



City of  
Doncaster  
Council

## Agenda

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To all Members of the

# COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

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Notice is given that a Meeting of the above Panel is to be held as follows:

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster

**Date:** Thursday, 15th February, 2024

**Time:** 10.00 am

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**Damian Allen**  
Chief Executive

Issued on: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Governance Services Officer for this meeting:**

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### **Items for discussion:**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the extent, if any, to which the Public and Press are to be excluded from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest, if any.
4. Minutes of the meetings held on 16th February and 5th October 2023.  
(*Pages 1 - 12*)
5. Public Statements  
(A period not exceeding 20 minutes for statements from up to 5 members of the public on matters within the Panel's remit, proposing action(s) which may be considered or contribute towards the future development of the Panel's work programme).

### **A. Reports where the public and press may not be excluded.**

6. Crime and Community Safety update report (*Pages 13 - 22*)
7. Overview and Scrutiny work plan and the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions (*Pages 23 - 36*)

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

Chair – Councillor Gemma Cobby

Vice – Chair – Councillor Nigel Cannings

Councillors Steve Cox, James Church, Aimee Dickson, Guest, Debbie Hutchinson, Emma Muddiman-Rawlins and David Nevett

### **Invitees:**

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# Agenda Item 4.

## CITY OF DONCASTER COUNCIL

### COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2023

A MEETING of the COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL was held at the , DONCASTER on THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2023 at 10.00 AM

#### PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Gemma Cobby

Councillors Nigel Cannings, James Church, Julie Grace, Debbie Hutchinson and Tracey Moran

#### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Hotchkiss, Head of Service Community Safety  
Nancy Byrne, Community Safety Officer  
Chief Superintendent Ian Profitt South Yorkshire Police  
Superintendent Peter Thorp, South Yorkshire Police

#### APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gary Stapleton

|     |   | <u>ACTION</u> |
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| 34. | <u>TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.</u>                         |               |
|     | There were no items on the agenda.  |               |
| 35. | <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY.</u>  |               |
|     | Councillor Cobby declared that she worked with the Voluntary Sector to prevent violence again women and girls.                    |               |
| 36. | <u>MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL DATED 27TH OCTOBER 2022.</u>                              |               |
|     | <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2022, be agreed and signed as a correct record. |               |
| 37. | <u>PUBLIC STATEMENTS</u>  |               |

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|     | There were no public statements made.   |  |
| 38. | <u>CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE REPORT</u>   |  |
|     | <p>The Panel received a presentation to accompany the report circulated with the agenda, providing an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime and antisocial behaviour data;</li> <li>• Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) priorities;</li> <li>• Safety for women and girls in Doncaster;</li> <li>• Safer Streets; and</li> <li>• Cost of living – impact on crime and disorder.</li> </ul> <p>The following areas were addressed in detail:</p> <p><u>Tackling domestic and sexual abuse</u></p> <p>Young people and early signs of domestic abuse - with regard to conversations with young people on how to spot the dangers in relationships it was explained that further work with schools had been undertaken and additionally the Safer Streets team were providing information on anti-social behaviour and knife crime.</p> <p>In response to a Member’s question relating to whether information engagement was being undertaken with female football teams, particularly due to the expansion and increase in numbers playing, the Head of Service for Communities Safer Stronger explained that he would need to investigate and provide the information following the meeting.</p> <p>With regard to survivors of domestic abuse and moving on in life, it was explained that the survivor liaison service was undertaking incredible work and positive benefits were being identified through case studies but with regard to longer term progress further statistical work was required.</p> <p>It was noted that South Yorkshire Police would track repeat victims to identify the risks. It was stressed that that the “Right to Ask” and “Right to know” schemes required further publication so people were able to access information about their partners or ex-partners previous abuse or violent offending.</p> <p>Accommodation for people seeking a safe place to live – further work following the meeting was required on the number of St Leger Homes properties available for this purpose therefore the Head of Service for Communities Safer Stronger would provide the information following the meeting. It was confirmed that local authorities held links to secure out of area provision however, it was acknowledged that it was challenging for all providers due to the current shortfall in social housing provision.</p> |  |

Perpetrator programme – with regard to the success rate the Head of Service for Communities Safer Stronger would provide the information following the meeting.

Reducing anti-social behaviour – with regard to the “Real Help Scheme” it was explained that it provided funding for homelessness people and was hoped that this scheme would be equally as successful as the previous. The Head of Service for Communities Safer Stronger would provide the information following the meeting.

City Centre – the Chair outlined that there had been a number of anti-social behavioural issues in the town centre following lockdown easing. It was noted that work was ongoing with visibility maintained through City Centre Ambassadors. Discussions with other local authorities had been undertaken with diversionary activity ideas including a presence provided by St Johns Ambulance and the Territorial Army who provided a climbing wall through the summer months.

It was also noted that there had been a footfall increase in the City Centre both with retail and the night time economy.

Tackling serious and organised crime – with regard to behaviours post covid and whether they had reverted to pre covid, it was outlined that crime recording data would show the current positions.

Emergency services demand – it was noted that it remained high with multiple factors driving the current position.

Policing – in South Yorkshire it was noted that the Force had increased it’s personnel reaching a capacity larger than ever before, however two thirds of the workforce had less than 3 years service highlighting the difference in experience and capability.

Firearms – in response to a member outlining concern with regard to the increase in firearms, it was explained that during Covid there were differences in how people had committed crimes. It was noted that from February 2022 19 firearms offences had reduced over the 11 month period to 8 offences. With regard to proactive work being undertaken, since September 2022 South Yorkshire Police had:

- executed 51 different warrants across a number of properties, 38 led to the recover of narcotics including over 1000 cannabis plants and class A drugs with 40 arrests;
- stopped and search 443 vehicles,
- 127 stop searches leading to a further 27 arrests and notably recovered 6 firearms (including 3 handguns) off the streets of Doncaster.

These results highlighted the robustness and determination of Policing being undertaken across the area.

Substance and alcohol misuse – in response to a question, it was outlined that where substance misuse was the prime reason for criminal activity, under this priority funding received from the national drugs strategy to increase the criminal justice intervention services could be used. With regard to addition data relating to its expansion, this would be provided following the meeting.

Purple flag status – it was reported that work had been undertaken with the best bar none scheme however not as many licensees have purple flag. However good partnership relations were in place with licensees welcoming the scheme, and would be a real success when in place.

It was noted that during December 2022 with the football world cup and seasonal celebrations, there had been a notably low volume of evening disturbances.

Violent Crime – particularly relating to knife crime, it was reported that when there was more success with recording data, the figures could increase. There had been a downward trend in the number of knives reported, with the exception of November 2022, which could have been the result of a particular investigation that had been undertaken. With regard to “Knife Angel” educational work had been undertaken with the localities team in the central area relating to the negatives of carrying a knife and impacts. This work would continue to early 2024.

#### Safety for Women and Girls

“Ask Angela” scheme – with regard to the uptake from hospitality venues it was reported that it was a voluntary scheme and had been relaunched with 18 venues taking posters to display in the City centre. It was however noted that there was only so much room venues had to display posters therefore the relaunch would display wider information linking it to domestic abuse and drink spiking awareness. One brewery did not take part but had stated it already had promotional material addressing it from a different angle. It was noted that at the last licensee event a 20 minute training session was held and the training video was available to view on the City of Doncaster website.

Best Bar None Scheme – the specific figures on take up were unfortunately not available for the meeting. There was however, a current focus for Bawtry’s licensed premises with two events arranged for all licenced premises to get the benefits of being Best Bar None accredited. One of the conditions would be that all staff were trained on the “Ask Angela” scheme.

“Get Home Safe” scheme – It was reported that following the last meeting of the Community and Environment Scrutiny Panel this item was now on the Safer Doncaster’s theme group agenda to address in



the near future.

Taxi Marshalls – the Panel noted that they were funded through the Crime Reduction Unit Grant but it had not been finalised for 2023/24 at the date of the meeting and was dependent on VRUs from the Home Office. The Marshalls were provided by an independent security company and worked on a shift rota.

Travel Safe Partnership – it was confirmed that a Police Liaison officer was a member of the thematic group and there was a commitment to continue focus, hard work and a consistent message for Doncaster.

### Safer Streets

Additional lighting – the Panel noted the additional solar lighting to footpaths provided in two parks. Results from surveys said people felt safer when walking dogs, jogging and walking. The lighting does not have any running costs and other Local Authorities had approached Doncaster to look at work undertaken.

CCTV – with regard to where additional cameras would be sited it was noted that every locality had benefited from the £750,000 investment awarded to Doncaster. Some areas would see 4 to 5 additional cameras, which would be progressively rolled out.

Bicycle theft – in response to a question, it was acknowledged that during the Covid pandemic, bike theft increased significantly because everyone wanted one and availability was limited.

Cost of Living – A Member raised concern that due to people struggling with bills had there been an increase in shop lifting, for example. It was explained that some people who committed this crime were targeting a wider range and more shops than they would usually visit. It was noted there were always new offenders but when arrested the prosecution took into account their background before deciding whether to prosecute.

### General points

Dog attacks – in response to a query relating to how dog attacks on humans and other dogs were dealt with and whether there had been an increase, and explained that there was increased learning and success. For example, if South Yorkshire Police or any partner attend a property and there was a child safety risk from an animal then necessary action would be taken. It was noted that dog aggression goes beyond the banned list of dogs, but about a dog being out of control which ultimately could be seized and kennelled until a course of action was agreed. Owners could also be prosecuted depending on

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|     | <p>the circumstances.</p> <p>It was noted that the Children’s Safeguarding Board was aware of the position and was undertaking monitoring.</p> <p>A Councillor suggested he was aware that Royal Mail held a database of dangerous dogs and wondered if it would be worth exploring it with them.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> that the report and discussion, be noted.</p> |  |
| 39. | <p><b><u>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN AND COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS</u></b></p>  |  |
|     | <p>The Senior Governance Officer presented the Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan and Council’s Forward Plan of Key Decisions. She reminded the Panel that if there were any items they wished to put forward for inclusion on the Scrutiny Work Plan for 2023/24, to forward them to herself and the Chair.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b>: That the information, be noted..</p> |  |

**CITY OF DONCASTER COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

**THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 2023**

A MEETING of the COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 2023, at 10.00 am.

**PRESENT:**

Chair - Councillor Gemma Cobby

Councillors Nigel Cannings, James Church, Steve Cox, Aimee Dickson, Emma Muddiman-Rawlins and David Nevett

1 **Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence made.

2 **To consider the extent to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.**

None.

3 **Declarations of Interest, if any.**

There were no declarations of interest made.

4 **Public Statements.**

There were no public statements made.

5 **Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2023**

The minutes of the Community and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 were approved as a true record.

6 **Crime And Community Safety Update Report**

The Panel was presented with an activity update in respect of the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) Crime and Re-offending theme, with a particular focus on retail crime. An update was also provided in respect of the City Centre Public Space Protection Order.

A discussion took place that included the following areas.

A. 1

**Retail Crime** – Reference was made to the increase of 29% in retail crime that took place between 1st August 2022 and 31st July 2023 (during the previous 12-month period). It was explained that the spike seen in more recent data could be partially due to an increased appetite from retailers in reporting incidents. It was considered that by increased reporting helped partners to see the full picture and enabled them to work towards supporting those who had been impacted. It was recognised that this discussion was also part of a wider national debate and that there was a need to work on the increase and do better for the business community and public.

It was shared that although the Cost of Living issue had impacted a rise in retail crime, there had also been other drivers such as the need to fund substance misuse. It was added that people were now looking to purchase items at a cheaper price encouraging a marketplace for stolen goods to develop.

It was acknowledged that there may have been underreporting or inaccurate reporting, for example, when recording shoplifting only when other associated crimes (such as aggressive behaviour) had been involved. Also, it might be about maximising the use of legislation to charge an offence which carried a longer sentence when appropriate.

Members heard that there was a lack of confidence in what takes place following the crime being reported. Members were told how information was being communicated out to the public through the Police which updated them on what was actively being dealt with and what outcomes had been achieved. It was also explained that the capacity of the Neighbourhood Team had been increased to engage more with retailers through face-to-face conversations and by providing further assurances. It was recognised that security and retail staff were more frequently being physically confronted by shoplifters.

Later on in the meeting, concern was raised by a Member around crime experienced by businesses based on industrial estates.

**Support for First Time Offenders** – It was commented that stopping people reoffending was an important issue and it was recognised that there was an opportunity to change behaviour through the right engagement and support. Reference was made to the role of the Probation Service who would provide support around the individual (as a First Time Offender), depending on the nature of the sentence or when they arrive at the custody suite. Reference was also made to partners such as Aspire, who provided ongoing support to individuals, and that a number of partners worked across the borough and not just in the town centre.

**Retail Harassment Offences** – Concern was raised around the 41% increase in Retail Harassment type offences and 43% increase in both Fear or Provocation of Violence and Causing Intentional Harassment or Distress offences (during the previous 12-month period). Members sought clarification on the number of cases located within the city centre and asked whether there were any specific actions being taken to address this. It was explained that the majority of these had taken place in the city centre, with links to the Frenchgate Centre and Doncaster Interchange. It was noted that regular meetings took place with the Frenchgate Centre management who had been proactive in dealing with problems against staff and other members of the public. It was believed that positive relationships and a common understanding have been developed through focusing on what could be achieved by working together. It

was noted that certain national retail chains had announced that shop staff would not challenge shoplifters anymore. It was thought that this could be being potentially counterproductive as the shoplifter may then target those stores. It was hoped through additional resources and better joined up working that the spike in these offences would begin to level soon.

Members expressed concerns that there was nothing in place to deter retail harassment offences. It was explained that the police did not have the capacity to ensure a police presence all the time but was working with places such as the Frenchgate Centre to provide advice. It was added that it was part of the Patrol Plan to have additional staff going into the city centre.

**Support for Businesses Outside of the City Centre** – It was explained that there had been a focus on the city centre as this was where there were a higher number of offences within a smaller geographical area. Members were assured that this did not mean that the police and partners were not addressing other areas. In view of the national picture and what was taking place, it was explained that the Retail Crime Coordination team were working to roll out initiatives such as the Digital Evidence Management System used for CCTV.

It was believed that some of the work taking place in the city centre would positively benefit other areas, as offenders were likely to be travelling across the borough to commit similar offences in other places, such as retail parks. Members heard that the Inspector covering the central area also worked with partners. It was recognised that this was not just an issue affecting Town Centre but also other areas and needed a problem-solving approach. Concern was raised that enforcements being made in the city centre was displacing crime out into other areas. Members were told that the situation would be monitored although there was no data that supported this. It was noted that partners were aware that offenders would look for easy targets and therefore may move to another area.

In terms of response times, it was explained that this was dependent on what other demands there were on the police at the same time. It was noted that response times to 999 calls as a Borough, had gradually improved over the last 2 years and were still well within the average of 15 mins target.

**Impact of PSPO** – It was believed that the impact from the implementation of the PSPO was about engagement and changes in behaviours, as much as it was about achieving results. It was explained that it was more about having a problem-solving approach, undertaken through greater police support, cameras, and a good network.

**National Safer Business Action Week** – In terms of what was happening during National Safer Business Action Week, Members heard that a number of arrests would be made on individuals whose offences had impacted the city centre. It was also outlined that there would be a number of engagements undertaken with the retail sector during that week.

**Doncaster's Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Scheme** – It was stated that IOM was part of a national framework where statutory partners worked together. It was explained that it was about the rehabilitation of offenders through a wraparound approach aimed at breaking the cycle of offending.

**City Centre POP Plans** – It was clarified that these were problem solving plans that looked at the causes of a particular crime in an area or specific premises. It was noted that part of this was about providing good advice as well as assurances.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the information contained within the report and presentation, which provided an update on the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) Crime and Reoffending theme group activity and other requested subject matters.

## 7 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2023 - 2029

A report was provided to the Panel with details of the outcomes of the review and consultation undertaken on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (2023 – 2029). The Panel was also provided with an opportunity to consider and comment on the draft strategy. It was explained that the new strategy was more in keeping with the National Flood Risk Management Strategy and had been built on improved information and also accounted for emerging legislation.

A discussion took place that included the following areas.

**Public Consultation** – An outline was provided of the consultation exercise and Members were reassured that robust public consultation had been undertaken, despite there being a small number of responses being made from the public. Members heard how a two-tier approach had been undertaken, the first part which involved partnership organisations (consulted with to make sure that the document was as accurate as could be) and then the second part (which was the public consultation stage), was live for 4 weeks over July and August 2023. It was outlined that the public consultation had been communicated through being;

- advertised in the borough wide newsletter; and
- uploaded to the Council consultations page, and flood risk management landing page; and
- raised through word of mouth with customers, developers and members of the public to increase awareness.

It was clarified that public consultation had also included engagement with groups from areas such as Fishlake that had been greatly impacted by floods before. Members heard that the draft strategy had been shared with them and comments invited on the proposals made.

**Flood Wardens** – Members heard that it was the Emergency Planning Team which promoted and led on the recruitment of Flood Wardens. It was acknowledged that engagement in encouraging Flood Wardens (to register onto the Council's volunteering scheme) had lessened in recent times or because the individual had moved away. It was explained that efforts were being made to drive more recruitment for Flood Wardens. Members heard that the Emergency Planning team had started an initiative with the Environment Agency about 2 years ago to be recruiting Flood Wardens again, which had been slow to progress due to other competing service pressures.

It was noted that there were currently around 50 Wardens, with the majority being within the Fishlake Community. Members welcomed the recognition that further work

needed to be undertaken by promoting this issue in certain areas. It was suggested that Community Groups might provide a potential source when undertaking this work.

It was acknowledged that the training of Flood Wardens was an important issue as well as being able to give them more confidence. It was noted that there was an issue around managing people's behaviour as sometimes when floods occur then situations could be dangerous for residents who have not been trained.

A Member spoke about their own experiences and challenges faced when they had previously offered to volunteer during a flood, it was offered to discuss this further outside of the meeting.

**Surface Water and planning applications** – A Member raised concerns about the impact of surface water when considering planning applications. Members were assured that there was a well-established process in place as well as being part of a National Planning Policy Framework. There was a brief discussion about the benefits of the Flood Risk Management Strategy being embedded in the Local Plan.

**Future Preparedness** - Members were pleased to hear that the Council was more prepared for a potential future flood risk due to its improved relationships with partners, better resourcing, investments being made and information. It was explained that available intelligence provided a better understanding about where the flooding hotspots were. It was outlined that there was a call out rota through the winter months to provide a 24 hour call out service. Members were assured that the situation was regularly being monitored through forecasts, river levels and by liaising with officers on the ground on receipt of weather warnings and that planning was being made for the future through potential schemes that could be delivered.

It was viewed that the value of the being prepared and interventions undertaken was demonstrated following the flooding event in February 2022. This was considered as a near miss and could be seen as preventing more significant flooding across the city. It was acknowledged that the strategy was a necessary piece of work but that it was important to also think about longer-term considerations.

**Monitoring and identifying potential areas that may be flooded in the future** – Members were told that whilst the investment programme focused on the recovery of the 2019 flood, steps were being taken to proactively deliver projects to certain communities before the flooding occurs. It was commented that some of the challenges in planning for the future might involve issues around potential displacements.

RESOLVED that the Panel;

1. Supported the proposed Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2023 - 2029 and welcomed the report.
2. That further information is sought on whether the strategy can form part of the Local Plan as a planning policy document. This is with the view that consideration be given to ensuring that the principles are reflected within the Local Plan, should the strategy be unable to form part of the Local Plan due to legislation requirements.

8 Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan and Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Senior Governance Officer presented the Scrutiny Work Plan that had recently been agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_





## Doncaster Council

### Report

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Date: 15.02.24

To: the Chair and Members of the  
Crime and Disorder Committee (Community and Environment Scrutiny Panel)

Report Title: CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE REPORT

| Relevant Cabinet Member(s) | Wards Affected | Key Decision? |
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| Joe Blackham               | All            | No            |

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides an activity update in respect of the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) with particular focus on reoffending and substance misuse (specifically drugs).
2. Doncaster has seen an overall decrease in reported Crime during the period considered (Jan – Dec 2023) of 2.5%, which is similar to that seen across the Force as a whole at -1.7%. Reported crime decreased across all of the considered period, with the exception of January and February. A shift in the proportion of reported crime can be seen in March 2023 onwards compared to the rest of the calendar year.
3. Doncaster equates for 26.9% of SYP's total recorded crime, it is only exceeded by offending within Sheffield (39.0% of SYP overall crime). In the last year, Doncaster has seen a decrease in almost all crime types, with the exception of Shoplifting +53%, Business Robberies +102%, Theft from the Person +11%, Rapes +8% and Possession of Drugs +8%. Vehicle Offences -14%, VAP Offences -4%, Arson and Criminal Damage -13%, Burglaries -7% and Public Order -11% all saw significant reductions in volumes.
4. Doncaster has largely seen a drop in neighbourhood offences, with residential burglaries seeing a 9% drop and vehicle crime seeing a 14% drop in offences. Business robberies however has seen an increase of 102%, however this is much lower in volumes in comparison. This increase is also attributable to the same issues regarding the rise in shoplifting and the cost-of-living crisis.

5. The same period (Jan – Dec 2023) saw an increase in Force-wide Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents. Doncaster increased by 14.1%, larger than the Force's 2.6% increase. Doncaster Council reports (up to November) also indicate a slight increase in reporting of 5%, where analysis has shown they tend to closely align with one another.
6. The highest increase 32.6% was noted in December 2023 compared to December 2022, the ASB categories that saw the highest increases were Street Drinking (+111%) and Off Road Bike/Quad (+73%). Prostitution Related offences (-25%), Litter / Drugs Trappings (-12%), Rowdy/Inconsiderate Behaviour (-8%), Fireworks (-8%) and Noise (-6%) saw a decrease in volumes.
7. Off Road Bike/has seen a significant rise across the Borough (only 2 wards saw a drop). It is expected that rural areas and large estates are more affected than the City Centre, as shown by the top 3 wards (Norton & Askern, Adwick Le Street/Carcroft and Balby South). Off Road Bike/Quads made up nearly 30% of all ASB incidents (up from 20%), where a separate tasking group has been set up to try and tackle the issue more effectively.

## **EXEMPT REPORT**

8. This is not an exempt report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9. The Crime and Disorder Committee Members are asked to comment on and note the information contained within the report and presentation, which provides an update on the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) theme group activity and other requested subject matters as detailed above.

## **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

10. The level of crime and anti-social behaviour incidents will impact upon residents' feeling of safety and their quality of life. This report provides information on these areas, with particular focus on substance misuse and measures in place to tackle re-offending.

## **BACKGROUND**

11. The Community and Environment Crime and Disorder committee receive regular performance updates relating to crime and disorder. It is a statutory requirement for partners to tackle crime and disorder and for the Community and Environment (Crime and Disorder) committee to hold the partnership to account. The Community Safety Strategy priorities and associated action updates are provided below:

## **City Centre Specific Work**

12. Over the Christmas period and school holidays, there has been an increase in youth related ASB in the Frenchgate and Interchange. These are a different cohort of young people to the issues experienced in 2022. The ASB Partnership has been re-invigorated in response with a range of prevention, intervention, engagement and enforcement activity undertaken, including:
  - weekends of action
  - business and community engagement
  - diversion activities
  - case management of young people
  - collaboration with Head Teachers and alternative provision providers for 1-2-1 support and link to Supporting Families programme.
13. Grip established with increased patrols from Police, Frenchgate Security and City Centre Engagement Officers. Longer term work being undertaken includes the 'Right of Way', sectioning off areas of the Frenchgate Centre after retail hours and improved joint working between the Frenchgate Centre and Interchange

## **Reducing Anti-social Behaviour Theme**

14. Key updates and work from the Theme Group includes:
  - Launch of 'See Me For Me' film aimed at increasing awareness and skills of professionals working with individuals involved in sex work.
  - Successful integration with the Amber Project and new Aspire Outreach Team focusing on entrenched substance misusers, with 6 individuals successfully maintaining scripts for the first time.
  - Successful delivery of vehicle related 'days of action' targeting untaxed and abandoned vehicles, illegal repairs on the highway, speeding and illegal parking (a priority for local residents).
  - Successful reduction in reports in woodlands (Skylarks estate) managed through a Problem Orientated Policing Plan and Place Based Action Plan.
  - Successful working in Highfields linked to Op Civitas GRIP Patrols. Joint visibility, engagement and enforcement across the Stronger Communities Area Team, SYP and Enforcement colleagues, resulting in positive engagement with residents and an increase in submitted intelligence.
  - Implementation of street drinking plans in Conisbrough and Mexborough has had a positive impact in reducing anti-social behaviour.
  - Reduction in ASB and criminal damage on the CALM estate, Armthorpe which has seen the community tension reports made to agencies reduce. One property has also been closed using ASB Tools and Powers.
  - Four successful days of action during quarter 3 which saw increased visibility and engagement, joint operations and enforcement from officers within the Stronger Communities Team, SYP, St Leger Homes and the Enforcement Team.
  - Off Road bike related ASB continues to be a key driver for ASB rates - a subgroup has been formed and is developing a '4P' Plan. Work with EPIC is progressing to create an educational video for secondary school aged young people.

- The Safer Neighbourhood Service Hub has continued to deal with complex cases but has increased focus on ASB and driving improvements in the use of appropriate Civil Orders to manage repeat offenders.

### **Tackling domestic and sexual abuse Theme**

15. Doncaster has seen an overall decrease in reported Domestic Crime during the period considered (Jan – Dec 2023) of -7.4%, which is similar to that seen across the Force as a whole at -4.4%.
16. In the last year, Doncaster has seen a decrease in almost all domestic crime types. Violence Against the Person (VAP) saw a drop of 6.5% or 342 offences, driven by a 13% drop in domestic violence without injury offences.
17. All Sexual offences saw almost no change from the previous year, a similar change seen across the Force. Domestic sexual offences saw a drop of 15%, with Doncaster the only district to see a drop in domestic sexual offences.
18. Next steps for the Theme Group:
  - Launch the domestic abuse film.
  - Launch the sexual abuse delivery plan.
  - Implement training for professionals on supporting sex workers in a trauma informed way – incorporating a film produced with Doncaster sex workers.
  - Implement recommendations from the independent review of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference.
  - Encourage more agencies to achieve Domestic Abuse Charter status.
  - Develop an intersectionality action plan for domestic and sexual abuse.
  - Produce the 2024-2025 domestic and sexual abuse action plans.

### **Tackling serious and organised crime Theme**

19. This work involves a highly sensitive area of Policing and the Partnership strategy centres around the key themes of:
  - PURSUE - prosecuting & disrupting people engaged in serious & organised crime
  - PREVENT - preventing people from engaging in this activity
  - PROTECT - increasing protection against serious and organised crime
  - PREPARE - reducing the impact of this criminality where it takes place
20. Doncaster currently has 11 mapped Organised Crime Groups (consisting of 170 nominals), a reduction of 3 from previous reporting period. There is evidence of new groups from the Western Balkans linked to Cannabis cultivations.
21. There is a highly successful tactical bronze meeting which is well attended by Partners. At this meeting, information is shared and tactical initiatives are developed. Last year (between July 22 & July 23), 78 Partnership interventions were recorded and 219 warrants & arrests were made linked directly to OCG activity. Whilst challenges still remain, the reduction in the number of groups is a positive outcome with reduced threat, harm and risk.

## **Reducing violence and violent crime Theme**

22. Key updates and work from the Theme Group includes:

- Provisional analysis of police data shows there has been a 16% reduction in the volume of most serious violence incidents per 1000 population in 2023 compared to 2022.
- Doncaster's Evening and Night Time Economy (NTE) Group continues to drive work around safety within City Centre and outlying establishments. Group has membership from SYP; DMBC Enforcement, Licensing, Business Regeneration and Town Centre Planning along with licensees and business owners.
- Successful partnership working to manage increased activity such as the St Leger Festival and the Christmas / New Year period. Including additional SYP patrols, the Safe Haven Bus and City Centre Taxi Marshals to increase visibility, engagement and prevent violent crime.
- Licensed Premises and Hospitality Venues training & awareness event was delivered in May 23 & further events planned for SIA security staff and other businesses such as taxi firms and takeaways.
- ID Scanners have been located in 5 targeted licensed premises throughout the city centre and feedback from these premises has been positive and there has been a reducing in violence within these venues.
- Work with targeted schools to support them to becoming more trauma informed by providing funding for training and resources had taken place.
- A VAWG delivery plan has been developed after a mapping exercise to identify those aspects of VAWG not already being tackled within SSDP strategies. This will aid in prioritising work moving forward.
- Funding continues for Victim Support to provide additional resources to victims of non- Domestic Abuse stalking in Doncaster.
- Round 5 of Safer streets awarded significant funding to improve our parks and open spaces and CCTV.
- Continued support for the EPIC Hub within the City Centre to provide diversionary and educational activities for young people ensuring delivery from Sept 23- March 24

## **Reducing substance and alcohol misuse Theme**

23. Key updates and work from the Theme Group includes:

- 'Rethink your Drink' Campaign continues to be delivered for the next 2 years by RDASH communications team.
- Additional staff recruited in EPIC and specialist Young People treatment worker with further staff to be recruited in 2024 25.
- Capacity of criminal justice intervention services increased and sustained (funding from National Drug Strategy). Services targeting those where substance misuse is associated with offending.
- Established alcohol early interventions targeting higher risk drinkers in liaison with primary care - aims to tackle drinking problems early before people become physically dependent.
- Outreach team in Aspire established and recruited to (targeting sex workers, homeless, domestic abuse and GP engagement).

24. Intervention and Enforcement Work includes:

- Drugs warrants, drug dog operations and days of action.
- Complex lives (1-2-1 case support, outreach, drop-in every Friday morning, training for practitioners on harms associated with alcohol & drugs, early intervention campaigns and courses available through Aspire).
- Public Health in collaboration with the Violence Reduction Unit delivered Night Time Economy Safe Haven Bus on key nights during 2023 and for 2024.
- Combatting Drugs Partnership established, chaired by the Director of Public Health, taking long term view on reducing the impact of all aspects of drugs and substance misuse to reduce crime, improve quality of life and better coordinate the actions of enforcement and care and support services.

### **Substance Misuse – Drugs Focus**

25. The model for the Doncaster Treatment and Recovery System has been completely revised. Key elements of delivery to improve capacity, quality and ease of access into treatment are:

- Rapid access and lowering thresholds (with rapid access clinics and plans to expand this approach across the service).
- Outreach development (targeting sex workers, homeless, domestic abuse and GP engagement).
- Increasing numbers in treatment.
- Increased engagement with women, BAME and LGBT underserved groups.
- Localities and partnership working to improve geographical access points.
- Expansion of availability of new opiate prescribing options.

26. Implementing findings of local Health Determinants Research Collaboration research on representations, via:

- support for wider determinants of health
- improved linkage with and access to mental health support
- follow up and fast track re-entry
- improved post discharge support

### **Reducing crime and re-offending Theme**

27. Key updates and work from the Theme Group includes:

- Group includes additional partners (including Localities) who can improve the offer to offenders who cause the greatest harm to communities.
- A referral pathway established to support identified cohorts and identify gaps.
- Each of the neighbourhood policing teams tackle Serious Acquisitive Crime through problem solving plans and identify priority patrol areas to manage crime hotspots.
- Doncaster's Integrated Offender Management (IOM) team is recognised as standout team within South Yorkshire Police, and we continue to use specialist force resources such as the Roads Policing Team to reduce acquisitive crime in specific locations.
- Doncaster works to the key milestones of the national IOM strategy. This approach calls for the identification of 3 distinct cohorts of offenders in the community.

- Work in progress with the Youth Offending Service (YOS) to drive additional activity around transitional arrangements and first-time entrants into the criminal justice system.
- Doncaster has dedicated PC working within youth offending service to share information and intervene at the appropriate level.
- A dedicated Youth Offending Team worker is also in place from the probation service to further support with transitions between the organisations.

### **Re-offending in Doncaster**

28. We currently have 209 offenders being monitored through the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) process. Bi-monthly analysis of reoffending volumes indicates that reoffending is being reduced by the IOM strategy for the majority of cases, however some individuals still tend to reoffend, especially those still in the flex cohort, where around a fifth are committing offences, mainly shoplifts. This can be strongly linked to the rise in shoplifting nationally and the cost-of-living crisis. All individuals who were being monitored through IOM but are no longer being managed have seen a reduction in their reoffending rates
29. The current action plan for the Crime and Reoffending Theme group highlights the following key areas of activity to support reductions in re-offending:
- Improving our information sharing arrangements across the partnerships by reviewing the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) information sharing agreements.
  - Increasing the continuity of care processes across the city with the prison estates. Activity includes developing a new continuity of care gatekeeping form, increasing engagement with prison substance misuse teams.
  - Raising housing issues with strategic partners via the homeless prevention form with St Leger Homes.
  - The delivery of drug testing by the Probation Service to improve monitoring of drug taking across the offending population.
  - Improving the volumes of Community Sentence Treatment Requirements sentenced in the Courts.

### **OPTIONS CONSIDERED**








30. There are no specific options to consider, the report is for update and discussion.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**


31. The report is for update and discussion.

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

32.

| Great 8 Priority   | Positive Overall | Mix of Positive & Negative | Trade-offs to consider – Negative overall | Neutral or No implications |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
|  <b>Tackling Climate Change</b>   |                  |                            |   | ✓                          |
|  <b>Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work</b>   |                  |                            |   | ✓                          |
|  <b>Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs</b>   |                  |                            |   | ✓                          |
|  <b>Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all</b>  | ✓                |                            |   |                            |
| <p>It is important that residents feel safe within Communities and key areas such as the City Centre. Residents who feel part of vibrant communities are more likely to enjoy spending living and spending time in these areas. Delivery of the SSDP Community Safety priorities contributes to the improved safeguarding of all residents, helping to build happier and healthier lives.</p>  |                  |                            |   |                            |
|  <b>Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs</b>  | ✓                |                            |   |                            |
| <p>It is important that residents feel safe within Communities and key areas such as the City Centre. Residents who feel part of vibrant communities are more likely to enjoy spending living and spending time in these areas. Delivery of the SSDP Community Safety priorities contributes to the improved safeguarding of all residents, helping to build happier and healthier lives. The services provided as outlined within the Community Safety Strategy are regularly reviewed to ensure they are efficient and effective. The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership provides strong and effective leadership to the Partnership agenda through effective governance to create safer and stronger communities.</p> |                  |                            |   |                            |
|  <b>Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough</b>   | ✓                |                            |   |                            |
| <p>It is important that families feel safe across the Borough – by continuing to address crime and anti-social behaviour, the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership helps to support and deliver places that are safe and attractive to families.</p>   |                  |                            |   |                            |
|  <b>Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future</b>   |                  |                            |   | ✓                          |



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|  <b>Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities</b>   |   |  |  | ✓ |
| <b>Fair &amp; Inclusive</b>   | ✓ |  |  |   |
| <p>There is a wide range of information concerning the victims and perpetrators of crimes in Doncaster Specific groups and characteristics are more prevalent in certain crime types, examples include more women being victims of domestic abuse than men and significantly more men are accused of a crime than women.</p> <p>This information is mainly held on age, gender and ethnicity and although some of this information is sensitive in nature, the detail can be used to support decisions and the impact they may have on particular groups.</p> <p>A Due Regard Statement was produced to support the Community Safety Strategy 2022-25, which details further information in respect of criminality and its impact upon protected characteristics.</p> |   |  |  |   |

**Legal Implications**

33. No Legal Implications have been sought for this report. Further specific advice can be provided in relation to any issues raised by the Committee.

**Financial Implications**

34. No Financial Implications have been sought for this report. Further specific advice can be provided in relation to any issues raised by the Committee.

**Human Resources Implications**

35. No Human Resources Implications have been sought for this report. Further specific advice can be provided in relation to any issues raised by the Committee.

**Technology Implications**

36. No Technology Implications have been sought for this report. Further specific advice can be provided in relation to any issues raised by the Committee.

**RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

37. Robust performance management arrangements ensure that priorities are achieved, and good quality services are delivered to the residents of Doncaster.

## CONSULTATION

38. Consultation was not required for this report – this is an annual update for Panel members.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Presentation from Safer Communities and South Yorkshire Police.
- Glossary of acronyms and abbreviations (attached to this report).

## GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| Acronym | Meaning   |
|---------|---|
| ASB     | Anti-Social Behaviour                               |
| BAME    | Black, Asian and minority ethnic                    |
| CDC     | City of Doncaster Council                           |
| DA      | Domestic Abuse                                      |
| DRASACS | Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service |
| EPIC    | Encouraging Potential and Inspiring Change          |
| IOM     | Integrated Offender Management                      |
| LGBT    | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender             |
| MARAC   | Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference             |
| NTE     | Night Time Economy                                  |
| OCG     | Organised Crime Group                               |
| RDASH   | Rotherham, Doncaster and Sheffield Hospitals        |
| SAC     | Serious Acquisitive Crime                           |
| SIA     | Security Industry Authority                         |
| SSDP    | Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership                |
| SYP     | South Yorkshire Police                              |
| VAP     | Violence Against the Person                         |
| VAWG    | Violence Against Women and Girls                    |
| YOS     | Youth Offending Service                             |

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**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2023/24**

|       | OSMC  | H&ASC O&S | CYP O&S  | R&H O&S  | C&E O&S   |
|-------|---|-----------|--|--|---|
| April | <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm<br/>Informal briefing session MS<br/>Teams</b>                     |           | <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at<br/>4pm Informal Briefing<br/>Session MS Teams</b>   | <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023<br/>10am<br/>MS Teams<br/>Members briefing (CR)</b>   |   |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doncaster Delivering Together (DDT) Investment Plan (c)</li> </ul> |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition of Children Social Care (c)</li> <li>Update briefing on Government response Stable homes built on love</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving Council housing stock and How St Leger Homes ensure VFM and work standards on improvement programmes; (c)</li> <li>Repairs Excellence ph 2 (c)</li> </ul> |   |
|       |   |           | <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023,<br/>2pm, Informal Briefing<br/>Joint Meeting with C&amp;E</b>  |  | <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023,<br/>2pm, Informal Briefing<br/>Joint Meeting with CYP</b> |
|       |   |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play Parks Strategy</li> </ul>  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play Parks Strategy</li> </ul>                             |
|       |   |           | <b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023<br/>at 12pm, Informal Briefing<br/>session, MS Teams –<br/>CANCELLED</b>   |  |   |
|       |   |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referrals – school experience update Social Care Front Door – meeting with headteachers</li> <li>Update on overview of social care theme pressure points</li> </ul> |  |   |
|       |   |           | <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at<br/>4.30pm MS Teams or<br/>Council Chamber TBC</b>   |  |   |

Agenda Item 7.

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|      |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Council Priorities (and for information Children and Young Peoples Plan).(c)</li> <li>Youth Offer (c)</li> </ul> |  |   |
|      |  |  | <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 10am MS Teams Briefing Session</b>  |  |   |
|      |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEND inspection framework and Government response to Green Paper</li> </ul>  |  |   |
| May  |  | <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10am Council Chamber (CR)</b>  |   | <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 1.30pm Briefing Session MS Teams (CM)</b>   |   |
|      |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bentley and Rossington Primary Care estate developments ICB</li> <li>Public Health Protection Update</li> </ul> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Lettings Policy</li> <li>Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Allocation Policy</li> </ul> |   |
|      |  | <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10am, MS Team</b>  |   |  |   |
|      |  | Work Planning  |   |  |   |
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| June | <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at 10am Council Chamber</b> |  | <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 4pm, MS Teams</b>  | <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 2pm, MS Teams</b>  | <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at 2pm, MS Teams</b>       |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Planning</li> </ul>  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Planning</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Planning</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Planning</li> </ul> |

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|      | <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at 11am, Council Chamber (CM)</b>   |   |  | <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10.30am Briefing Session MS Teams (CM)</b>  |   |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Justice Plan</li> </ul>   |   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport (invite to SYMCA) (c)</li> </ul>  |   |
|      | <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10am, Council Chamber (CM/AT)</b>   |   |  |  |   |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance and Performance (invite to Cabinet Members Cole and Houlbrook) (c)</li> <li>Agree Scrutiny Work Plan</li> </ul> |   |  |  |   |
| July | <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 10am, MS Teams (CM)</b>   | <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 10am, Members Briefing, Council Chamber (CR)</b>  | <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 4.30pm, MS Teams (CM)</b>   | <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 1.30pm, Council Chamber (CR)</b>  |   |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Leger Homes future priorities and services (R&amp;H O&amp;S to be invited) (c)</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Strategic Needs Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of specific areas of data</li> <li>What's new/ performance deterioration (c)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Exploitation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Lettings Policy</li> <li>Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Allocation Policy (c)</li> </ul> |   |
| Aug  |  |   |  |  | <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 at 10am Briefing Session MS Teams (CM)</b>   |
|      |  |   |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Assets – Mary Woollet Centre</li> <li>Update on recommendations from the Corporate Assets Policy Review</li> <li>Local Flood Risk Management Strategy –</li> </ul> |

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|      |   |  |   |  | outline pre 5 <sup>th</sup> October meeting<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSPO – Town Centre – pre cabinet decision</li> </ul> |
|      |   | <b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, 10am<br/>Sheffield Council (CR)</b>               |   |  |  |
|      |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JHOSC (Chair only to attend)</li> </ul>               |   |  |  |
| Sept | <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10am, Council Chamber (CR)</b>             | <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 2pm, Council Chamber (CM)</b>                  | <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 9.30am<br/>Site Visit (CR)</b>   |  |  |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Compliments and Complaints (c)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health aged 18 to 25 Invite PFG (c)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site visit to Adwick Family Hub (c)</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|      | <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10am, Council Chamber (CR)</b>             |  |   |  |  |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fairness and Wellbeing Commission (c)</li> </ul> |  |   |  |  |
|      |   |  | <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 12:30pm, MS Teams (CM)</b>   |  |  |
|      |   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referrals – school experience update Social Care Front Door – meeting with headteachers (c)</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Oct  | <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10am, Council Chamber (CR)</b>              | <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10am, MS Teams</b>                               | <b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at 4.30pm Council Chamber (CR)</b>  | <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10am, Council Chamber (CR)</b> | <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10am Council Chamber (CM)</b>   |

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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance and Performance (invite to Cabinet Member Blackham) (c)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JHOSC – Chair only as appointed Member on Committee</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Poverty report on discussions from site visit Youth Council to attend (c)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing - New regulatory regime for social housing</li> <li>Housing biodiversity</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safer Doncaster Partnership (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from February position focus on Retail Crime</li> </ul> </li> <li>Flood Risk Management Strategy Pre-Cabinet decision (c)</li> </ul> |
| Nov | <p><b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 10am, MS Teams/Council Chamber TBC (CR)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer Experience Strategy (c)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Cancelled Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 2pm, Sheffield</b></p>  |   |  |   |
|     | <p><b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2pm, MS Teams (CR)</b></p>  | <p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 10am Council Chamber (CM)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospital Trust and. Areas for consideration to be agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A&amp;E position</li> <li>Waiting lists</li> <li>Staff Recruitment and Retention</li> </ul> </li> <li>Winter planning (c)</li> </ul> |   |  |   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Localities</li> <li>Community Prevention Model</li> </ul>  |  |   |  |   |
|     | <p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 3pm MS Teams (CM)</b></p>   |  |   |  |   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fairness and Wellbeing Commission</li> </ul>   |  |   |  |   |
|     | <p><b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9am, Council Chamber (CM)</b></p>  | <p><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2pm, Sheffield (CM)</b></p>   | <p><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 4.30pm, Council Chamber (CR)</b></p>   |  | <p><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10am, MS Teams (CR)</b></p>  |

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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance and Performance (invite to Cabinet Members Blake and L Ball)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JHOSC – Chair only as appointed Member on Committee</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEND Strategy (c)</li> <li>Educational Outcomes (c)</li> </ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street Scene and Enforcement (c)</li> </ul>  |
| Jan | <p><b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 10am Briefing Session MS Teams (CM/CR)</b></p>                           |  |   |  | <p><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 10am Council Chamber Briefing session (CR)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste and Recycling to include current/future contract and changes to regulations/impact on future green agenda (c)</li> <li>Future Parks Scheme (c)</li> <li>Heatwave Update (c)</li> </ul> |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget</li> <li>Corporate Plan (c)</li> </ul>                                   |  |   |  |   |
| Feb | <p><b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 1pm, Council Chamber (CM/CR)</b></p>                                      | <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10am, Council Chamber (CM)</b></p>   |   | <p><b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 at 11am Briefing Session MS Teams (CR)</b></p> | <p><b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10am Crime &amp; Disorder Committee, Council Chamber (CR)</b></p>   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget</li> <li>Corporate Plan (c)</li> </ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated Care Board – invite (c)</li> </ul> <p>Primary Care Access recovery plan for Doncaster area</p> <p>Pharmacy access, demands and national position</p> <p>Oral health to include Dentistry access, demands and national position (c)</p> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Leger Homes Tenancy Agreement (c)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safer Doncaster Partnership (c)</li> </ul>   |
|     | <p><b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 at 10am, Council Chamber (informal) (CR)</b></p>                          |  |   |  |   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oliver Coppard South Yorkshire Mayor</li> </ul>                                 |  |   |  |   |



Please note dates of meetings/rooms/support may change

|       | OSMC   | H&ASC O&S  | CYP O&S   | R&H O&S   | C&E O&S |
|-------|--|--|---|---|---------|
| March | <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 10am, Council Chamber (CM)</b>   | <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 2pm, Council Chamber (CM)</b>                      | <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 4.30pm, Council Chamber (CR)</b>                            | <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm, Council Chamber (CR)</b>       |         |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance and Performance (invite to Cabinet Members N Ball and G Jones) (c)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Protection Annual Report (c)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social care demand management and child neglect (c)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan update (C)</li> </ul> |         |
|       | <b>Informal session following the above meeting. (CM)</b>  |  |   |   |         |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doncaster Delivering Together Investment Plan update (c)</li> </ul>                   |  |   |   |         |
|       |  | <b>JHOSC (TBC)<br/>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024, 4pm<br/>Sheffield CC, Town Hall</b>      |   |   |         |
|       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC</li> </ul>  |   |   |         |

| POSSIBLE ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OR TO BE SCHEDULED |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   | Quarterly performance 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Invite to Cllrs Smith and Nightingale)               | Dementia – 2024/25 TBC                      | Inclusion Update/Elective Home Education – possibly for the future   | Market and Corn Exchange update – possible invite to MAM – Early 2024/25 TBC     |  |
|   | SLH Complaints appeal policy – with R and H briefing session new year 2024 – waiting to hear from SLHD | Consultations from Directorates as required | Universal Services - how it is being impacted by cost of living and post pandemic school language and school ready – addressed 22/23 | Biodiversity Net Gain - could be covered of with section in Local Plan report    |  |
|   | Fairness and well-being commission update – waiting to hear (later 2024)?                              |   | EPIC Learning - May 2024/25 (poss invite to OSMC)  | Retro-fitting and new heat pump systems/Investment in apprenticeships (raised at |  |

FP – Forward Plan Decision  
CR or CM– Officer Responsible

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|  |  |   |   | Panel on 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023) – TBC  |  |
|  | Update on Community Prevention Model requested at 7 <sup>th</sup> November meeting | Age Friendly City – early input, plans and practicalities – how can the Authority drive this? TBC                             | Work Experience, NEET, work opportunities for SEND – include visit to café – March 2025 (as outlined at the 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec meeting 2023) | 1. Housing crisis – aging population /Outcomes from the OT medical assessment (H&ASC O&S undertook dedicated meeting in 2022/23) - possibly for the future   |  |
|  | Health and Well-being Strategy late 2023 / early 2024                              | Invite to Aspire – Substance misuse – possibly for the future   |   | 2. Regeneration and Economy:<br><br>Connectivity – new technology availability, impact of working from home and town centre footfall – picked up through Development update and Finance and Performance at OSMC. |  |
|  |  | Maternity care – possibly for the future  |   | SLH Complaints appeal policy – with OSMC briefing session new year 2024 - waiting to hear from SLHD  |  |
|  |  | Learning Disability and Autism Strategy review late 2023/24 work plan programme - possibly for the future                     |   |  |  |
|  |  | RDaSH – Strategy moving forward – possible invite to address outcomes and difference being made for future delivery – 2024/25 |   |  |  |
|  |  | YAS – possibly for the future (on JHOSC workplan as part of regional health scrutiny update)                                  |   |  |  |

**DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1ST MARCH, 2024 TO 30TH JUNE, 2024**

The Forward Plan sets out details of all Key Decisions expected to be taken during the next four months by either the Cabinet collectively, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holders or Officers and is updated and republished each month.

A Key Decision is an executive decision which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the Local Authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Local Authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the Local Authority;
- (c) any decision related to the approval or variation of the Policy and budget Framework that is reserved to the Full Council.

The level of expenditure/savings which this Authority has adopted as being financially significant are (a) in the case of the revenue budget, gross full-year effect of £250,000 or more b) in the case of capital budget, £1,000,000 or more in respect of a single project or otherwise across one financial year.or the decision has a significant impact on 2 or more wards.

Please note in addition to the documents identified in the plan, other documents relevant to a decision may be submitted to the Decision Maker. Details of any additional documents submitted can be obtained from the Contact Officer listed against each decision identified in this plan.

In respect of exempt items, if you would like to make written representations as to why a report should be considered in public, please send these to the contact officer responsible for that particular decision. Unless otherwise stated, representations should be made at least 14 days before the expected date of the decision.

**KEY**

Those items in **BOLD** are **NEW**

Those items in **ITALICS** have been **RESCHEDULED** following issue of the last plan

Prepared on: Wednesday 31 January, 2024 and superseding all previous Forward Plans with effect from the period identified above.

Damian Allen  
Chief Executive

## MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

### **Cabinet Member For:**

Mayor - Ros Jones  
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Glyn Jones

Councillor Lani-Mae Ball  
Councillor Nigel Ball  
Councillor Joe Blackham  
Councillor Rachael Blake  
Councillor Phil Cole  
Councillor Mark Houlbrook  
Councillor Jane Nightingale  
Councillor Sarah Smith

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- Housing and Business
- Early Help, Education, Skills and Young People
- Public Health, Communities, Leisure and Culture
- Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement
- Children's Social Care and Equalities
- Finance, Traded Services and Planning
- Sustainability and Waste
- Corporate Resources.
- Adult Social Care

**Some Decisions listed in the Forward Plan are to be taken by Full Council**

**Members of the Full Council are:-**

**Councillors Nick Allen, Bob Anderson, Duncan Anderson, Lani-Mae Ball, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Rachael Blake, Nigel Cannings, Glenn Bluff, Laura Bluff, Bev Chapman, James Church, Gemma Cobby, Phil Cole, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Linda Curran, Amiee Dickson, Susan Durant, Yetunde Elebuibon, Sue Farmer, Sean Gibbons, Julie Grace, Martin Greenhalgh, Ken Guest, John Healy, Leanne Hempshall, Charlie Hogarth, Mark Houlbrook, Debbie Hutchinson, Glyn Jones, R. Allan Jones, Ros Jones, Jake Kearsley Majid Khan, Jane Kidd, Sue Knowles, Sophie Liu, Tracey Moran, John Mounsey, Emma Muddiman-Rawlins Tim Needham, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Thomas Noon, Ian Pearson, Andy Pickering, Cynthia Ransome, Rob Reid, Andrea Robinson, Dave Shaw, Glynis Smith, Sarah Smith, Gary Stapleton, and Austen White**

| WHEN DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN | KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN   | RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER   | DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY | CONTACT OFFICER(S)   | DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY DECISION MAKER | REASON FOR EXEMPTION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SCHEDULE 12A |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| 13 Mar 2024                           | To authorise the Carers' local account (entitled Local Carers' Journey, 2023/2024) which describes what we achieved in 2022 - 2023 and priorities agreed with Doncaster people for the year ahead. | Councillor Sarah Smith, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care  | Cabinet                 | Bal Mohammad, Contracts Officer, Adults, Health and Wellbeing Tel: 01302736577<br>Bal.Mohammed@doncaster.gov.uk  |  | Open  |
| 13 Mar 2024                           | Quarter 3 2023-24 Finance and Performance Report.  | Councillor Phil Cole, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Traded Services and Planning, Mayor Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy | Cabinet                 | Matthew, Smith, Head of Financial Management Tel: 01302-737663<br>matthew.smith@doncaster.gov.uk, Sennette Wroot, Senior Strategy & Performance Manager Tel: 01302 862533<br>Sennette.Wroot@doncaster.gov.uk |  | Open  |
| 13 Mar 2024                           | St. Leger Homes Performance Report 2022/23 Quarter 3.  | Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Business.   | Cabinet                 | Julie Crook Tel: 01302 862705  |  | Open  |

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|-------------|---|--|---------|--|--|------|
| 13 Mar 2024 | To accept up to £17,950,341 Levelling Up Fund (Round 3) money for the delivery of the Levelling Up Doncaster North programme.   | Mayor Ros Jones  | Cabinet | Jonathan Bucknall, Head of Strategic Investment and External Funding<br>jonathan.bucknall@doncaster.gov.uk   |  | Open |
| 13 Mar 2024 | To approve and accept funding of circa £2,496,000 over a 5 year period commencing April 2024, in relation to the new national plan - Stopping the Start: new plan to create a smokefree generation.                         | Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Communities, Leisure and Culture                   | Cabinet | Victoria Shackleton, Public Health Improvement Co-ordinator Tel: 01302 862146<br>Victoria.Shackleton@doncaster.gov.uk  |  | Open |
| 17 Apr 2024 | To approve the Doncaster Delivering Together Investment Plan 2024/25.   | Mayor Ros Jones  | Cabinet | Jonathan Bucknall, Head of Strategic Investment and External Funding<br>jonathan.bucknall@doncaster.gov.uk   |  | Open |
| 17 Apr 2024 | To accept £6,958,555 of funding for delivery of the Local and Neighbourhood Transport Complementary Programme, through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement via the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. | Councillor Joe Blackham, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement | Cabinet | Neil Firth, Head of Service, Major Projects and Investment<br>neil.firth@doncaster.gov.uk, Kerry Perruzza, Senior Transport PLanner<br>Kerry.Perruzza@doncaster.gov.uk |  | Open |

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| <p><b>19 Jun 2024</b></p> | <p><b>Quarter 4 2023-24 Finance and Performance Report.</b></p>     | <p><b>Councillor Phil Cole, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Traded Services and Planning, Mayor Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy</b></p> | <p><b>Cabinet</b></p> | <p><b>Matthew, Smith, Head of Financial Management Tel: 01302-737663 matthew.smith@doncaster.gov.uk, Sennette Wroot, Senior Strategy &amp; Performance Manager Tel: 01302 862533 Sennette.Wroot@doncaster.gov.uk</b></p> |  | <p><b>Open</b></p> |
| <p><b>19 Jun 2024</b></p> | <p><b>St. Leger Homes Performance Report 2022/23 Quarter 4.</b></p> | <p><b>Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Business.</b></p>   | <p><b>Cabinet</b></p> | <p><b>Julie Crook Tel: 01302 862705</b></p>  |  | <p><b>Open</b></p> |

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