

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP – 8 MARCH 2017

Title of report	DRAFT SAFER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2017-20
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Purpose of report	To allow Policy Development Group to make comment on the draft Safer North West Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2017-20
Reason for Decision	To comply with the Statutory obligation to produce a Community Safety Strategy and allow scrutiny
Council Priorities	Homes and Communities
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	The Council's Community Safety team co-ordinate the Strategy and administrate the partnership on behalf of its members.
Link to relevant CAT	No links to a CAT
Risk Management	Risk assessments will be completed as appropriate
Equalities Impact Screening	An Equality Impact screening has been undertaken and will continue to be reviewed.
Human Rights	None discernible, the policy seeks to address human rights
Transformational Government	This relates to the new ways in which council's are being asked to deliver their services.
Comments of Head of Paid	Report is satisfactory

Service	
Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer	Report is satisfactory
Consultees	Safer North West Community Safety Partnership
Background papers	Contained as Appendices
Recommendations	1) TO NOTE AND COMMENT ON THE SAFER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY FOR 2017-20 AND DRAFT ACTION PLAN FOR 2017/18

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 introduced Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) and required relevant locality partners to work together in a constructive manner. The Safer North West Community Safety Partnership (SNWP) was formed in 1998 and partners include the District Council, County Council, Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Fire Service, Probation, West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and others. The partnership has some statutory obligations including substance misuse and reducing reoffending as well as being responsible for dealing with a wide variety of crime and disorder issues.
- 1.2 Each Partnership is required to have a strategic group that directs the work of the partnership and holds each partner to account for the work they are doing on the agreed partnership priorities. There is also a requirement for all partners to share information, this is integral to the work of the partnership at a strategic and tactical level.
- 1.3 CSP's should regularly engage with the community about the priorities that have been set and the progress that they have achieved. This is typically through the production and monitoring of a three year strategy and an annual review of partnership priorities and actions. There is also a requirement for all CSP's to be able to commission a Domestic Homicide review should the need occur.
- 1.4 Local Authorities have the role of scrutiny of Community Safety Partnerships and this function is delegated to the Policy Development Group (PDG) of the Council. An annual report will be presented to PDG for its consideration and comment.

2.0 THE SAFER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (SNWP)

- 2.1 The SNWP is chaired by Councillor Trevor Pendleton as Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and it meets on a quarterly basis. It has a regular attendance from partners

including the County Council, Police, Fire, Probation and CCG at its meetings or sub-groups.

2.2 The SNWP has recently produced its latest statutory (draft) three year strategy 2017-20 (see Appendix 1) which sets out how the partners will work together to enhance the safety of the community in the current environment. At the partnerships last meeting (26 January 2017) it agreed three broad themes which will stay constant for the next three years and guide the overarching work of the Partnership. The draft strategy and any comments received from PDG and partners will be finalised and adopted by the SNWP at its next meeting on 23 March 2017.

2.3 The three themes for 2017-20 of the SNWP will be as follows;

- To make our community safer for residents, communities, business and visitors
- To support and protect all those who are vulnerable within our community
- To work in partnership to achieve better value in what we deliver to residents, communities, business and visitors

The overarching principles of reduce re-offending and value for money will be embedded into the annual priorities and actions of each theme.

2.4 A strategic assessment is produced during quarter 3 each year giving the latest facts, statistics, trends and knowledge from within partner organisations to help identify which annual priorities should be adopted within the three themes. This enables the SNWP to be responsive to the changing risks in our community on an annual basis. The strategic assessment for 2017/18 has been produced and the summary can be seen at Appendix 2.

2.5 Each partner organisation will still identify and deliver their own areas of focus for the forthcoming year but they will also contribute to and deliver against the SNWP priorities and actions.

2.6 The SNWP at its meeting 26 January 2017 also proposed three priorities (see below) which are now being developed during February and March into the annual action plan. The draft action plan will be circulated and presented at the meeting as it is still being formulated with partners. Following comments it will then be finalised and agreed at the SNWP meeting on 23 March 2017. Thereafter the action plan will be a standing agenda item and reported on and performance managed at each SNWP meeting.

3.0 2017/18 PROPOSED PRIORITIES

3.1 The last SNWP meeting proposed the following areas from the strategic assessment which will be a priority in the action plan for 2017/18;

- Violent Crime including Domestic Abuse and Night Time Economy
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Cybercrime

4.0 VIOLENT CRIME INCLUDING DOMESTIC ABUSE AND NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

4.1 Domestic abuse remains under reported in the district, statistically there are many instances of domestic abuse that remain unreported to the police or other organisations. The district has seen an increase of reporting, this appears to suggest that victims are increasingly reporting incidents which can be used to target both preventative measures as well as perpetrators

4.1.1 The Partnership will continue to work with the Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland Domestic Abuse Delivery Group and other organisations that support victims. Hotspot areas will be identified and appropriate measures taken including awareness campaigns at high risk times to support victims and deter perpetrators.

4.1.2 In particular the Partnership will look to;

- Educate residents about domestic abuse
- Assist victims to report domestic abuse
- Support victims of domestic abuse
- Bringing perpetrators to justice where appropriate
- Work with perpetrators to prevent re-offending

4.2 The Night time economy remains an area of concern in the district and it is therefore proposed to work with all interested partners including licensed premises, Taxi companies and food outlets to identify hotspots that can be targeted. Support will be given to initiatives that reduce crime and disorder for example the Ashby Street Pastors.

4.2.1 The SNWP will also ensure that the premises who are part of the night time economy are working together for a safer environment by supporting and enhancing meetings including Pubwatch.

4.2.2 In particular the Partnership will look to;

- Support voluntary organisations including Street Pastors
- Support the licensing service to regulate premises and taxis
- Improve the use of CCTV
- Support the Ashby Purple Flag application
- Identify 'high risk' areas
- Work with organisations outside the partnership with similar priorities
- Implement crime reduction campaigns

5.0 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

5.1 Anti Social Behaviour is a regular and frequent cause for concern in the district and where ASB is targeted at a particular individual or group of people the SNWP will aim to reduce the effects by prompt action.

5.1.1 The partnership will continue to share information on Sentinel and work together to target perpetrators. By sharing information effectively the appropriate organisation can respond to the cause of the ASB, educate perpetrators where appropriate or take legal action in the form of a criminal prosecution or civil action using community protection notices or civil injunctions.

5.1.2 Environmental ASB is also an issue in the district and where there are open spaces that are being used inappropriately targeted work will be undertaken for the benefit of the community. Where new estates are being developed the partnership will look to work with interested partners including developers to design out open space Environmental ASB.

5.1.3 In particular the Partnership will look to;

- Resolve long standing unresolved disputes
- Develop mediation processes
- Work with developers to reduce open space ASB
- Support vulnerable people from being drawn into ASB
- Support bringing perpetrators to justice
- Increase the use of civil powers where appropriate

6.0 CYBER CRIME

6.1 Cyber Crime is widely recognised as being vastly under reported nationally, offences are reported to Action Fraud who allocate investigations only if there are possible lines of enquiry. Evidence suggests the public are unaware of simple preventative measures and so the partnership will work with the Government, Police and Crime Commissioner and others to raise the profile of the problem.

6.1.1 Cyber 'essentials' will assist in the education of local business as any organisation can be exposed to common cyber attacks that typically include computers that are capable of connecting to the internet, laptops, tablets, and smartphones. This type of crime can be committed from many places and from many different countries and can be targeted at the young, old, vulnerable, organisations and businesses. Therefore crime prevention is the most effective tool the partnership has.

6.1.2 In particular the Partnership will look to;

- Promote Cyber 'essentials'
- Work with Schools to educate students
- Work with business to improve security
- Work with Partner organisations to improve security
- Deliver a range of awareness campaigns

7.0 NEXT STEPS

7.1 Comments received from PDG will be used to inform the final draft 3 year SNWP Strategy 2017-20 and the 2017/18 Annual Action Plan for adoption by the SNWP at its next meeting on 23 March 2017.

7.2 The adopted SNWP Strategy 2017-20 will be presented to Cabinet for its information on 13 June 2017.

