COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

10 October 2023

SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Crime

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Neighbourhood Crime.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Neighbourhood Crime.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 21-24

- 3. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. Face to face and online consultation and engagement ran from 1 September 2021-30 November 2021; The Voice of West Yorkshire is one of two key documents which supports the Police and Crime Plan 2021 -24. The document includes the notes of key events and can be found here: police-and-crime-plan-voice-of-west-yorkshire-public-consultation.pdf (westyorks-ca.gov.uk).
- 4. Neighbourhood Crime sits within the Safer Places and Thriving Communities -Priority 3. The Police, Mayor, and partners will focus on the harmful and unacceptable behaviour that targets the different communities of West Yorkshire through an ongoing commitment to Neighbourhood Policing and partnership working in localities. It will tackle the place-based crime that damages people's everyday lives.
- 5. Neighbourhood crime, road safety, and serious violence were the most frequently selected areas of focus under this priority. It was common to receive feedback that people did not want to see 'low level' neighbourhood crime neglected by the police.
- 6. Neighbourhood crime includes domestic burglary, personal robbery, theft from the person and all vehicle crime (except cycle crime).
- 7. As well as being a key Police and Crime Plan measure, this is also a National Policing measure and an update on the current position is provided quarterly to the West Yorkshire Police and Crime panel.
- 8. Driving down robbery is also a focus of Operation Jemlock, the West Yorkshire Police response to delivering the Serious Violent Crime Strategy, and is embedded with the Mayor's Violence Reduction Unit.

KEY INFORMATION

- 9. Mayoral/DMPC Activity to date includes:
 - In July 2021, a partnership bid to reduce motor vehicle crime in neighbourhood areas along the West Yorkshire M62 corridor received £306K from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund. The money was used to reduce the opportunity for motor vehicle crime by improving street lighting and installing and utilising CCTV and ANPR cameras in higher crime areas. The funding was also used for increased engagement and education around vehicle safety throughout the region to prevent vehicles being stolen.
 - West Yorkshire was also again successful in Safer Streets Funding in July 2022, £518K was awarded to West Yorkshire to tackle anti-social behaviour and misuse of motorised quad bikes and motorcycles in residential areas, as well as parks and open spaces. This includes enforcement activity focused on the misuse of vehicles, a youth outreach and diversion programme working with charities in specific areas, and a public engagement campaign to ensure communities do not suffer or tolerate anti-social behaviour.
 - Community Safety Partnerships, Local Authorities, West Yorkshire Police and third sector organisations are working together with the Mayor to deliver distinct and localised aspects.
 - The Mayor/DMPC have set specific targets through the Police and Crime Plan to Keep Neighbourhood Crime below baseline.
 - The Mayors Safer Communities Fund first 4 grant rounds awarded in 2022/23 – 221 projects received a total of £1,369,402.75 with 93 projects (42.1%) stating they were supporting Neighbourhood Crime (£578,140.71) and impacting 28,173 people. Details can be found on our website. www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/mscf

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

The Mayor/DMPC will work with partners to continue to further embed an early intervention and prevention approach to anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood crime and disorder, whilst reducing harm and vulnerability in neighbourhoods.

The Mayor's Community Safety Fund, totalling over £5m annually across the 5 WY Districts, contributes towards distinct programmes of work that look to prevent neighbourhood crime, and support offenders away from a life of crime.

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) are in early discussions to host an Anti-Fraud Partnership Event, following points raised at previous Community Outcomes Meetings as well as feedback from the WYCA Casework Team. This partnership event will provide advice on fraud and crime prevention.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Some Individuals and communities may be more vulnerable to Neighbourhood crime based on their protected characteristics and or the communities where they live/work.

ATTACHMENT

<u>Chief Constables report – Neighbourhood Crime</u>