

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2017**

Report Title	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2017 - 2020</b>
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Purpose of report	To ask Council to note the Community Safety Strategy 2017-2020.
Council priorities	Homes and Communities.
Implications:	The Strategy will inform the Community Safety Partnership's priorities and work agenda for 2017/18.
Financial/Staff	<p>The Partnership receives funding from Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner, NWLDC and Leicestershire County Council to carry out community safety work.</p> <p>The Council's community safety team co-ordinates the work of the Partnership.</p>
Link to relevant CAT	N/A
Risk Management	Risk assessments will be completed for the priorities as appropriate
Equalities Impact Screening	Equality Impact Assessments are being reviewed, any issues identified will be actioned promptly.
Human Rights	None discernible
Transformational Government	None
Comments of Head of Paid Service	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer	Report is satisfactory

Consultees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Safer North West Leicestershire Partnership</li> <li>- The Policy and Development Group</li> </ul>
Background papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy Development Group minutes <a href="https://minutes-1.nwleics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=127&amp;MId=1661&amp;Ver=4">https://minutes-1.nwleics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=127&amp;MId=1661&amp;Ver=4</a></li> <li>- The PCC Police and Crime Plan <a href="#">PCC Crime Plan</a></li> <li>- Crime and Disorder Act 1998 <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/contents</a></li> <li>- Police Reform Act 2002 <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/30/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/30/contents</a></li> <li>- Police and Justice Act 2006 <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/48/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/48/contents</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Safer North West Action Plan 2017/18</a></li> </ul>
Recommendations	<b>COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THE NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2017-2020</b>

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act required Community Safety Partnerships to be set up and placed an obligation on local authorities and police to work together to implement a strategy to tackle crime and disorder in their area. Since this time further legislation has expanded the remit of the partnership and made more organisations, such as CCG's, also accountable for community safety. Over the past decade Community Safety Partnerships have encouraged a more joined up way of working which has contributed to a sustained fall in crime.
- 1.2 Every three years each Community Safety Partnership is required by law to produce a strategy, informed by a strategic assessment, which outlines the activities it plans to undertake. The strategy identifies themes and trends for the partnership to focus on and provide a framework for delivery. The strategic assessment is refreshed annually to identify emerging threats and to set new priorities.
- 1.3 The Safer North West Partnership (SNWP) brings together a number of agencies with a shared commitment to reducing crime and disorder in the district. The Partnership is made up of a number of organisations including;
- North West Leicestershire District Council
  - Leicestershire County Council
  - Leicestershire Police
  - Leicestershire Fire & Rescue
  - National Probation Service
  - Turning Point
  - West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
  - Leicestershire Fire Authority
- 1.4 The statutory agencies in the Partnership work closely with other agencies and individuals such as social housing providers, youth offending service, drug and alcohol service

providers, youth groups, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and voluntary organisations. The Partnership aims to bring together people and organisations that are committed to having an impact on crime and disorder and who wish to support our local communities. The Partnership not only focuses on crime and disorder but strives to improve the general wellbeing of all members of the community. By working together we ensure that agencies are not working in isolation and that resources are targeted effectively and where they are needed.

- 1.5 The Partnership will receive funding of £34,500 from Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner in 17/18 to carry out community safety work. This is in addition to NWLDC's revenue budget allocation to community safety of £12,000 and an ASB budget of £2000.
- 1.6 The NWLDC Community Safety Team co-ordinates the work of the SNWLP and comprises;
  - o Community Safety Team Leader
  - o Community Safety Officer - Anti-Social Behaviour
  - o Community Safety Officer - Vulnerable Adults (part time)
  - o Community Safety Officer – Equalities (part time)

## **2.0 CURRENT POSITION**

- 2.1 Over the last three years there has been excellent partnership working delivering some positive results, these include the reduction in crime at the Download festival that has previously been considered a crime hotspot. However, according to the latest figures supplied by Leicestershire Police to the SNWP overall crime in North West Leicestershire has increased by 67 crimes in the previous 12 months. The partnership will continue to work together to bring together joint targets, business plans and targeted initiatives to reduce overall crime. ASB remains a key area of focus for the Partnership as last year's incidents increased by 129 reports. There are some promising activities with the Council having already achieved one long term injunction and two closure orders.
- 2.2 The changing face of crime is not yet fully reflected in the crime statistics, with cyber enabled crimes making up an estimated 48% of all crime, but these types of crime attract low levels of reporting. Increases in hate crime during the second half of year are also starting to affect the overall approach to crime, whilst low in number, the potential severity and harm caused by offences is significant for the partnership.
- 2.3 During the past two years there have been a number of changes which have impacted upon community safety such as policing numbers reducing, finance reducing and assets being rationalised. The police have adapted their approach and retained neighbourhood policing whilst closing the Coalville Police Station and relocating into the Coalville Fire Station. A further change has seen Turning Point awarded the contract for drug and alcohol provision Countywide but with an office in Coalville.
- 2.4 The funding allocated to the SNWP from the PCC is allocated to projects and initiatives that support the priorities contained within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan and this is reflected in our action planning.

## **3.0 EVIDENCE EVALUATED FOR 2017-2020 STRATEGY**

- 3.1 In order to compile the 2017-2020 Strategy, information was considered from The Partnership Strategic Assessment for North West Leicestershire which looks at levels of crime, highlights any changes since the last assessment and helps identify current and possible future crime, disorder and substance misuse trends.

- 3.2 Consideration was given to the most recent police crime figures in the district and a workshop was held with partner agencies to decide the priorities and strategic direction of the Partnership for 2017/18.
- 3.3 Consideration was also given to the priorities of The Police and Crime Commissioner, Leicestershire County Council and North West Leicestershire District Council.

#### **4.0 THE PRIORITIES**

4.1 For 2017-2020, the SNWP will work to three main themes. Supporting actions have been formulated under each theme in response to trends and challenges that have emerged over the past 3 years and include 2 statutory obligations.

- a. To make our community safer for residents, communities, business and visitors
- b. To support and protect all those who are vulnerable within our community
- c. To work in partnership to achieve better value in what we deliver to residents, communities, business and visitors
- d. To tackle substance misuse (statutory)
- e. To reduce re-offending (statutory)

4.2 Each year new priorities will be set using an evidence based methodology. The priorities set here are the 3 priorities for the SNWLP for 2017-18. These will change each year in March based on the annual strategic assessment;

**Priority 1:** - Increasing community confidence by effectively addressing Anti-social behaviour and its causes.

**Priority 2:** - Protecting those that live work and visit the district from the effects of violence.

**Priority 3:** - Support for business, schools and residents to reduce the risk of Cybercrime

#### **5.0 KEY ACTIONS**

5.1 The Community Safety Strategy is supported by an outcome focussed Action Plan which will be monitored by the SNWP. The action plan is divided into three sections to reflect each of the Partnership priorities detailed above.

5.2 The Action Plan contains headline actions which are broken down into tasks or milestones to be achieved each quarter.

#### **6.0 DELIVERING THE STRATEGY**

6.1 The Community Safety Strategy will be supported by the Action Plan which will be actively monitored by the SNWP. Status reports and updates will inform the Partnership of progress against the action plan at the bi-monthly partnership meetings.

#### **7.0 FUTURE STRATEGY REFRESH**

7.1 The recent Community Safety Strategy for 2017-2020 enables the partnership to change the priorities annually to this end, using information from community consultation, police intelligence and crime figures we will create a new strategic assessment that will then be used to set the new priorities for 2018/19. This gives us the flexibility to adapt to the changing face of crime, and can reflect our success. This strategy will support the priorities contained within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.