

Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub-Panel

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Norwich on Thursday 16 September 2021 at 10 am

Present:

Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris (Chair)	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Tim Adams	North Norfolk District Council
Cllr Graham Carpenter	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Penny Carpenter (Vice-Chair)	Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Cllr Emma Corlett	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Adam Giles	Norwich City Council

Also in Attendance:

Mark Stokes	Chief Executive, OPCCN and Chair of the NCCSP Partnership
Amanda Murr	Head of Community Safety, OPCCN
Liam Bannon	Community Safety Officer, OPCCN
Nicola Jepson	Community Safety Officer, OPCCN
Craig Chalmers	NCC's Community Safety Lead -Temporary
Jo Martin	Democratic Support and Scrutiny Manager, Norfolk County Council (NCC)
Tim Shaw	Committee Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Alexandra Kemp, Cllr James Easter, Cllr Nigel Shaw and Cllr Alison Webb.

2. Minutes

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interests

- 3.1 Cllr Corlett declared an "Other Interest" as Chair of Trustees of Leeway.

4. Urgent Business

- 4.1 There were no items of urgent business.

5. Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2021-24: the final Community Safety Plan

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Sub Panel received a report from the Executive Director of Community and

Environmental Services, which introduced the final Community Safety Plan, provided an overview of the feedback received through consultation and progress with achieving local agreement.

5.2 The Chair introduced the final analysis of the consultation findings and the final version of the Safer Norfolk Plan 2021-24.

5.3 During the discussion that ensued the following key points were made:

- Approximately 50 further responses had been received, which followed a similar pattern to those already analysed, and no substantial changes had been made to the Plan.
- The Sub Panel raised concerns about the lack of response from Asian communities in Norfolk and challenged the Partnership to learn lessons for future consultation exercises to improve its connection with ethnic minority communities.
- The Partnership Leads said that the best form of engagement with these communities was achieved through face-to-face contact. The Partnership Leads were working with the Independent Advisory Group of the Norfolk Constabulary to identify the most common languages used by ethnic minority communities in Norfolk and to produce the final strategy in a way in which it could be translated into versions that were available on request by all those living and working in Norfolk.
- While there was no statutory requirement to provide the public with a translation of the strategy this was currently available on request.
- The Sub Panel also raised concerns about the resilience of the Community Safety Team and suggested this was something the Partnership might wish to keep under review.
- The Partnership Leads said that resilience would be achieved through the two Community Safety Officers having locality based and specialist policy area roles and working with the community safety officers based in the localities. The appointment of a part time officer would help resilience by improving on communications issues with all Norfolk's communities.
- The Panel considered how the policy review took account of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the Serious Violence Duty (due to be enacted next year). It was pointed out that the policy review would seek to identify how gaps in service provision could be addressed for those who fell outside the scope of the protection provided by this Act.
- It was pointed out that the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Group (within which there was a multi-agency platform of specialists who worked together) acted in conjunction with the Library Service to run publicity campaigns to address the concerns of people who did not have the confidence to report domestic abuse directly to the Police.

5.4 The Scrutiny Sub Panel:

- 1) **NOTED** the final Community Safety Plan and suggested that the Partnership should keep under review the resilience of the Community Safety Team.
- 2) **AGREED** to delegate to the Chair and Vice-Chair the task of reporting the outcome of its discussion to the Scrutiny Committee, through a written report to the next scheduled meeting if the agenda allowed.

6 **NCCSP Strategy 2021-24: the draft Delivery Plan**

6.1 The Scrutiny Sub Panel received a report from the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services, which introduced the draft Delivery Plan, that set out further

details of the delivery structure and strategic links that would enable the Partnership to effectively target each priority.

- 6.2 The Sub Panel acknowledged that the draft delivery plan was work in progress and requested that they be provided with an opportunity to review the final version at their next meeting.
- 6.3 Furthermore, it was suggested by the Chair that when the Sub Panel review the final plan that they are provided with examples of the strategic links with other partners that fall beneath it, including links on issues such as tackling extremism in schools.
- 6.4 The Scrutiny Sub Panel:
- AGREED** to recommend to the Partnership that it consider extending the Delivery Plan period beyond 2024, to provide direction and certainty for partners while the next Community Safety Plan is being developed.

7 Forward Work Programme

- 7.1 The Scrutiny Sub Panel received a report from the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services that set out a proposed Forward Work Programme for the Scrutiny Sub Panel that could be used to shape future meeting agendas and items for consideration.
- 7.2 The Scrutiny Sub Panel **AGREED** the forward work programme as set out in Appendix A to the report subject to the following:
- In addition to the final Delivery Plan, at its next meeting the Sub panel should consider a performance update and in-depth review of the following Partnership priorities:
 - Serious Violence, in particular domestic abuse and sexual violence;
 - Prevent.
 - The Sub Panel also requested that an update on Project ADDER (Addiction, Diversion, Disruption, Enforcement, Recovery) be included at a future meeting.

The meeting finished at 10.40 am

Chair



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