

**York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum – Update****1. Revised structure**

The newly established Forum structure has now been embedded. The Forum is the key decision making body and meets twice a year. It is supported by the Joint Officer Working Group that is responsible for taking issues forward on behalf of the Forum. These two bodies are supported by ten Joint Co-ordinating Groups. Five of these groups focus on delivery themes, which are; alcohol; domestic abuse; prolific and other priority offenders; violent crime; and road safety. The other five groups focus on facilitation themes to improve the way the Forum operates. These are; funding; horizon scanning; communications; performance; and data and information.

**2. NY Community Safety Agreement 2008/09**

There is a duty on the Forum to produce an annual Community Safety Agreement for North Yorkshire. The 2008/09 Agreement has now been signed off. The agreement is an opportunity for the Forum to consider the data, intelligence and analysis from the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships' (CDRPs) annual Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessments (JSIAs) and identify ways in which partners can work more effectively, both individually and collectively, to address the priorities and issues identified.

**3. Priority Setting**

The Forum has established a process to identify priority work streams for the next two years to tie in with the lifespan of the Local Area Agreement. These priorities will be drawn from current issues being tackled by the Forum, which include; domestic abuse; alcohol; prolific and other priority offenders; violent crime; road safety; data and information; substance misuse; anti-social behaviour; and young offenders.

**4. Funding**

The Funding Joint Co-ordinating Group is developing principles for allocation of the safer element of the Area Based Grant (ABG) Funding. This will ensure that funding is allocated according to need (i.e. based on crime data), will provide greater security as funding will now be agreed for a two year period to the end of the current ABG programme, and will ensure value for money as partners will be expected to make efficiency savings. The priority setting process detailed above will be used to allocate the top-slicing pot of the ABG to the highest priority work streams across the County. Funding for CDRPS will be allocated in accordance with these principles although it is recognised that the sustainability of funding to these partnerships needs to be considered over the two year period.

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