

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – 29 JULY 2014

Title of report	COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2014-17
Key Decision	a) Financial No b) Community Yes
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Purpose of report	To ask Cabinet to note the Community Safety Strategy 2014-17. A copy of the strategy can be found at Appendix 1.
Reason for Decision	To comply with the Council's constitution and statutory duty to produce a Community Safety Strategy every three years, refreshed annually.
Council Priorities	Homes and Communities
Implications:	The Strategy will inform the Community Safety Partnership's priorities and work agenda for 2014-17.
Financial/Staff	The Council's Community Safety Team co-ordinates the work of the Safer North West Partnership.
Link to relevant CAT	Supporting North West Leicestershire Families CAT
Risk Management	Risk assessments will be completed as appropriate
Equalities Impact Assessment	An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken, any issues identified will be included in the partnership's action plan
Human Rights	None discernible
Transformational Government	Not applicable
Comments of Head of Paid Service	Report is satisfactory

Comments of Section 151 Officer	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Monitoring Officer	Report is satisfactory
Consultees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Safer North West Partnership - Strategic Assessment, of which public consultation informs part of this document
Background papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The PCC Police and Crime Plan (2013 refresh) http://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/Planning-and-Money/Police-and-Crime-Plan/Police-and-Crime-Plan.aspx NWL Community Safety Strategic Assessment (published February 2014) http://www.lsr-online.org/reports - Crime and Disorder Act 1998 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/contents - Police Reform Act 2002 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/30/contents - Police and Justice Act 2006 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/48/contents -Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/contents/enacted
Recommendations	CABINET ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THE NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2014-17

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act required Community Safety Partnerships (formerly called Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships) to be established 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 partnerships and made more organisations, such as clinical commissioning groups, 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 strategic assessment, which outlines the activities it plans to undertake. The strategy identifies priorities and trends for the partnership to focus on and provides a framework for delivery. The strategy is refreshed annually to respond to emerging threats and to ensure that the priorities are still relevant.

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 Service
- National Probation Service (from May 2014)
- Community Rehabilitation Company (details should be known by autumn 2014 following a commissioning process as part of transforming rehabilitation)
- West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

1.4 The statutory agencies in the Partnership work closely with other agencies and individuals such as social housing providers, youth offending service, drug & alcohol service providers, youth groups, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and voluntary organisations amongst others. 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 well being of all members of the community. By working together we can ensure that agencies are not working in isolation and that resources are targeted effectively where they are needed.

1.5 The Partnership will receive funding this year from Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner (£25,100) and Leicestershire County Council (£11,250 for domestic abuse outreach) to carry out specific community safety work. This is in addition to NWLDC's revenue budget allocation to community safety.

1.6 The NWLDC Community Safety Team co-ordinates the work of The Safer North West Partnership and comprises;

Community Safety Team Leader: Sarah Favell
Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator: Dave Burge
Community Safety Officer: Gillian Haluch (part time)

Externally funded positions;

Nighttime Economy Officer: Catherine Ridgeway (post shared with Charnwood)
Supporting Futures Project Officer: Rory Perera

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 In the past year, crime in North West Leicestershire has reduced by 7% and anti-social behaviour is down 4%. This means that crime across the District has now fallen year on year for seven years and anti-social behaviour has fallen consistently for the past four years. It is particularly encouraging that serious acquisitive crime has gone down 19%.

2.2 During the past two years there have been many changes which have impacted upon community safety, not least the introduction of Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Sir Clive Loader. As a result, the way community safety partnerships are funded has changed dramatically which has reduced the funding available to the Safer North West Partnership and influenced the 2014-17 Strategy.

- 2.3 The funding allocated to the Safer North West Partnership from the PCC must be spent on pre-agreed projects and initiatives which support the priorities contained within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. Funding will also be received from LCC this year for domestic abuse outreach work.

3.0 EVIDENCE EVALUATED FOR 2014-17 STRATEGY

- 3.1 In order to compile the 2014-17 Strategy, information was considered from The Partnership Strategic Assessment for North West Leicestershire which looks at levels of crime, views from the community on issues that matter to them, 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 2014/15 and beyond.
- 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 2014-17, the Safer North West Partnership will work to three main priorities which are;

Priority 1: **Tackle Violent Crime and Abuse**

Priority 2: **Tackle Acquisitive Crime**

Priority 3: **Respond Effectively to Anti-social Behaviour**

- 4.2 Under each priority, the strategy outlines a number of ways in which the partnership will work to achieve these;

Tackle Violent Crime and Abuse

- Encourage reporting of domestic abuse and offer appropriate support
- Address violent crime linked to the night time economy, particularly that which is alcohol related
- Support work at reducing sexual exploitation
- Support early intervention work

Tackle Acquisitive Crime

- Respond to acquisitive crime hotspots and trends
- Carry out proactive enforcement work
- Support early intervention work

Respond Effectively to Anti-social Behaviour

- Provide early intervention by engaging with young people at risk of committing ASB and diverting them into positive activities

- Support the most vulnerable ASB complainants where risk factors may increase the likelihood of victimisation
- Ensure that planned reform to ASB legislation is successfully implemented

5.0 DELIVERING THE STRATEGY

- 5.1 The Community Safety Strategy is supported by an outcome focussed action plan which will be actively monitored by the SNWP. The action plan is divided into three sections to reflect each of the Partnership priorities. The Plan contains headline actions which are broken down into tasks or milestones to be achieved each quarter. Status reports and updates will inform the Partnership of progress against the action plan at the bi-monthly partnership meetings.
- 5.2 The delivery framework for the strategy is included and outlines local operational forums as well as county wide strategic groups which support local delivery.

6.0 FUTURE STRATEGY REFRESH

- 6.1 The Community Safety Strategy for 2014-17 will be refreshed early in 2015 using information from the Strategic assessment, community consultation and crime figures. This Strategy will support the priorities contained within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.