

# Allerdale Borough Council

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 16 July 2021

### Governance of referrals to the Local Focus Hub

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<b>Wards affected</b>	All
<b>Is this a key decision</b>	No

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#### **1.0 The reason for the decision**

- 1.1 At its June meeting the Committee agreed to consider the Council's governance of its relationship with the Local Focus Hub and the process adopted to make referrals to the Hub. This report is to provide some background to this agenda item and any resulting decision.

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee considers governance of the Council's relationship with the Local Focus Hub.

#### **3.0 Background and Introduction**

- 3.1 Local Focus Hubs are an approved delivery agency on behalf of Safer Cumbria and contribute directly to the achievement of the Safer Cumbria objectives.
- 3.2 The Local Focus Hubs act as the Tactical Delivery Groups for the West Cumbria Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Hub takes direction and actions set by the Strategic Group of the Community Safety Partnership whilst also advising the Strategic Group on community priorities and links.

#### **4.0 Content**

- 4.1 There are two Local Focus Hubs (LFH) within West Cumbria. These are based within and serve the boundaries of the two Local Authority areas: Allerdale Borough and Copeland Borough.

#### 4.2 The aims and objectives of the Hubs are:

- Promote partnership working to prevent Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder
- Engage with local communities to proactively identify problem areas
- Tackle issues having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the local community.

The Local Focus Hubs are made up of partners from these agencies:

- Cumbria Constabulary
- the District Councils
- Cumbria County Council
- Cumbria Fire & Rescue
- Probation services
- Local registered providers of Social Housing
- Third sector agencies
- Other partners as necessary for each Local Focus Hub geographic area.

### **5.0 Delivery arrangements**

5.1 The Local Focus Hubs will arrange multi-agency meetings/responses with relevant partners in response to issues referred into the Hub. The referring agency will remain as the lead agency (in exceptional circumstances a different agency may be allocated as the lead agency, this will be upon agreement by all partners involved) and will attend any relevant meetings in order to assist the Local Focus Hub in co-ordinating the response.

Attendance at referral meetings should reflect the practitioner level as determined by each agency in order to form the best multi-agency response to that particular referral.

5.2 Referrals will only be made by a partner agency where that agency has exhausted all options to tackle the problem and therefore deems a multi-agency response is required.

5.3 The LFH hubs will co-ordinate and record the response to any referrals / issues and will keep a record of the actions allocated to each agency. Timescales for completion will be agreed by all partners involved within that response and each agency agrees to ensure actions are carried out and updates provided in a timely

manner. The LFH will collate the responses and assess what further co-ordination is required.

## **6.0 Implications and Impact**

### **6.1 Contribution to Council Strategy Priorities, Outputs and Outcomes**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee role is central to contributing improvements assisting the delivery of the Council Strategy.

### **6.2 Finance/Resource implications**

None directly from this report.

### **6.3 Legal and governance implications**

None directly from this report.

### **6.4 Risk analysis**

Not applicable.

### **6.5 Increasing satisfaction and service**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recognises the important contribution it makes to the Council's overall satisfaction.

### **6.6 Equality impacts**

None directly from this report.

### **6.7 Health and Safety impacts**

None directly from this report.

### **6.8 Health, wellbeing and community safety impacts**

None directly from this report.

### **6.9 Environmental/sustainability impacts**

None directly from this report.

### **6.10 Other significant implications**

None from this report.

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