



Doncaster Council

Report

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To the Chair and Members of the
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – CRIME AND DISORDER REVIEW – ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO SERIOUS CRIME PATHWAY

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Chris McGuinness, Portfolio holder for Communities, the Voluntary Sector and Environment	All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to present the summary of discussions and recommendations of the Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel Crime and Disorder Review into Anti-Social Behaviour to Serious Crime Pathway.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. There is no exempt information contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. It is recommended that the Committee comments on and agree the recommendations in the attached report.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy.

BACKGROUND

- The Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel chose, as an area for review, Crime and Disorder Review – Anti-Social Behaviour to Serious Crime Pathway and undertook the work between November and December 2017. The recommendations included in the review report at Appendix A are based on information and evidence heard during the meetings.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- There are no alternative options within this report as the intention is to provide the Committee an opportunity to consider the findings and recommendations of the Panel

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

- There are no alternative options within this report as the intention is to provide the Committee an opportunity to consider the findings and recommendations of the Panel

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better access to good fulfilling work Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish Inward Investment 	<p>The work of Overview a Scrutiny has the potential to have an impact on all the Council's key objective</p>
	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster More people can live in a good quality, affordable home Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children,</p>	

	<p>young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	
	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. There are no specific risks associated with this report. The Committee may wish to consider the extent to which the recommendations should be consistent with and have been developed from the research arising from Members' investigations.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: MCCh Date: 14/2/18]

10. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006) requires that each Authority, including local authority and local police body, exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and do all that it reasonably can

to prevent:-

- (a) Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment; and
- (b) The misuse of drugs and other substances in its area; and
- (c) Re-offending in its area.

11. The attached recommendations proposed by the Community and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel which have been made following evidence gathering sessions, show how authorities are meeting the duty outlined above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials HJW Date 23/02/2018]

12. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations detailed in the attached report. Any financial implications relating to recommendations made will need to be considered if any proposals are brought forward.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: DLD Date: 09.02.18]

13. There are no specific human resource implications arising directly from this report. Any human resource implications relating to recommendations made will need to be considered if any proposals are brought forward.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: PW Date 09.02.18]

14. There are no direct technology implications in relation to this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: CT Date: 13.2.18]

15. Crime and fear of crime impacts negatively on health and well-being in a range of ways; this includes indirect community-level impacts as well as direct negative impacts on victims. Crime and the fear of crime may affect a range of physical and mental health status outcomes, health behaviour outcomes (e.g. physical activity) and social well-being outcomes (e.g. social cohesion). People feel trapped in their houses and cars and unable to engage with the local community. Crime and fear of crime also appear to be linked to broader economic inequalities when investment in the poorest communities by businesses and organisations is inhibited by risks of crime to staff and customers.
16. It is also widely known that people in touch with the criminal justice system experience higher levels of mental and physical health problems compared to the general community; they are more likely to smoke, experience depression and have overall poorer health than the general population.
17. Therefore crime prevention and the prevention of ill health go hand in hand. A wider system approach for the prevention of crime should focus on reducing risk factors as well as promoting protective factors over the life course. The recommendations put forward for approval should seek to reduce the fear of crime, crime rates and the numbers of people entering into a life of crime.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials CM Date 09.03.18]

18. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

19. Information and evidence was heard at the review meetings which were attended by relevant Council officers.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

20. None

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