

**Agenda**

Committee Administrator: Democratic Services Officer (01609 767015)

Wednesday, 12 October 2022

Dear Councillor

**Notice of Meeting**

Meeting **Scrutiny Committee**

Date **Thursday, 20 October 2022**

Time **9.30 am**

Venue **Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Rotary Way, Northallerton, DL6 2UU**

Yours sincerely

*J. Ives.*

Dr Justin Ives  
Chief Executive

**To:**

Councillors	Councillors
K G Hardisty (Chairman)	N A Knapton
P Atkin	J Noone
P Bardon	G Ramsden
R W Hudson	A Wake
P A James	D Watkins (Vice-Chairman)
R Kirk	

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1. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 16 and 28 June 2022 (SC.3 - SC.6 and SC.7), previously circulated.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Safer Hambleton Hub

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Report of the Director of Leisure and Communities

**Relevant Ward(s): All Wards**

4. Matters of Urgency

Any other business of which not less than 24 hours' prior notice, preferably in writing, has been given to the Chief Executive and which the Chairman decides is urgent.

## **Hambleton District Council**

**Report To:** Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 20 October 2022  
**Subject:** **Safer Hambleton Hub**  
**Wards Affected:** All Wards

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### **1.0 Purpose and Background**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on community safety issues affecting the Hambleton District and the work of the Safer Hambleton Hub to demonstrate how the Council is meeting its statutory duties as a named Responsible Authority under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 1.2 The report provides details about the work of the Community Safety service that is responsible for the co-ordination of multi-agency work to address community safety concerns, the public spaces surveillance CCTV service and the Council's Prevent Duty obligations.
- 1.3 The Crime and Disorder Act was enacted in 1998 and places a statutory duty on all local authorities, Fire & Rescue Service, Probation, the NHS, together with their partnership agencies, to develop and deliver a Community Safety Strategy. This strategy is delivered through the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership. Section 17 of the Act requires responsible authorities to identify community safety implications in all their activities.
- 1.4 The North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership provides the strategic focus for community safety and is responsible for preparing the Community Safety Strategic Plan 2018-2022. The following areas have been identified as priority areas for delivery:
  - Partnership Development
  - Community Safety Hubs
  - Domestic Abuse including sexual abuse and trauma
  - Hate Crime & Community Cohesion
  - Serious Organised Crime
- 1.4 The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 contains a duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This is also known as the Prevent duty. In March 2015, Parliament approved guidance issued under section 29 of the act about how specified authorities are to comply with the Prevent duty. Specified authorities must have regard to this guidance when complying with the Prevent duty.
- 1.5 The North Yorkshire Prevent Partnership Board provides the strategic focus for Prevent and is responsible for preparing the Prevent Duty Delivery Plan

1.6 Appendix 1 provides an overview of the work of the Safer Hambleton Hub in 2021/22.

## **2.0 Link to Council Priorities**

2.1 The work of the Safer Hambleton Hub links to the Council's priorities to enhance health and wellbeing and providing a special place to live. There are also links to the driving economic vitality priority through the support the Hub provides to tackle business crime.

## **3.0 Equality/Diversity Issues**

3.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report.

## **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 That the Scrutiny Committee note the content of this report and the achievements that have been summarised in Appendix 1.

Steven Lister  
Director of Leisure and Communities

**Background papers:** None

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## SAFER HAMBLETON HUB REPORT 2021-22

The Safer Hambleton Hub sits within the Leisure and Communities Service and is managed by the Safer Hambleton Co-ordinator and supported by a part-time Safer Hambleton Support Officer and a Project Officer (shared with the Communities Team). Within the Hub there is also a full-time Police Officer, as well as hot desking facilities for partners. In September 2021 the Safer Hambleton Co-ordinator left the organisation and wasn't replaced until February 2022. Sadly the new postholder has now also moved and a recruitment process is currently underway to find a replacement officer.

The Safer Hambleton Hub receives referrals from agencies and communities which are assessed using a scoring matrix to determine vulnerabilities and level of support required. The Hub co-ordinates task and finish groups, bringing partner agencies together to discuss the case, agree key actions and consider the use of anti-social powers if appropriate. The Orcuma case management system, which is used to record all cases, actions, interventions and enquiries, continues to be an asset to the Hub.

The CCTV Control Room's day-to-day activities are supervised by a part-time CCTV Team Leader (who also is an Operator) along two part-time CCTV Operators and three casual CCTV Operators. The Control Room is staffed for 96 hours a week.

### Key community safety issues in Hambleton

During 2021/22 the key community safety issues in Hambleton were related to anti-social behaviour in Northallerton, Thirsk, Stokesley and Leeming Bar Industrial Estate. Below is a summary of the Hub's performance in relation to tackling these key issues:

### Performance data

<b>Summary of Hub Cases &amp; Activity</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Total number of cases closed	31
Total number of cases opened	30
Number of Task & Finish Groups held	151
Number of enquiries received	254
Number of cease and desist letters	65
Number of anti-social behaviour contracts issued	5
Number of community trigger applications received	0
Number of neighbourhood disputes referred to the Hub	24
Number of people referred to mediation/anger management support	10
Number of incidents proactively reported by CCTV	197
Number of deployable camera installations	2
Number of Public Spaces Protection Orders implemented	1

### Satisfaction survey

In August 2021 a survey was issued to partners to evaluate their opinion of the work of the Hubs across North Yorkshire. 66 responses were received from Safer Hambleton Hub

partners. Of these, 88% told us they regularly attended hub meetings, 82% reported that the hub improved partnership working and 64% rated the hub as excellent, 25% rated it good, 3% rated it average and 8% thought it offered limited benefits.

## **Project Delivery & Funding 2021/22**

The Safer Hambleton Co-ordinator and CCTV team are core funded by the Council. The Support Officer is part funded from the Council's core budget and part funded by North Yorkshire Police (£6,164 contribution per annum).

The Hub also receives funding from the Office of Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for target hardening and reactive services, communications and social marketing. £3,577.21 was received in 2021/22 which was used to support:

- Mobile camera deployments
- Safer Hambleton Newsletter
- Youth Diversion Schemes
- Anti-burglary packs
- Bike safety events
- Anti-social behaviour awareness training

## **Links to Other Thematic Work**

The Community Safety Hub continues to link into a number of other thematic work areas these include:

### ***Safeguarding***

Safeguarding underpins the majority of the work undertaken within the community safety environment. This work covers both adults at risk and children. The Hub has strong links to North Yorkshire County Council's Children's Services and Adult Services and always takes an active part in delivering events and promotions during Safeguarding Week.

### ***North Yorkshire Police Tasking and Coordination Group***

The Safer Hambleton Hub Co-ordinator attends monthly meetings where the priorities for North Yorkshire Police are presented and discussed, including emerging trends and crime issues. The Hub staff also meet weekly with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

### ***Multi Agency Child Exploitation***

These meetings take place monthly and bring partners together to discuss Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Criminal Exploitation including County Lines, Missing from Home, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, Harmful Sexual Behaviour and Online Child Exploitation.

### ***Hate Crime***

The Inclusive Communities meetings are regularly attended. These meetings focus on hate crime prevention by challenging beliefs and attitudes, responding to hate crime in our communities, increasing the reporting of hate crime, improving support for the victims of hate crime and building our understanding of hate crime. Each year the Hub works in partnership with MENCAP to host an information event during Hate Crime Awareness Week.

### ***Modern Slavery, Exploitative and Illegal Working***

The Hub works with partners to help identify cases of modern slavery and provides support to take appropriate action and enforcement when required.

### ***Tactical Group***

Community safety links within the Council strengthen all the time with a monthly Anti-Social Behaviour Tactical Group to discuss cases which may impact on other council services and also our social housing services. The meetings provide an opportunity to discuss complex cases, share good practice and to help identify potential Community Trigger cases.

### ***Channel Panel***

The panel is a multi-agency approach to identify and support individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism. The panel meets monthly, Chaired by North Yorkshire County Council, and works to collectively assess the risk to an individual and decide whether an intervention is necessary. If a Channel intervention is required, the panel works with local partners to develop an appropriate tailored support package.

### ***Northallerton Safe and Secure***

These meetings are held monthly with Northallerton Business Improvement District, North Yorkshire Police and the Safer Hambleton Hub. Issues affecting the town and local businesses are discussed and performance information is shared. The Hub has also run bike safety events with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and North Yorkshire Police following a spate of near misses involving cyclists.

### ***Street Angels***

The Hub has, for the past few years, supported Street Angels. This project is run by volunteers who conduct evening patrols in Northallerton each weekend to help vulnerable people keep safe. The CCTV Control Room actively supports Street Angels during their patrol hours. The Council recently awarded a Making a Difference Grant of £4,000 for the purchase of radios, equipment and marketing support.

### ***Thirsk Locality Meeting***

These are held bi-monthly to share information about local issues with Town Councils, stakeholders and North Yorkshire Police.

### ***Local Government Re-organisation***

As part of the preparations for vesting day there is a specific thematic group for community safety and a sub group for CCTV. The focus along with other thematic groups is safe and legal for vesting day.

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