

REPORT TITLE: COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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PURPOSE

For the purpose of Section 19 of the Police & Justice Act 2006, this Committee acts as the Council's Crime & Disorder Committee and as such is responsible for reviewing and scrutinising the decisions and work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

This report provides an update on the progress made by the Partnership against the priorities and actions emerging from the Strategic Assessment 2019. It covers the period 1 April 2019 to December 2019. The acting District Police Commander will be available at the meeting to respond to questions raised by the Committee in relation to the report and if required a verbal update in relation to police statistics can be provided.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee consider whether there are any matters of significance it wants to draw to the attention of the Cabinet Member for Built Environment & Wellbeing or Cabinet.

IMPLICATIONS:1 COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOME1.1 **Tackling the climate emergency and creating a greener district**

1.2 The Neighbourhood Services team have started to replace current diesel vehicles with electric vehicles as each lease comes up for renewal, to date we have replaced one and another is on order.

1.3 The 2020 business plan for estate improvements includes greater use of flora and fauna that absorbs/neutralises carbon.

1.4 **Vibrant local Economy**

1.5 The CSP works in partnership with the BID and Hampshire Constabulary to reduce crime & disorder in relation to the night-time economy.

1.6 The ASB lead within Neighbourhood Services Team is currently reviewing the alcohol control zone in accordance with new legislation, if agreed the current zone will become a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), due to be in place October 2020.

1.7 **Living Well**

1.8 Neighbourhood Services and Housing Tenancy work alongside Hampshire Constabulary to tackle the issues related to transient drug dealing.

1.9 The Community Safety (CS) team supports the operational and strategic groups aimed at tackling homelessness and rough sleeping.

1.10 **Your services, your voice**

1.11 Neighbourhood Services work alongside Tenants & Council Together (TACT) and community groups to consult of estate improvements.

1.12 The CS team work in partnership with ward councillors and community representatives to understand and provide remedial action to crime & disorder concerns.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2.1 All of the work undertaken via the Community Safety Partnership is either provided using existing resources or as Government grant funding passported and managed by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

2.2 The budget allocated for the delivery of the City Council's Community Safety and Neighbourhood service showed an outturn of £345k in 2018/19, against a net budget of £352k.

3 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Under section 19 of the Police & Justice Act 2006, the City Council is required to establish a 'Crime & Disorder Committee' with the power to review and scrutinise decisions made and other action taken in connection with the discharge of crime & disorder functions by responsible authorities (which include the City and County Council, National Probation Service, Hampshire constabulary, Hants Fire & Rescue Service and Clinical Commissioning Group).

3.2 The Committee has a power to make reports and recommendations to the City Council and the County with regard to the discharge of those functions. A member of the City Council must be able to have a local crime & disorder matter placed on the agenda of the Committee. As the City Council operates executive arrangements (with a Cabinet), the Committee must be a Scrutiny Committee.

4 WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Delivery of Community Safety work is a partnership activity, managed by the Neighbourhood Service & Community Safety Manager. Amongst other core activity, the Neighbourhood Service Team actively supports the work of the CSP by responding to community concerns and issues related to Fly Tip, Anti-Social Behaviour and Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO).

5 PROPERTY AND ASSET IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6 CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

6.1 The development of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and the subsequent delivery plan is completed in consultation with statutory, non-statutory partners and community representatives.

6.2 The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing is the chair of the Community Safety Partnership and is fully informed of partnership activity via regular update meetings with the Neighbourhood Service and Community Safety Manager.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 Effective management of the Community Safety Partnership promotes a positive environment approach for those who live, work or visit the district.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSEMENT

8.1 The writer of this report has turned their mind to the considerations within the Equalities Act 2010 and an Equalities Impact Assessment is required further to the Equality Act 2010 prior to making decisions.

9 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1 None

10 RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk	Mitigation	Opportunities
<i>Property - none</i>		
<i>Community Support – Insufficient staff resource to cover the priority areas of the Town Forum.</i>	Staffing levels are set at a minimum of 3 wherever possible to cover core hours.	The merger of two teams (Estates Services, Neighbourhood Services & Community Safety) has provided greater resilience to the team.
<i>Timescales – To meet the requirements of legislation the PSPO must be in place before or on 25th October 2020.</i>	A briefing report which includes consultation is already in place, alongside the Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.	
<i>Project capacity - none</i>		
<i>Financial / VfM - none</i>		
<p><i>Legal – statutory duty to deliver against Government legislation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Crime & Disorder Act 1998</i> • <i>Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015</i> • <i>Modern Slavery Act 2015</i> • <i>ASB Police & Crime Act 2014</i> • <i>DV Crime & Victims Act 2004 (section 9)</i> <p><i>New Statutory duty:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Violent Reduction Units (section 6 of the serious violence strategy as amended in the Crime & Disorder Act 1998)</i> 	<p>Ensure that staff resource is at an appropriate skill level to deliver against the various duties.</p> <p>CSP to include serious violence as an explicit priority within CSP Strategy and delivery plan.</p>	
<i>Innovation - none</i>		
<i>Reputation – Partnership working arrangements.</i>	Ensure the professional integrity of all staff/partner contact is maintained.	Increase opportunity for greater communication using social media e.g.

		responding to Facebook forums.
<i>Other</i>		

11 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

- 11.1 For the purpose of Section 19 of the Police & Justice Act 2006, this Committee acts as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee and as such is responsible for reviewing and scrutinising the decisions and work of the Community Safety Partnership.
- 11.2 The Committee is asked to consider this report as part of its role as the Council's Crime & Disorder Committee.
- 11.3 This report forms part of the regular performance and financial monitoring process designed to check progress in delivering the Council's Crime & Disorder Committee.
- 11.4 The Community Safety work plan for 2019/20 focuses on 3 priority categories, they are:
- a) Domestic Violence and Abuse
 - b) Protecting Vulnerable People
 - c) Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

The information listed in **Appendix 1** to this report is the Community Safety Delivery Plan update that provides a progress report against the actions and objectives the Community Safety Partnership is delivering against, it broadly covers the period 1 April 2019 to December 2019.

- 11.5 The data in **Appendix 2** is produced by the Acting Police District Commander as a crime summary. The latter part of this document summary provides information at Parish level.

Community Safety & Neighbourhood Services – Performance Update

- 11.6 During the last year the Community Safety & Neighbourhood Services team has worked with other services across the City Council to deliver against the council's Corporate Strategy. **Examples** of that work are listed below:
- a) **Conducted 108** site visits to fly tips within this reporting period, of those **87** cases were closed as no evidence was found, **21** were investigated further and **7** of those were invited in for interview under caution, those cases are still under investigation.¹ Of the **21**, **5** cases have now been closed because we

¹ Evidence collection – when evidence is collected it can take some time to ascertain the facts and may delay the prosecution process. For example evidence found in a fly tip in 2019 may not be heard in court until 2020. The data related to this report is a snapshot in time, other cases may have come to fruition either side of this reporting period.

have been unable to locate the offenders, **3** other cases were closed because witnesses withdrew their statements and/or refused to attend court, **2** cases are with the legal services awaiting a prosecution date, **1** case has been closed in Hampshire because Dorset Constabulary are investigating a criminal offence linked to it (theft of a container), **1** case was transferred to the Environment Protection Team as part of a wider investigation with the Environment Agency, **1** written warning was issued by legal, **1** case was presented to Magistrates Court whereby the magistrate acknowledged the offence had taken place but gave the defendant an absolute discharge because of personal circumstance.

- b) **Investigated 2** cases from 2018 that continued into 2019² they resulted in the issue of **2** Fixed penalty notices (FPN's) of £400 to two members of one household. The other case was presented to the Magistrates court after they failed to pay a £400 FPN in 2018, this resulted in a £1,000 fine, £1,000 Costs and £100 victim surcharge.
- c) **Responded to 137** anti-social behaviour online report forms via Your Winchester, **34** were rural concerns and **58** urban (a further **45** were in undisclosed locations).
- d) **Served 5** Community Protection Warning (CPW) letters, **2** for begging, **2** alcohol related anti-social behaviour **1** for leaving waste in a communal area. Of those **2** progressed to Community Protection Notices (CPN), **1** for breach of CPW for begging and the other for breach of leaving waste in Communal areas.
- e) **Attended** court to prosecute the breach of CPN for persistent begging within the city location. In the defendants absence the Magistrates found them guilty of the breach on two occasions and issued a £60 fine, £30 victim surcharge and £60 costs.
- f) **Assisted** in the reduction of begging incidents between November and January when compared to the same period last year, which showed a 33% reduction (**67** as opposed to **88**).
- g) **Supported** Fresher's Fayre across the Town Forum area, with the additional support of Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service in 2019. As in previous years over **700** properties were visited and given a 'Welcome' booklet. The Fire Service gave out some Smoke Alarms and are hoping to lead into the 2020 arrangements with a fire safety event aimed at HMO Landlords.
- h) **Collaborated** with internal and external partners to reduce incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour hot spot locations, there are **6** are still actively being monitored³.
- i) **Championed** the re-launch of Community Courts, they showed a turn out rate of **7** offenders against **6** courts convened.

² Prosecution process – some cases can start as investigation in one year and continue into the next year before we get to the prosecution stage.

³ ASB Hot Spots – include incidents related to Noise, Youth Nuisance, Substance Misuse impacts, Begging, Alcohol fuelled street activity.

- j) **Attended** various community focused groups/events across the district. For example neighbourhood forums, student volunteer events and tenant participation groups.

12 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12.1 The Council is a responsible authority within the Community Safety Partnership, no other options to be considered.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:-

Previous Committee Reports:-

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – OS215 Performance review 20 March 2019

Other Background Documents:-

The Community Safety Partnership 'Plan on a Page' infographic – allows the reader to click on icons to see the updates relating to Performance, Funding and Case Studies.

Case studies – follow the link below to access the webpage and click on the icon (case studies).

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/community-safety-and-neighbourhood-services/winchester-community-safety-partnership>.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Winchester Community Safety Partnership Delivery Plan – Progress Report

Appendix 2 Winchester Safer Neighbourhood Policing – Progress Report