

West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 – Update

Date: 21st July 2022

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

- Following the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority, the powers previously delegated to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) transferred to the newly elected Mayor of West Yorkshire.
- Where the establishment of a mayoral authority provides for the Mayor to exercise PCC functions, the Secretary of State is also required to authorise the Mayor to appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. The Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, nominated Alison Lowe to be the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime in West Yorkshire. This nomination received approval from the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel in June 2021 and the Deputy Mayor for policing and Crime formally began her role in August 2021.
- In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Mayor must produce a Police and Crime Plan, which sets out the strategic policing and crime priorities for West Yorkshire and details how the Mayor plans to meet them.
- As Leeds City Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee, the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) was keen to understand the Mayor's priorities for regional policing and crime. In October 2021, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime was therefore invited to attend the meeting of the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board to discuss priorities for policing and crime in the region. This also provided an opportunity for the Scrutiny Board to influence the development of the Police and Crime Plan for West Yorkshire linked to the broader formal consultation process.
- The West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 was subsequently published in March 2022 and an update report on the delivery of this Plan has now been provided to the Scrutiny Board by the Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime, as set out in Appendix 1.

Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the details presented in this report and the associated appendices and determine any specific further scrutiny activity.

What is this report about?

- 1 The Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) is allocated special responsibility to act as the Council's formally designated crime and disorder committee, as set out in section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. As part of this responsibility the Scrutiny Board can review or scrutinise the exercise of crime and disorder functions by responsible authorities (as set out in S5 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998), as well as scrutinising any local crime and disorder matter raised by an elected member.
- 2 Having welcomed the opportunity to discuss and inform the development of the Police and Crime Plan for the region, the Scrutiny Board gave a commitment to maintain a watching brief surrounding the delivery of the Plan, particularly in terms of complementing the Board's role in monitoring the Leeds-specific Safer, Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-24, which also forms part of the agenda for today's meeting (Agenda Item 8).
- 3 An update report on the delivery of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 has been provided by the Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime and is set out in Appendix 1.
- 4 A copy of the published West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 has also been provided at Appendix 2 for Members' information.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 5 The community safety priorities for Leeds as set out in the Safer Leeds Safer Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-24 aligns with the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan 2021-24. This therefore brings great opportunities to working collectively to deliver partnership outcomes over the next three years. Through combining focus and resource the partnership can work to improve outcomes for the residents of Leeds.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 6 Further details surrounding the consultation undertaken with partners and residents on the development of the Police and Crime Plan is set out in the appended report by the Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime.
- 7 The Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime is unable to attend today's meeting and has nominated the Head of Policing and Crime at the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to attend in her absence to present the appended report and address any further questions from Board Members.
- 8 The West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel has the statutory role to scrutinise the actions and decisions of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to hold them to account in public. The Chair has therefore invited the Leeds representatives of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel to contribute to the Board's discussion on the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan.

What are the resource implications?

- 9 Further details surrounding funding to deliver on the Police and Crime Plan is set out in the appended report by the Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 10 Further details surrounding governance of the Police and Crime Plan is set out in the appended report by the Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime.

What are the legal implications?

- 11 In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Mayor must produce a Police and Crime Plan, which sets out the strategic policing and crime priorities for West Yorkshire and details how the Mayor plans to meet them.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Report of the Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime to the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board presenting an update on the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024
- Appendix 2 - A copy of the published West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024.

Background papers

- None.