

Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date: 24 January 2025

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Councillor Keith (in the chair) Councillors Ahmed, Ali, Bryan, Burke, Dickenson, Hall and Wood

Apologies:

Councillors Bruce, Butt and Sutcliffe

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 October 2024

Resolved

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 October 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Urgent items

There were no urgent items

4. Admission of the public

There were no items requiring exclusion of the press or public

5. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

6. Performance Against Response Indicators

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report detailing the performance against the performance outcome targets covering the period 1 April 2024 – 31 December 2024

Members were pleased to note how well the Service had managed throughout the snowy period.

Members wished to afford special thanks to the Fire Fighters who attend tragic events and to the Fire Fighters Charity which provides invaluable support to those effected by the increased number of fatalities.

Members discussed:

- False alarms
- Controlled burning
- Deliberate Secondary Fires
- Action taken against a local business where a huge increase in the use of multiple fires to destroy trade and domestic waste had been detected.
- Vision Zero

Resolved

That the report be noted

7. Spotlight Ons

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which provided examples and updates on the following areas of work which are being undertaken to meet the needs of the communities of West Yorkshire in the delivery of prevention, protection and response activity

- a) Bradford – Student Engagement
- b) Calderdale – Road Safety Roadshow
- c) Kirklees – Road Safety Week
- d) Leeds – Hug in a Mug
- e) Wakefield – Road Safety Week
- f) Youth Interventions Team – FireWork

It was emphasised that the Spotlight Ons are just examples of initiatives going on across all Districts all the time. Members noted the Spotlight On reports and received them positively and noted the importance of using Social Media.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

8. Presentation from YIT by a previous participant in the scheme

A Member of Staff from the Youth Intervention Team programme shared their experiences of working in the team and promoted their recent success stories, including developing the NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) programme, which is a balance of practical and theory learning. Members discussed the options to keep young people focused after the completion of their programmes.

Chair