

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

29 April 2025

SUBJECT: Rural Crime

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Rural Crime.
2. This cover paper highlights the importance of the report topic in respect of the Police and Crime Plan and also includes the delivery of the Mayor and her office. Together the West Yorkshire Police report and the cover paper provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of work underway in support of Rural Crime.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the WYP report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Rural Crime.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 24-28

4. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. The Voice of West Yorkshire represents the views of over 6,500 respondents and includes the views of children and young people. It is part of a series of documents which includes a summary needs assessment. You can review the documents here: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#)
5. Priority 2 - Rural Crime sits within priority 2 - Safer Places and Thriving Communities, as part of our commitment to neighbourhood policing across West Yorkshire. Through the Plan, the Police, Mayor, and partners aim to tackle the harmful behaviour that targets the different communities of West Yorkshire, whether they are rural or urban in nature.
6. Voice of West Yorkshire – feedback included in the Voice of West Yorkshire amplified the voice of rural communities. This was a major issue with links to ASB and Serious Organised Crime. Communities felt that Rural Crime was under resourced and increased police visibility was needed.
7. Rural Crime commonly effects areas on the boundary of West Yorkshire, namely: NE and East Leeds, Holme and Colne Valleys (Kirklees), areas of Calderdale, the Worth Valley, and SE Wakefield.
8. Common rural crime topics include:
 - Farm machinery, plant, and vehicle theft - including quad bikes, tractors,

tools, and equipment from out-buildings.

- Livestock offences - including theft, worrying and attacks.
- Fuel theft - including heating oil, diesel, and petrol.
- Equine crime - including horse trailer and horse box theft, horse theft, tack theft, fly grazing and neglect.
- Fly tipping - including household and commercial waste, often linked to organised criminality.
- Wildlife crime - includes hare coursing, poaching and interfering with protected species.
- Heritage crime – damage to historic monuments or buildings. Theft of Yorkshire Stone paving is a local example.

9. Rural crime is often linked to Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) who target and exploit rural communities across a range of crime types for example organised plant theft, livestock theft, burglaries targeting firearms, poaching and hare coursing.

A detailed Equality Impact Assessment which looked at how the themes and priorities impacted communities was completed for the 2024-28 plan, you can read it here:

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KEY INFORMATION

10. Mayoral/DMPC Activity to date includes:

- Rural Crime issues tend to come to our attention through our Casework inbox, either from members of rural communities raising concerns about rural issues, or from rural interest groups contacting us about wildlife crime.
- In the past, the Policing and Crime Team has supported joint work on hare coursing with the Country Land and Business Association, whilst we have encouraged rural/Farmwatch community groups to bid to the MSCF. As an important crime prevention strategy, we would encourage residents of rural communities to build strong links with their Neighbourhood Policing Teams, to help establish Neighbourhood or Farm Watch schemes which can play a key role in deterring criminality in rural areas.
- The Mayor/ DMPC engage with rural communities as part of their routine consultation and engagement e.g., via attendance at Parish Council meetings.
- As part of the Community Outcomes Meeting (COM) an action was agreed for WYP to ensure that rural communities received feedback on policing in their area. Rural Crime has now been added to COM as a core item to be reviewed annually.
- The Mayor's Safer Communities Fund supports the priorities and cross

cutting themes in the Police and Crime Plan. You can find out about how the fund supported the delivery of the 2021-2024 plan on our website. Monitoring delivery against the new plan (Grant round 7 onwards) has started which now includes Rural Crime specifically.

- There are MSCF projects running in all communities across West Yorkshire which are delivering in or impact on rural areas (West Yorkshire wide projects or other projects in rural wards will support rural communities).

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION – POLICING AND CRIME

The Mayor/DMPC will work with partners to continue to further embed early intervention and prevention projects to support safer communities. We will continue to monitor rural crime and the response to it, triangulating information through casework enquiries, reports into Community Safety Partnerships, and meetings with and in rural communities.

VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (VRP)

A key role of the West Yorkshire VRP is to lead and coordinate a preventative, whole-system approach to violence reduction, with a particular focus on children and young people under the age of 25.

We are aware that organised crime groups may be exploiting rural locations in West Yorkshire for illegal activities, however this has not yet been specifically flagged regarding links to children, young people and serious violent crime.

More detail about the work of the Violence Reduction Partnership can be found here:

[West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership Strategic Needs Assessment/Response Strategy/Influential Factors VRP Annual Report 2023-24](#)

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

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

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[Chief Constable's report – Rural Crime](#)

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SUBJECT: Business Crime

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Business Crime.
2. This cover paper highlights the importance of the report topic in respect of the Police and Crime plan and also includes the delivery of the Mayor and her office. Together the West Yorkshire Police report and the cover paper provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of work underway in support of Business Crime.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the WYP report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Business Crime.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 24-28

4. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. The Voice of West Yorkshire represents the views of over 6,500 respondents and includes the views of children and young people. It is part of a series of documents which includes a summary needs assessment. You can review the documents here: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#)
5. Priority 2 - Business Crime sits within Safer Places and Thriving Communities, the Mayor and DMPC will work with the business community to tackle assaults on shop workers and associated crimes.
6. Voice of West Yorkshire - business and retail crime was raised frequently when engaging with people who worked in business and retail along with hate related verbal or physical abuse. Those who worked for businesses also spoke about the impact of hate crime on their feelings of safety. Crimes Against Businesses don't just affect the business, they affect individuals, often vulnerable employees.
7. A detailed Equality Impact Assessment which looked at how the themes and priorities impacted communities was completed for the 2024-28 plan, you can read it here:
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KEY INFORMATION

8. Key work to date:

- The Mayor supports businesses across West Yorkshire e.g., via the Fair Work Charter. For more detail on the Mayor's work to support West Yorkshire Businesses please visit: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#)
- The DMPC is part of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioner's Business and Retail Crime Portfolio meeting.
- Social value refers to the broader, non-financial benefits an organisation creates beyond its core activities, encompassing the well-being of individuals and communities, social capital, and environmental impact. The Mayor/DMPC's Commissioning Strategy supports local West Yorkshire sustainability, regeneration, and champions social value. The DMPC also oversees the social value aspects of the WYP estates and station build contracts in line with the Police and Crime Plan.
- On 28 September 2024 the DMPC attended and spoke at a Fraud Prevention Partnership Event with WYP. The latest edition of the 'Little Book of Big Scams' can be found here: [The Little Book of Big Scams – 5th Edition](#)

9. Mayoral/DMPC Activity to date includes:

- The Mayor's Safer Communities Fund supports the priorities and cross cutting themes in the Police and Crime Plan. You can find out about how the fund supported the delivery of the 2021-2024 plan on our website. Monitoring delivery against the new plan (Grant round 7 onwards) has started which now includes Crimes against businesses e.g., Violence and shoplifting specifically. In total, to date (GR1-7) the fund has supported 7 projects who have shared £183,211.40 in tackling Business Crime.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION – POLICING AND CRIME

The Mayor/DMPC will work with partners to continue to further embed early intervention and prevention projects to support safer communities.

Recently the West Yorkshire Police Business Crime Group held a showcase event and the DMPC attended as a keynote speaker. The DMPC spoke about the inclusion of Business Crime in the new Police and Crime Plan and the new Serious Violence Strategy, including how this covers the impact of Violent Crime on businesses. Also covered was the impact that assaults on shop workers can have and welcoming the categorising of this crime so that we can understand this better in West Yorkshire.

The WYP Business Crime Group have agreed to make this an annual event and this was welcomed by all present.

VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (VRP)

The role of the West Yorkshire VRP is to lead and coordinate a preventative, whole-system approach to violence reduction, with a particular focus on children and young people under the age of 25.

The definition of serious violence agreed by the VRP and its core members allow for a focus on geographic areas of criminality and specific groups where serious violence, or its threat or impact, is evident; this is children, young adults, women and girls, public places, the nighttime economy, gangs, and organised crime groups.

Latest SNA highlighted assaults on shop workers and the increase in theft of foodstuff in robbery (based on June 2024 data).

Recent joint public engagement between the Policing and Crime Team and VRP highlighted that when being asked about the **Effect of Violence**

60% of respondents felt violence affected their local area, leading to effects including:

Economic Impact: Decreased foot traffic and business closures.

Feeling unsafe: Making lifestyle changes, avoiding certain areas or not going out at night.

Environment: Community spaces impacted by vandalism, graffiti and antisocial behaviour.

A recent meeting in March 2025 between the VRP and Leeds BID looked at commonalities between our work, data/information sharing and links to the Adversity, Trauma and Resilience (ATR) programme (joint with the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board).

Through the ATR programme we are working in partnership with Lloyds Banking Group on a pilot initially aimed at branch employees to provide staff with an understanding of trauma, its impact and how it manifests in behaviour so that they can adopt a more trauma informed approach when both engaging with customers but also when supporting staff following incidents of abuse or violence in branch.

Working with partners to support ongoing work in the NTE.

More detail about the work of the Violence Reduction Partnership can be found here:

[West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership Strategic Needs Assessment/Response Strategy/Influential Factors VRP Annual Report 2023-24](#)

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Some Individuals and communities may be more vulnerable to Business Crime based on their protected characteristics and or the communities where they

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[Chief Constable's report – Business Crime](#)

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

29 April 2025

SUBJECT: Road Safety

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Road Safety.
2. This cover paper highlights the importance of the report topic in respect of the Police and Crime plan and also includes the delivery of the Mayor and her office. Together the West Yorkshire Police report and the cover paper provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of work underway in support of Road Safety.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Road Safety.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 24 - 28

4. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. The Voice of West Yorkshire represents the views of over 6,500 respondents and includes the views of children and young people. It is part of a series of documents which includes a summary needs assessment. You can review the documents here: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#)
5. Priority 2 – Safer Places and Thriving Communities. Road Safety continues to be a priority for the public of West Yorkshire and the good work of the [Vision Zero Strategy](#) needs to progress to meet targets. The Mayor has said she will embed the Vision Zero Strategy across all areas of West Yorkshire and advance the delivery plan to see a wholesale change in this area.
6. The Police and crime plan highlights key performance measures in relation to Vision Zero which include: Killed in Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Seriously injured RTC, Use of Vision Zero modules in Pol-Ed (Police Educational Programmes), Local Authority infrastructure measures and awareness raising in schools [Police and Crime Plan 2024-28](#)

7. All of the cross-cutting themes in the plan impact this priority:

- Safety of Women and Girls
- Effective response to men and boys
- Children and Young people
- Reducing Vulnerability
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

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KEY INFORMATION

8. Mayoral/DMPC activity to date includes:

- In the 2022 Your Views community safety survey, undertaken by the Mayor's Policing and Crime Team, road safety was the top concern for residents in West Yorkshire and underlines the importance that we work together as a partnership to improve the situation safety on our roads.
- We had continued to engage with the public about their road safety concerns in 2023, including our face-to face surveys over the summer, and in our 'Safety on the Roads of West Yorkshire' consultation.
- The Mayor is committed to delivering the Vision Zero ambition in West Yorkshire. Vision Zero is a Safe Systems approach bringing together five aspects of a safe road environment: safe roads, safe vehicles, safe behaviours, safe speeds and, when a collision occurs, the response to the collision.
- The main objective will see us working towards eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable transport for all partly through the leadership of the new Vision Zero Strategic Board, which oversees the ongoing efforts to deliver an effective Vision Zero approach across all the districts. The first meeting of the Vision Zero Board took place in December 2021 and has then taken place quarterly since this time.
- The Mayor's Transport Strategy prioritises work through our Vision Zero Partnership (previously the Safer Roads Partnership) to reduce casualty numbers on our roads. During the COVID-19 pandemic we saw increased take-up of cycling and walking. This mode shift is welcomed and has been

sustained by interventions supported by Active Travel funding, but injuries to pedestrians and cyclists continue to be a barrier, and a business-as-usual approach with existing levels of funding will not be adequate. We will embed road safety into our design and interventions (alongside education, training, and publicity programmes) and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders such as West Yorkshire Police.

- Funding provided through the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement for the Safer Roads Programme is allowing districts to implement key infrastructure changes, with £25 million allocated across five years for safety projects. We are working through the Vision Zero Partnership meetings to bring new sources of data together to support the programme, and colleagues in the Combined Authority's Research and Intelligence Team are progressing with a pilot of 'near miss' technology which may inform a preventative approach for future highways interventions.
- The Combined Authority was successful in a bid to the Home Office for the Safety of Women at Night Fund. This is funding a project to support women and girls' safety on the West Yorkshire transport system, with a particular focus on the night-time economy. The first project is a web-based safety feedback tool on the MCard Mobile App, to allow customers to feedback their bus journey experiences and for us to use this insight to inform future investments and interventions.
- Commissioned services to support victims are available to all victims of road traffic collisions where a crime may have been committed, including those who do not report to the police. This includes the core referral and local support service and the restorative justice service.
www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-work/supporting-victims
- The Mayor has supported the road safety charity BRAKE which provides a specialist national service to victims of road traffic collisions resulting in death or serious injury.
- As part of the Mayor's leadership on the road safety agenda, the Combined Authority's Vision Zero Policy Manager and Vision Zero Policy Assistant are currently developing the West Yorkshire Vision Zero Strategy with feedback from partners, following consultation and engagement during 2023. The strategy is intended to provide a common direction across the county in reducing the harm caused by road traffic collisions and outline objectives for the next three years.
- These posts are funded through the West Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership and underline the new momentum that all partners are bringing to this agenda to achieve the ambition of no one killed or seriously injured on West Yorkshire's roads by 2040.

- The Vision Zero communications officer role was filled by David Iverson, who moved from the Policing and Crime Team's communications team.
- The [Vision Zero strategy](#) was launched on the 13 August 2024. Vision Zero is a road safety aim to eliminate all traffic deaths and serious injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all in West Yorkshire. It advocates that no deaths or serious injuries are acceptable and argues for the joint responsibility of all road users for safety, alongside all those who plan, design, build, maintain, legislate, and enforce the transport system.
- The strategy was launched by the Deputy Mayor at an outdoor public event at Lister Park, Bradford. The event was well attended by the public who engaged with other key road safety stakeholders, such as West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Safety Camera Partnerships and all five local authorities, as well as essential Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise sector organisations such as Brake and Naomi Cheri Gough Foundation. Members of the public were able to make personal pledges towards the strategy.

9. Mayor's Safer Communities Fund

The Mayor's Safer Communities Fund continues to support road safety; details of projects funded can be found here: ([Mayor's Safer Communities Fund - West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/mayors-safer-communities-fund))

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION – POLICING AND CRIME

The Mayor has representation on the West Yorkshire Vision Zero Partnership which includes all five districts, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, and National Highways working together to tackle road safety. The partnership is a strong example of partnership working, incorporating the VCSE sector and people with lived experience. Please see Appendix A for more detail.

Information also comes into Community Safety Partnerships via district-level arrangements, where the Policing and Crime team have a representative attending. This ensures that information can be triangulated across the different arrangements.

VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (VRP)

The role of the West Yorkshire VRP is to lead and coordinate a preventative, whole-system approach to violence reduction, with a particular focus on children and young people under the age of 25.

Staff are currently working with colleagues from the Policing and Crime Team to understand where we can support activity linked to Vision Zero and how this may overlap with our priorities.

More detail about the work of the Violence Reduction Partnership can be found here:

[West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership Strategic Needs Assessment/Response Strategy/Influential Factors VRP Annual Report 2023-24](#)

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

There are significant equality, diversity, and inclusion aspects to the road safety agenda. Some communities, including those impacted by multiple deprivation, are much more affected by the issues than others. Younger people are deterred from taking out insurance by the high costs involved.

POLICING AND CRIME CONTACT

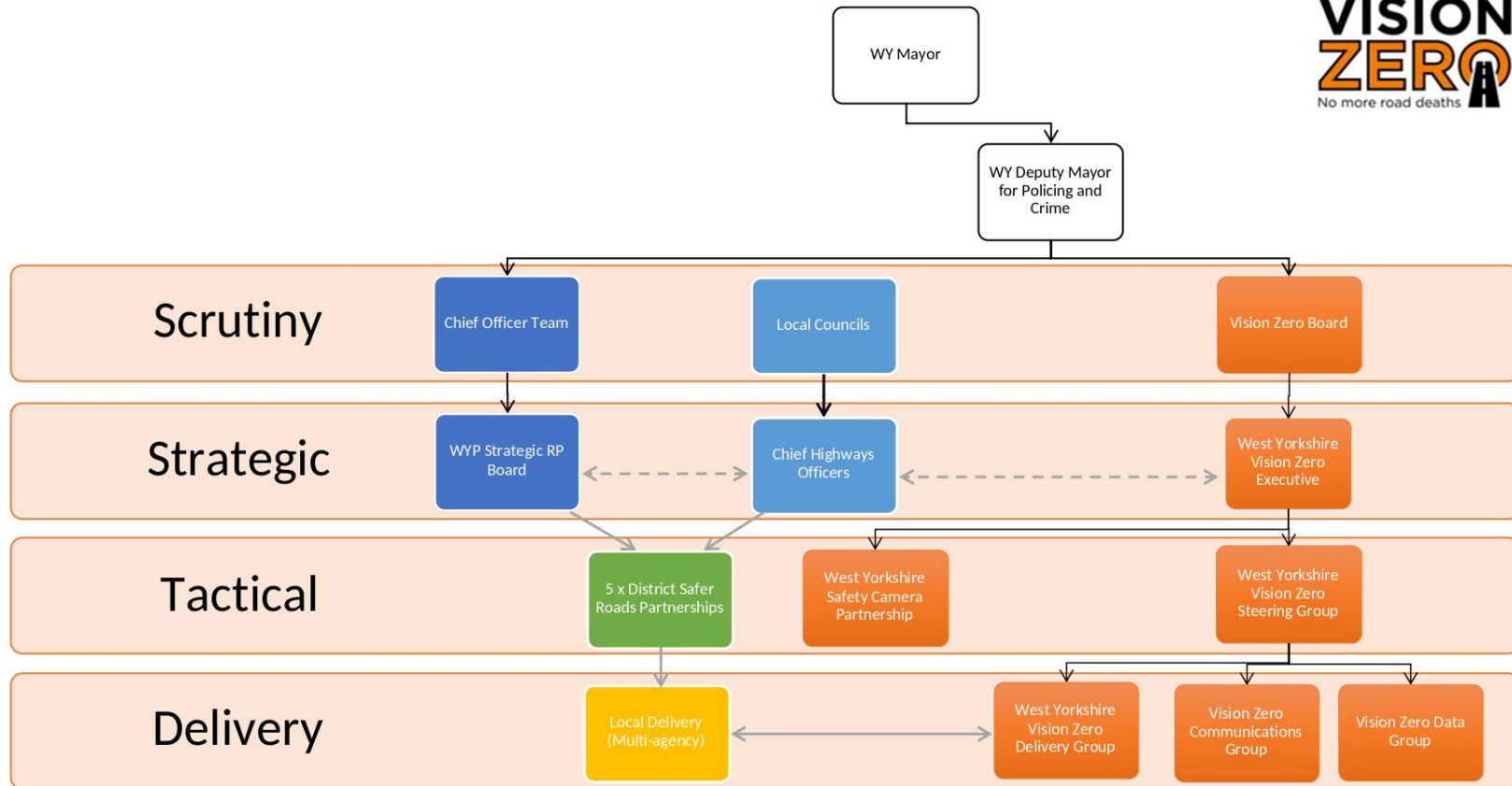
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[Chief Constable's report – Road Safety](#)

Appendix A

West Yorkshire Vision Zero Partnership Structures



COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

29 April 2025

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. The Home Office defines Neighbourhood crime as Burglary, Vehicle crime, Theft from the person and robbery.
2. This cover paper highlights the importance of the report topic in respect of the Police and Crime Plan and also includes the delivery of the Mayor and her office. Together the West Yorkshire Police report and the cover paper provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of work underway in support of Neighbourhood Crime.

RECOMMENDATION

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

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 24 - 28

4. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. The Voice of West Yorkshire represents the views of over 6,500 respondents and includes the views of children and young people. It is part of a series of documents which includes a summary needs assessment. You can review the documents here: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#)
5. Priority 2 – Safer Places and Thriving Communities. Neighbourhood crime was ranked in the top three issues for communities along with ASB and Road Safety. Neighbourhood Crime links with deprivation which highlights the needs to work with partners to deal with societal issues, not just focus on the actual crimes.
6. The Police and crime plan highlights key performance measures in relation to Neighbourhood crime [Police and Crime Plan 2024-28](#)
7. All of the cross-cutting themes in the plan impact this priority:
 - Safety of Women and Girls
 - Effective response to men and boys
 - Children and Young people
 - Reducing Vulnerability

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

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KEY INFORMATION

8. Mayoral/DMPC activity to date includes:

- Internal governance meetings to review the metrics on Neighbourhood crime through regular performance monitoring.
- Strategic Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Watch.
- Working with the business community to tackle assaults on shop workers and associated crimes.
- Community Safety Partnerships, Local Authorities, West Yorkshire Police and VCSE sector organisations are working together with the Mayor to deliver distinct and localised aspects.
- Meetings with WYP Senior Leadership teams in districts to discuss the impact and challenges of Neighbourhood Crime.
- Support the Safeplace scheme and Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's).
- The Mayor's Safer Communities Fund supports the priorities and cross cutting themes in the Police and Crime Plan. You can find out about how the fund supported the delivery of the 2021-2024 plan on our website. Monitoring delivery against the new plan (Grant round 7 onwards) has started. In total, to date (GR1-7) the fund has supported 24 projects who have shared £420,600.30 in tackling Burglary, Vehicle Crime, Theft and Robbery.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION - POLICING AND CRIME

Both statutory and non-statutory partners work at a local level to support Neighbourhood Policing, this may also include PCSO partnership funding arrangements.

Strong partnership arrangements exist in relation to Neighbourhood Policing. The Mayor/DMPC are able to receive updates on Neighbourhood Policing by multiple routes, including attendance at Community Safety Partnership meetings by members of the Policing and Crime Team, and via visits to Neighbourhood Policing Teams across West Yorkshire.

As referenced above, the Mayor and DMPC have worked with the business

community to tackle business-related neighbourhood crime, including speaking to Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) when shaping the new Police and Crime Plan. Recently, the DMPC attended the launch of 'Safer Wakefield', hosted by Wakefield BID and attended by the Yorkshire Business Crime Network, to discuss work being done at a regional level that can help support local safety initiatives.

VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (VRP)

A key role of the West Yorkshire VRP is to lead and coordinate a preventative, whole-system approach to violence reduction, with a particular focus on children and young people under the age of 25.

The VRP worked closely with colleagues in the Policing and Crime Team on the extensive engagement programme to ensure the voice of our communities including children and young people informed the Police and Crime Plan, but also our own January 2025 Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) and Response Strategy (RS) documents.

Home Office guidance for VRU funding 2025-26 has outlined activity should (if not already) support the Government's Safer Streets Mission, which includes work to prevent broader knife crime including Knife Enabled Robbery (KER) which aligns with West Yorkshire being a designated taskforce area for tackling KER.

From the VRP's January 2025 SNA analysed data showed:

- Overall knife crime was lower than last year (-0.4%) and 2018/19 (-11.7%). There was a small increase in numbers of assaults with intent to cause serious harm that involved a knife (0.4%) but robbery offences where a knife was used increased by 13.2% on last year, with the greatest increase in robbery of business property (28.8%).
- There were some local variances: robbery offences, including those involving knives, increased in Calderdale, Kirklees and Leeds. In Wakefield overall robbery numbers reduced, but numbers that involved the use of a knife increased. In Bradford all types of robbery offences reduced in number over the last year.

Applying WHO's four-level social-ecological model (individual, relationship, community, and societal) to better understand violence and the effect of potential prevention strategies outlined in the RS, Priority 3 looking at the community level draws out a focus on - place based priorities and delivery including ASB, County Lines, organised crime, carrying a weapon, personal robbery, limited economic opportunities.

The VRP have recently submitted a new budget and delivery plan for 25/26 to the Home Office based on the funding value of £4.34m (matched to 2024-25). Of this £2.38m has been allocated for commissioned interventions which is over 50% of the overall budget. During 2024-25 a programme of 22 core VRP funded interventions have been delivered across West Yorkshire, with a further 27 locally agreed interventions led by Community Safety Partnerships as part of localities funding from the VRP.

With consideration for the evidence provided by the SNA and more in-depth Local Profiles, we have provided capacity and resource to work with Serious Violence Duty holders supporting the development of place-based actions plans.

We work closely with policing colleagues, particularly those linked to Operation Jemlock and hot spot policing activity.

As a key workstream of the Adversity, Trauma and Resilience Programme, we are working with several local organisation/services to support them to become trauma informed. An element of this workstream also looks at workforce experiences, especially of those working in professions supporting individuals and communities, also picking up violence against staff.

More detail about the work of the Violence Reduction Partnership can be found here:

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EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

There are significant Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion aspects to the Neighbourhood Crime. Some communities, including those impacted by multiple deprivation, may be much more affected than others. There is a requirement for community-based intervention providers to complete a EqIA for the funded provision.

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[Chief Constables report – Neighbourhood Crime](#)

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

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SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Policing and ASB

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Neighbourhood Policing and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).
2. This cover paper highlights the importance of the report topic in respect of the Police and Crime plan and also includes the delivery of the Mayor and her office. Together the West Yorkshire Police report and the cover paper provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of work underway in support of Neighbourhood Policing and the work to tackle ASB.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the WYP report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Neighbourhood Policing and ASB.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 24 - 28

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5. Priority 2 – Safer Places and Thriving Communities includes ASB. The needs assessment states that ASB should be looked at holistically and should be measured not just by the volume of crimes and incidents, but also by public perception of safety including the safety of those that work as well as live in that area. The Mayor has said that she will continue to work with Local Authorities to understand the extent of ASB case reviews and ASB hotspots across West Yorkshire improving confidence and satisfaction. The Mayor recognises the importance of Neighbourhood policing in supporting this priority.
6. The Police and crime plan highlights key performance measures in relation to ASB [Police and Crime Plan 2024-28](#)
7. All of the cross-cutting themes in the Plan impact this priority:
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 - Effective response to men and boys

- Children and Young people
- Reducing Vulnerability
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

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KEY INFORMATION

8. Mayoral/DMPC activity to date includes:

- The Mayor continues to maintain a focus on Neighbourhood Policing. The quarterly performance report from West Yorkshire Police contains a section that looks at recent developments in Neighbourhood Policing. As part of the Police and Crime plan the performance matrix looks at a number of performance measures linked to Neighbourhood Policing including Confidence and Satisfaction figures as well as ASB incident numbers
- Updates on all of these areas are included in the quarterly report to the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel and the papers are published [here](#).
- The Mayor/ Deputy Mayor visits all Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Senior Leadership Teams across West Yorkshire, speaking to staff, communities and members of the public.
- The Mayor and DMPC feed into consultation which supports the reduction of ASB through Public Space Protection orders.
- The Immediate Justice 2-year pilot ended on 31 March 2025 following the Home Office funding coming to an end.
- A mid-point evaluation of the pilot has been undertaken by Workforce Development Trust and all reports and findings can be found on the website: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/anti-social-behaviour-asb-immediate-justice/>
- Funding was approved to undertake a final evaluation to build on the first phase and even though the Immediate Justice Programme ended on 31 March 2025, ASB remains a priority, and future work with similar ambitions and delivery may return. Phase 2 evaluation will build on Phase 1, and pull forward the key features, good practice, and evaluation strategy to support any future approaches or projects. The intention of Phase 2 is as follows

Quantitative Analysis and Evaluation: Assimilate, cleanse, re-run the full/complete project data, supplementing with new analytical models.

Qualitative Analysis and Evaluation: Focused re-engagement with delivery and secondary partners (where possible) to secure and blend insights, and

explore the 'Key Line of Enquiry': "What lasting impact has Immediate Justice had on tackling ASB in West Yorkshire?"

Reporting: Phoenix structured, summative evaluation with recommendations, insights and good practice useful for any future programmes.

- The Mayor's Safer Communities Fund supports the priorities and cross cutting themes in the Police and Crime Plan. You can find out about how the fund supported the delivery of the 2021-2024 plan on our website. Monitoring delivery against the new Plan (Grant round 7 onwards) has started. In total, to date (GR1-7) the fund has supported 143 projects who have shared £1,542,320.54 in tackling ASB.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION - POLICING AND CRIME

Both statutory and non-statutory partners work at a local level to support Neighbourhood Policing, this may also include PCSO partnership funding arrangements.

Strong partnership arrangements exist in relation to Neighbourhood Policing and ASB, as evidenced by the effective implementation of the recent ASB Immediate Justice pilot project. The Mayor/DMPC are able to receive updates on Neighbourhood Policing and ASB by multiple routes, including attendance at Community Safety Partnership meetings by members of the Policing and Crime Team, and via visits to Neighbourhood Policing Teams across West Yorkshire.

The Immediate Justice Pilot was delivered in partnership with statutory and non-statutory partners. Project planning and reporting around the pilot was convened through the West Yorkshire ASB Steering Group.

Following the successful pilot, the ASB Steering Group has broadened its focus to wider ASB issues and offers the opportunity to collaborate, share learning and better understand what might work locally and across West Yorkshire. The group had its first meeting in September 2024 and continue to meet quarterly.

VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (VRP)

The key role of the West Yorkshire VRP is to lead and coordinate a preventative, whole-system approach to violence reduction, with a particular focus on children and young people under the age of 25.

Home Office guidance for VRU funding 2025-26 has outlined activity should (if not already) support the Government's Safer Streets Mission, which includes work to prevent:

- Serious Violence, especially public space knife crime;
- Broader knife crime, including Knife Enabled Robbery;
- Violence Against Women and Girls
- Anti-Social Behaviour.

The VRP have recently submitted a new budget and delivery plan for 25/26 to the Home Office based on the funding value of £4.34m (matched to 2024-25). Of this £2.38m has been allocated for commissioned interventions which is over 50% of

the overall budget.

During 2024-25 using evidence from the VRP published SNA and the Youth Endowment Toolkit, a programme of 22 core VRP funded interventions have been delivered across West Yorkshire, with a further 27 programmes delivered through funding provided to each Community Safety Partnership by the VRP, and another 11 interventions as a result of Home Office funding for Serious Violence Duty holders.

Up to end December 2024 these interventions combined had worked with a total of 9281 children and young people aged 24 years and under, 714 aged 25 or older and provided workforce development/training to 264 professionals. Monitoring information for January to end March 2025 is due by end of April.

The WY Adversity, Trauma and Resilience programme provided initial advice to the Immediate Justice planning activity to support a trauma informed approach.

In 2025-26 the VRP are expected to be instrumental in the delivery of the 'Youth Futures Prevention Partnerships', a local mechanism to identify, assess and refer children and young people most at risk of involvement in crime or violence into evidence-based support, by bringing together the right services to help them lead safe and healthy lives.

Aligned to the Department for Education, the Government have also announced the development of Youth Futures Hubs. From the details shared to date, the following elements are known:

- Hubs will focus on early intervention and prevention, addressing the influential causes of violence, knife crime, and mental health challenges among young people.
- They will be place-based, located in communities where they are most needed and accessible.
- Mental health specialists, youth workers, educators, police, and other relevant services will collaborate to provide a comprehensive and integrated support offer across areas such as training, education, skills, sports, music, arts, and employment.

The VRP Director and members of the team have met with partners from each place, to have early discussions on the approach to implementing both initiatives, looking at the opportunities, current arrangements and potential additional funding that may be available centrally, alongside VRP funding. These conversations will be ongoing at a local level, with place-based meetings now being organised.

Guidance on both initiatives is expected in the coming weeks.

More detail about the work of the Violence Reduction Partnership can be found here:

[West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership Strategic Needs Assessment/Response Strategy/Influential Factors VRP Annual Report 2023-24](#)

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

There are significant Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion aspects to the Neighbourhood Policing and ASB agenda. Some communities, including those impacted by multiple deprivation, may be much more affected than others. There is a requirement for community-based intervention providers to complete a EqIA for the funded provision.

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COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

29 April 2025

SUBJECT: Serious and Organised Crime (SOC).

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) under Programme Precision.
2. This cover paper highlights the importance of the report topic in respect of the Police and Crime plan and also includes the delivery of the Mayor and her office. Together the West Yorkshire Police (WYP) report and the cover paper provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of work underway in support of tackling Serious and Organised Crime.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the WYP report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Serious and Organised Crime.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 24-28

4. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. The Voice of West Yorkshire represents the views of over 6,500 respondents and includes the views of children and young people. It is part of a series of documents which includes a summary needs assessment. You can review the documents here: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#)
5. Spotlight on Serious Violence – the Police and Crime Plan 24-28 has a spotlight on Serious Violence and in the Mayor's manifesto she stated she would make tackling serious violence a priority and deliver a Co-produced Serious Violence Strategy.
6. The definition for Serious Violence in West Yorkshire is: *Violence and serious violence includes specific crime types where there is the use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community.* The specific crime types for West Yorkshire include homicide, knife crime, violence against the person, personal robbery, gun crime, violence against women and girls (VAWG), organised crime (including county lines), sexual exploitation and domestic abuse.
7. As Serious Violence is a spotlight in the Police and Crime Plan 24-28, the topic

sits across all 3 priorities:

- Keeping People Safe
- Safer Places and Thriving Communities
- Supporting Victims and Witnesses

and all 5 cross-cutting themes:

- Safety of Women and Girls
- Effective response to men and boys
- Children and Young people
- Reducing Vulnerability
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

8. There are specific objectives and outcomes regarding Serious Violence (Homicide, Knife Crime, Hospital Admissions, Knife Enabled Robberies and Serious Violence Duty Measures) within the Police and Crime Plan's performance measures.
9. There is also a specific theme of investigations around Violence Against Women and Girls which include positive outcomes and Offenders brought to justice (OBTJ), rape positive outcomes and OBTJ, domestic positive outcomes and OBTJ, sexual offences positive outcomes and OBTJ, other protective orders, and measures for the Local Criminal Justice Board
10. Priority 2 – Safer Places and Thriving Communities includes Serious and Organised Crime, SOC also links to Priority 3 – Supporting Victims and Witnesses (for preventing Child Criminal Exploitation).
11. Serious and Organised Crime covers many areas of threat including firearms, human trafficking, exploitation, fraud, cyber-crime, corruption, and organised acquisitive crime. Programme Precision is about delivering a co-ordinated response to SOC threats to help protect our local communities.
12. Serious and Organised Crime forms part of the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR). The SPR document sets out the Home Secretary's view of the national threats that individual police services must prepare for. Details of the SPR can be found in the Police and Crime Plan, and also includes other priority topics such as, Violence Against Women and Girls and Child Sexual Abuse. Both of these themes are subject to separate papers and reviewed at COM.

A detailed Equality Impact Assessment which looked at how the themes and priorities impacted communities was completed for the 2024-28 plan, you can read it here:

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[eqia-stage-2-pc-plan-final-web-version.docx](#)

KEY INFORMATION

Notable activity by the Policing & Crime Team on this topic includes:

- The DMPC is the Chair of the **WY Serious & Organised Crime Partnership Board**. The group has formed to oversee West Yorkshire Police's work on SOC, in particular the developing *Clear, Hold, Build* approach to tackling organised crime in specific neighbourhoods. CHB represents an important partnership approach between the police, local authority, and the impacted communities to reduce offending and build community resilience. West Yorkshire currently has four CHB projects in place.
- **The WY Anti-Slavery Partnership:** promoting collaboration across our local partners both in the care for the victims of slavery and trafficking, and in the response to the SOC threat of organised gangs engaged in illegal migration and labour market exploitation.
- Building resilience through **promotional campaigns:** supporting through our own press engagement, WYP awareness raising campaigns on topics such as County Lines and students' vulnerability to 'Money Mule' scams. Much of this work is co-ordinated through the WY Safeguarding Communications Group.
- Drugs: with drug crime the dominant factor behind most of West Yorkshire's organised crime groups, we are leading on the West Yorkshire response to the government's 10-year drugs plan – 'From Harm to Hope'. The Combined Authority has established the **WY Combatting Drugs Partnership Strategic Board** to harness partner's work to reduce the demand for drugs; help people to access the right addiction treatment services; and tackle drug crime in our communities.
- In July 2021, Wakefield was selected by the Government to host a new national programme to tackle drug crime called Project ADDER. It brings together partners across health, employment, housing, and policing to combine enforcement operations against drug gangs with improved treatment and recovery services for drug users.
- Economic Crime: During 23/24 the WYP Economic Crime Unit seized criminal assets worth over £9 million, with a further £8.5 million YTD 24/25. WYP have targeted the perpetrators of courier fraud, and carried out important crime prevention work to raise awareness of romance fraud, and fraudsters who target international students.
- The Mayor's Safer Communities Fund supports the priorities and cross-cutting themes in the Police and Crime Plan. You can find out about how the fund supported the delivery of the 2021-2024 plan on our website. Monitoring delivery against the new plan (Grant round 7 onwards) has started.
- The Mayor's Safer Community Fund also supports projects which deliver

the build element of Clear, Hold, Build (CHB) projects. CHB aims to clear criminal networks from communities, prevent their return, and build community resilience to reduce future crime. The fund has now supported 33 projects who have shared £478,249.82 in 4 pilot areas across West Yorkshire including BD3 Bradford, Park Ward (Calderdale), Ashbrow (Huddersfield) and Harehills (Leeds).

- In total, to date (GR1-7) the fund has supported 275 projects who have shared £3,340,804.16 in tackling SOC. This includes projects which tackle domestic abuse, knife crime, robbery, VAWG, sexual exploitation and gang crime.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

- The Mayor, DMPC and the Policing and Crime team utilise various partnership mechanisms in order to drive change, convene partners and monitor progress. These are detailed above and include the WY Anti-Slavery Partnership and WY Combatting Drugs Partnership Strategic Board. Of particular note is the WY Serious Violence Reduction Strategic Executive Steering Group (below). Additionally, members of the Policing and Crime team attend CSP meetings in each district, which have sight of SOC matters.
- **The West Yorkshire Serious Violence Reduction Strategic Executive Steering Group:** Chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, this meeting brings together senior strategic leaders who provide system leadership and accountability for key areas of responsibility, including the delivery of a public health whole systems approach and driving the strategic direction.
- The DMPC agreed that applications for Clear, Hold, Build projects would become part of the Mayor's Safer Communities Fund.

Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP)

With partners, the WY VRP define serious violence as:

"Violence and serious violence include specific crime types where there is the use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community."

The specific crime types included in West Yorkshire include homicide, knife crime, personal robbery, gun crime, violence against women and girls, **organised crime**, sexual exploitation, and domestic abuse.

The definition focusses on geographic areas of criminality and specific groups where serious violence, or its threat or impact, is evident; this is children, young adults, women and girls, public places, the night-time economy, gangs, **and organised crime groups**.

The VRP have recently submitted a new budget and delivery plan for 25/26 to the

Home Office based on the funding value of £4.34m (matched to 2024-25). Of this £2.38m has been allocated for commissioned community-based interventions which is over 50% of the overall budget.

A significant level of the VRP's work is targeted at preventing serious violence in communities and denying organised crime the space to thrive.

During 2024-25 a programme of 22 core VRP funded interventions have been delivered across West Yorkshire. These interventions include:

- A&E Navigator services in 4 hospital trust areas
- Custody Diversion
- Education Inclusion mentoring programmes
- Focussed Deterrence (Police and Youth Workers operating together to identify those involved in or at risk of becoming involved in crime) in each of the five Districts
- Virtual Decisions – knife crime and gangs education package delivered through 'virtual reality'
- Support for Parents through the Ivison Trust (whose children have been affected by exploitation)

These have been complemented by a further 27 locally agreed interventions led by Community Safety Partnerships as part of localities funding from the VRP.

The VRP are interconnected with the enforcement work against knife crime and serious violence under Op. Jemlock which aligns with WYP's response to SOC through their Programme Precision project.

Staff within the VRP have and are currently working locally with police and partners in Clear Hold Build areas across West Yorkshire.

Serious Violence Legal Duty (SVD):

The VRP continue to coordinate the West Yorkshire partnership response, providing intelligence, capacity and capability to duty holders, and with oversight still provided through the West Yorkshire Serious Violence Reduction Executive Strategic Steering Group.

This duty exists to ensure councils, and local services work together to share information and identify activities to prevent and reduce serious violence.

In addition, the VRP host the 'Partnership Dashboard' which collates a variety of datasets from numerous partners to allow an informed and detailed understanding of where, when, how and who is involved in serious violence. This data is used annually to produce the West Yorkshire Strategic Needs Assessment and Response Strategy for serious violence which when combined with the VRP's Influential Factors report provides insights to why serious violence occurs in West Yorkshire too.

More detail about the work of the Violence Reduction Partnership can be found [here](#):

[West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership
Strategic Needs Assessment/Response Strategy/Influential Factors
VRP Annual Report 2023-24](#)

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

The Combined Authority and West Yorkshire Police commitment to EDI under the topic of Serious & Organised Crime can be illustrated by: grassroots-level interventions within communities impacted by serious violence through our engagement programme; support for neighbourhood-level projects across West Yorkshire. There is a requirement for community-based intervention providers to complete a EqIA for the funded provision.

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