

Report of: Liz Jarmin (Head of Locality Partnerships)

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee

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To note

Title: West Yorkshire Interventions to support Serious Violence

Purpose of report

1. To provide the Inner North East Community Committee with an update on the work of West Yorkshire Violent Reduction Partnership (VRP) and the Mayors Safer Communities Fund (MSCF). At a previous Community Committee meeting representatives from West Yorkshire Youth Commission (WYYC) attended and presented their report which covered extensive peer-to-peer research and engagement with over 1300 young people across West Yorkshire between May 2023 and October 2023. The peer-to-peer led project enables young people to get involved and have their say about issues that affect their lives and help build a safer community. The purpose of the report was to also gather feedback/suggestions for future VRP initiatives and events from Elected Members and residents.

Main issues

2. The presentation is intended to provide the Inner North East Community Committee with an update on the success of West Yorkshire VRP work and detail around the Mayors Safer Communities Fund and to discuss further projects in the pipeline to tackle violent crime.
3. The presentation provides the Inner North East Community Committee with an overview of the work streams of the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction partnership and the commissioned locality work during the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and Mayors Safer Communities fund projects running in 2025/6.

The discussion will link to local issues relevant to Inner North East Community Committee area.

4. The agenda item also provides elected member and the public the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to community engagement methods and the following council priorities:

- Building Trust and Confidence
- Keeping People Safe
- Deter and Disrupt Offending
- Community Cohesion and Resilience

Recommendations

5. Elected Members are asked to note the contents of the presentation that will be provided by the staff from West Yorkshire Combined Authority – VRP, Policing & Crime Team and Safer Leeds.