West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Authority

Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date: 9 October 2026

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Councillor Fazal (in the Chair), Councillors Ali, Booth, Crashley, Dodds, Downes (as sub for Cllr Smith), Dresser, Patel, Seary and Walker,

Apologies:

Councillors Hardie and Smith

10. Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 July 2026

Resolved
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 July 2026 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

11. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

12. Urgent items

There were no urgent items

13. Admission of the public

There were no items requiring exclusion of the press or public

14. Declarations of interest

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

15. 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 2026 to 14 September 2026.

Members thanked the report author for the thorough report and the great work being done by the Service. The following topics were discussed in detail;

- Factors effecting response times, including rural areas, vehicle obstructions, restrictions on blue light speed exemptions, waiting for station doors to close before leaving the station to minimise occurrences of theft, road works, peak traffic, non-emergency call outs, including animal rescues and providing non urgent assistance to ambulance crews.
- The possibility of differentiating between intentional and accidental water related deaths so the reduction in accidental water related deaths can be recognised.
- If there are any disparities in statistics by district

Members were pleased to note that WYFRS surpasses all response targets when there is a threat to life

Resolved
That the report be noted

16. Annual Quality of Service Report 2025/26

The Head of Corporate Services presented a report informing Members of the feedback from the annual Quality of Service Surveys carried out during 2025/26.

Members thanked the report author for the detailed, informative report and requested information on the introduction of a feedback form for under 18s, different methods of capturing the data and increasing the response rates, in particular from older vulnerable adults, whether investigations into all negative feedback are made and the learning gained from these.

Members noted the significant disparity in white / non white figures

Resolved
That the report be noted

17. West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report informing Members of the purpose, role and activity of the West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum, including the 5-year strategy document of West Yorkshire Prepared.

Members noted the value of the local resilience groups working together and recognised that whilst Local Emergency Services could be overwhelmed in certain extreme circumstances the LRF is as prepared as best as it can be for all eventualities.

Resolved
That the report be noted

18. Youth Intervention Team (YIT) Annual Report

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which provided details of the progress and work carried out by the YIT for the 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The Chair welcomed the report and agreed the YIT are doing essential work within the communities of West Yorkshire and thanked the Team for their hard work.

Members who have attended YIT passing-out parades were pleased to report that the vulnerable children taking part had excelled and found the programme very rewarding.

Resolved
That the report be noted

19. 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 – Joint training
b) Calderdale – Water Safety Partnership
c) Kirklees – Partnership Working in Dewsbury
d) Leeds – Nitrous Oxide (NOS) Video
e) Wakefield – working within the community to improve safety
f) Youth Intervention – Sharps response

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 and recognised the partnerships developed across all Districts are huge and invaluable.

Resolved
That the report be noted.

Chair