

Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date: 3 October 2025

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Councillor Keith (in the chair) Councillors Dickenson, Garvani (as sub for Cllr Ahmed), Hall, O'Donovan, Salam, Tudor and Wood

Apologies: Councillors Ahmed, Burke and Sutcliffe

11.Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 July 2025

Resolved

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 July 2025 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

12.Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

13.Urgent items

There were no urgent items

14.Admission of the public

There were no items requiring exclusion of the press or public

15.Declarations of interest

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

16.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 to 5 September 2025

An updated report of figures to date was provided for Members.

Members thanked the report author for the thorough report and discussed lithium-ion batteries, including the introduction of electric refuse lorries and public transport in Leeds, Battery Energy Storage Sites (BESS), sales of used electric vehicles (EVs), storage of EVs, including mobility scooters and the ongoing developments to best practice in dealing with fires related to lithium-ion batteries.

Members were given a preview of 2 new videos soon to be promoted on social media.

Members requested further information and background relating to the advice provided during the recent fire at a Bradford industrial site and discussed the excellent progress made with Automated Fire Alarms (AFAs), ongoing work with responsible persons, controlled fires messaging and fires in secure units,

Resolved

That the report be noted

17. Quality of Service Surveys Annual Update

The Director of Corporate Services presented a report informing Members of the feedback from consultation on service delivery carried out during 2024/25, including the Quality of Service Surveys After the Incident Report, the Safe and Well Follow Up Survey Report and the School Safety Talk Visits Survey Report.

Members commented on the importance of the school visits and empowering young people to look after themselves.

Members challenged the report author on the response rates, despite them being higher than local council survey response rates, and the need to review the methods employed with the survey, including the introduction of a QR code to improve response rates from all sectors of society, whilst keeping in mind the initial set up costs and possible savings.

Members sought confirmation that feedback from the surveys is acted upon and lessons are learnt, including making improvements to materials provided at school visits, which are currently under review.

Resolved

That the report be noted

18. Spotlight On Case Studies

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 – Safer Summer Scheme 2025
- b) Calderdale – Community Game Changer Event
- c) Kirklees – Partnership Working in Dalton
- d) Leeds – RTC School Events and Summer Camp
- e) Wakefield – Working with the Community to Improve Safety
- f) Youth Intervention Team – Drive4Life

It was emphasised that the Spotlight Ons are just examples of initiatives going on across all Districts all the time and new initiatives are rolled out across the whole Service.

Members noted the Spotlight On reports and received them positively.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

Chair