel are calculated with reference to the requirement for the Panel to be politically balanced based upon the overall political balance of Council seats in Norfolk. The 7 district councils each appoint 1 representative and the County Council makes its 3 appointments to ensure that the overall political balance is achieved. Currently, the 3 County Council places are all Conservative appointments.

### 3. Working Style

- The Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel meetings will be held quarterly to scrutinise the progress being made with delivering the Partnership Plan and on such other occasions as are required. These meetings will ordinarily take place on the same day as, and follow on from, the Norfolk Police and Panel.
- The Chair will provide regular update reports to the Scrutiny Committee.
- The quorum for the Sub Panel will be five members.
- Unless otherwise stated meetings of the Sub Panel will be held in accordance with Part 8B of the County Council's constitution.

### 4. General issues

- Democratic support to the Sub Panel will be provided by the County Council.