

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – 14 JUNE 2016

Title of report	COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2014-17 (2016 REFRESH)
Key Decision	a) Financial No b) Community Yes
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Purpose of report	For Cabinet to note the 2016 annual refresh of the Community Safety Strategy 2014-17
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 refresh will inform the Community Safety Partnership's priorities and work plan for 2016-17.
Financial/Staff	The Council's Community Safety Team co-ordinates the work of the Safer North West Partnership.
Link to relevant CAT	N/A
Risk Management	Risk assessments will be completed as appropriate
Equalities Impact Screening	An Equality Impact screening has been considered during the refresh.
Human Rights	None discernible
Transformational Government	N/A
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	The Safer North West Partnership Office of The Police and Crime Commissioner
Background papers	<p>The Community Safety Strategy 2014-17</p> <p>The PCC Police and Crime Plan 2013-17 (refreshed) http://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/Planning-and-Money/Police-and-Crime-Plan/Police-and-Crime-Plan.aspx</p> <p>Crime and Disorder Act 1998 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/contents</p> <p>Police Reform Act 2002 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/30/contents</p> <p>Police and Justice Act 2006 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/48/contents</p> <p>Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/contents/enacted</p>
Recommendations	<p>CABINET ARE REQUESTED TO:</p> <p>1) NOTE THE NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2014-17 (2016 REFRESH) AND PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN FOR 2016-17</p>

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
 - Reducing Reoffending Partnership
 - 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, 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 In 2016/17 The Partnership will receive £41,523 from The Office of Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner for agreed work and campaigns to support their Crime Plan. This is in addition to NWLDC's revenue budget allocation to community safety of £14,000. The Partnership will need to provide regular budget updates and performance information to the Police and Crime Commissioner as part of their monitoring process.
- 1.6 The NWLDC Community Safety Team co-ordinates the work of The Safer North West Partnership and comprises;

Community Safety Team Leader: Currently being recruited too
Community Safety Co-ordinator: Currently being recruited too
Children and Vulnerable Adults Officer: Gillian Haluch (part time)

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Over recent years we have seen reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour in the District, the continuation of an encouraging downward trend. Since the strategy was published in April 2014 partners have worked hard to reduce crime, with a particular focus on violent offences. Targeted work during periods of increased footfall in our town centres has been particularly successful, such as the significant 76% reduction in violent crime seen in the first three months following introduction of body worn cameras for door staff in Ashby in December 2014.
- 2.2 During recent years there have been many changes which have impacted upon community safety, not least the introduction of Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). As a result, the way community safety partnerships are funded has changed with the focus moving to centralised commissioning against County wide priorities. This has reduced available funds for the District based Community Safety teams and the Safer Partnerships which affects resources for the delivery of actions within the 2014-17 Strategy.

- 2.3 The funding allocated to the Safer North West Partnership from the PCC must also now be spent on pre-agreed projects and initiatives which support the priorities contained within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

3.0 THE STRATEGY PRIORITIES 2014-17

- 3.1 The Safer North West Partnership work to the Strategies 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 and Hate Incidents

- 3.2 Under each priority, the strategy outlines how the partnership will work together to achieve the reduction in crime or how we are able to assist others in reducing that type of crime. Strategically these methods remain the same as the previous year, however we will look to problem solve the hotspots and issues as they are identified.

Tackle Violent Crime and Abuse

- Encourage reporting of domestic abuse and offer appropriate support
- Support work aimed at reducing sexual exploitation
- Tackle violent crime linked to the night time economy
- Support early intervention work to reduce the impact of substance misuse

Tackle Acquisitive Crime

- Respond to acquisitive crime hotspots and trends
- Carry out proactive enforcement work
- Support early intervention work to reduce the impact of substance misuse
- Support rural crime initiatives
- Support crime initiatives in our town centres

Respond Effectively to Anti-social Behaviour and Hate Incidents

- Support early intervention by engaging with young people at risk of committing ASB or being radicalised
- Support the most vulnerable ASB complainants where risk factors may increase the likelihood of victimisation
- Ensure that new ASB legislation is successfully embedded into local processes
- Encourage victims to report hate crime and incidents
- Work to support the Prevent agenda

4.0 EVIDENCE EVALUATED FOR 2016 STRATEGY REFRESH

- 4.1 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.

- 4.2 However, for the 2016 annual refresh which informs the annual Partnership Action Plan consideration has been given to the most recent police crime figures in the District, emerging community issues and also any new Countywide priorities.
- 4.3 In particular, the latest figures have highlighted there has been an increase in acquisitive crime in the District. Burglaries have increased by 97 this year, while Theft from motor vehicles have increased by 86, this supports the continued need for actions to reduce the increase as far as possible.
- 4.4 There have been reasonable reductions in the numbers of reported violent crime, assaults with injury have decreased by 88 and domestic assaults have decreased by 35, however with the re-opening of a nightclub in Coalville and the possible additional late night opening hours in Ashby, it has been decided to maintain actions focussing on reducing violent crime in order to assist the night time economy at the same time as maintaining a safe environment for the public.
- 4.5 Local intelligence has also highlighted two areas for enhanced partnership work;
- **Download** has been highlighted as a great example of how to reduce crime at festivals; this follows a year on year reduction in crime. This year sees a new event management team and a return to a cash based event, which is likely to increase crime this year.
 - **Vehicle crime** has seen an increase over the last 12 months, we will work together to highlight trends and hotspots and target those areas causing the most concern.

- 4.6 Countywide priorities have also highlighted a need for the following;

A focus on PREVENT

The government have allocated grants to district to enable work to commence on the Prevent strategy,

We will focus our efforts in the following areas

- A program to increase awareness in schools
- Investment in the Warning Zone to raise awareness with young children.
- By training all front line staff and raising awareness of office staff

A focus on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Local intelligence suggests there is a need within the district. Last year's work with Chelsea's Choice, was very successful, we will therefore continue this during 2016/2017. We will also highlight the benefits of CEASE within the district.

5.0 DELIVERING THE 2016-17 ACTION PLAN

- 5.1 The annual Partnership action plan is attached at Appendix 1 and 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 and will be shared with the PCC as a requirement of funding.

5.2 The emerging priorities listed in 4.3 – 4.6 have been embedded into the 2016-17 Partnership Action Plan as part of the annual refresh.

6.0 FUTURE STRATEGY 2017-2020

6.1 Work will begin on the Community Safety Strategy for 2017-20 in August 2016. It will be necessary to gather as much information as possible for a strategic assessment, the next priorities will be based on the needs of the district, the proposed changes and challenges and the resources available.