

Scrutiny Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	Wednesday 26 March 2014
Present:	Councillors J Crawford (Chair), Mrs L Casling, I Chilvers, M Dyson, M Hobson, D Mackay and D Peart.
Also Present:	Councillors Mrs G Ivey and S Shaw-Wright
Apologies for Absence:	None
Officers Present:	Colin Moreton – Community Safety Partnership, Drew Fussey – Development Manager, Karen Iveson – Executive Director (s151), and Palbinder Mann, Democratic Services Officer.
Press:	None

40. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

To APPROVE the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 24 February 2014 and they be signed by the Chair.

41. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

42. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair informed the Scrutiny Committee that next meeting would now be held on Wednesday 23 April 2014 rather than the previously arranged date of Tuesday 22 April 2014.

43. CALL IN

No items were called in.

44. MERGER OF NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS AND LOCAL DELIVERY OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

Colin Moreton from the Community Safety Partnership and Drew Fussey, Development Manager presented a report on the merger of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnerships and Local Delivery of Community Safety Priorities.

Mr Moreton explained that the Police and Crime Commissioner had put forward proposals to merge the Community Safety Partnerships in North Yorkshire into one for York and one for the whole of North Yorkshire. This proposal had been discussed at the Safer Communities Forum meeting in December. It was explained however that there had been recent changes to the proposals with the recent amendment being that there would now be Bi-Annual York and North Yorkshire Protecting Communities Events. Details of these events were outlined in the report.

The Committee were informed that the new changes could not be imposed by the Police and Crime Commissioner and would have to be agreed by all the districts.

The Committee raised concern at the lack of information in the proposals and stated that they were unable to make a decision based on the information provided. The Committee was informed that there was meant to be a 'Shadow Board' discussing the proposals which was meant to have met before the Scrutiny Committee meeting, which would have provided more information on the proposals however that meeting had been cancelled.

In response to a query concerning finances, it was explained that according to the figures provided, there would around £54,000 provided to Selby over 18 months with around £572,000 being provided to North Yorkshire in the same period.

Concern was raised at the lack of information stating how local services were to be delivered and that representatives on the proposed North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership would not include elected Members. Concern was also raised at the lack of information provided on the bidding process and what this would entail. Members queried whether funding would be released for local services or all areas would need to submit a bid for any piece of work they wished to carry out.

A Member raised a query concerning the Night Marshalls service for Selby. Mr Moreton explained that the funding for the Night Marshalls service had come from a different fund which had now run out. A bid for funding for the service to continue had been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner and a decision on this was expected on 1 April 2014.

The Committee felt that while there could be some merits in the proposals, further information was required for them to make an informed decision.

The Committee agreed to raise the issue with the Police and Crime Commissioner who would be attending the next meeting of the Committee on 23 April 2014. They also agreed to have a pre meeting prior to that meeting to discuss any issues which had arisen in the interim.

RESOLVED:

While the Committee supports the principle of efficiency, the Committee feels it is difficult to come to a decision on the proposals without further information. In particular the Committee have the following concerns:

- **No elected Member representation on the proposed North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership.**
- **There needs to be clarification what is expected with regard to local delivery.**
- **The disappointment in the timing of the changes and the quality of the information received.**

The meeting closed at 5:49pm