

REPORT TITLE: ANNUAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PERFORMANCE UPDATE

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WARD(S): ALL

PURPOSE

As the Crime and Disorder Committee, the Scrutiny Committee 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 2025. It covers the period 1 April 2025 to 31 December 2025¹.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee acknowledge the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) progress report and agree any matters of significance with the Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities.

¹ Data – only the first 3 quarters of the 2025/26 data has been collected due to the timing of the Scrutiny Committee.

IMPLICATIONS:1 COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOME

1.1 Greener Faster

1.2 In light of recent housing restructure, the community safety team are sharing 1 electric fleet vehicle between two Community Safety Accredited Patrol Officers.

1.3 Thriving Places

1.4 Public Space is a focus for the community safety partnership in terms of making it more attractive to those who visit or reside in Winchester. The partnership puts in place targeted activity that aims to reduce the incidence of street based ASB and serious violence i.e. Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) initiative within the night-time economy, Public Space Protection Order in place to manage alcohol related ASB and multi-agency operations agreed to provide intervention for those rough sleeping, begging in the city centre.

1.5 The partnership has secured OPCC funding to provide increased high visibility partnership patrols aimed at increasing feelings of safety, encourage community engagement and provide a timely response to ASB concerns. By adopting a collaborative approach, the partnership can provide support to those who are vulnerable and put in place intervention and diversion for those identified as offenders of crime & disorder i.e. county lines.

1.6 Good Homes for All

1.7 The Community Safety Team collaborate with relevant partners to try and reduce detrimental behaviour that may impact on an individual either securing or remaining in accommodation.

1.8 Efficient and Effective

1.9 The Community Safety Team is now a streamlined service, made up of 4 officers who all have 20+ years' experience of working within a crime & disorder related role. This ensures greater resilience and individual expertise across the team.

1.10 Listening and Learning

1.11 The Community Safety Team utilises a variety of methods in their quest to open up communication between the council and residents using letter drops, satisfaction surveys, street briefs/face to face contact, broader consultation and social media campaigns. This enables us to ascertain levels of satisfaction, seek resident views/concerns and provide proactive responses.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (to be reviewed by s151 officer)

2.1 The delivery of the council's statutory responsibility via the Community Safety Team is £320K, funded from the General Fund (£181K) and Housing Revenue Account (£139K) budgets.

2.2 Delivery of partnership activity is also supported via Government grant funding as commissioned by the OPCC or via independent grant funding bids direct to the Home Office. Grant fund applications facilitated by the community safety team for the period 2025/26 resulted in 2 specific Winchester projects i.e. 1 for 12-25yrs (Legacy Plus) and 1 for additional patrols (ASB hot spots), securing an overall total of £57,536K.

3 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Section 19 of the Police & Justice Act 2006, requires the city council to have a crime & disorder committee', which has the power to:

a. Review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the 'responsible authorities' of their crime & disorder functions.

b. Make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of those functions.

3.2 The term 'responsible authorities' refers to the bodies and persons covered by section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which includes, the City and County Councils, National Probation Service, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service and the Integrated Care Board.

3.3 As the city council operates executive arrangements (with a Cabinet), the 'crime and disorder committee' must be a Scrutiny Committee.

3.4 The role of the crime and disorder committee is to act as a 'critical friend' of the CSP, providing it with constructive challenge at a strategic level rather than adversarial operational level.

3.5 There are no procurement implications as a result of this report.

4. WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

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 and non-statutory partners/community representatives. The Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities is the chair of the CSP and is kept fully informed of partnership activity via the Community Safety Manager.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 The Community Safety Team collaborates with internal and external partners to minimise the impact on the environment from those who are illegally camped or rough sleeping.

7.2 The ASB officer works closely with the Sustainability And Natural Environment (SANE) Team, city council waste services and special maintenance operatives to support the response to complaints of waste on public open space and housing land.

8. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

8.1 The council has a statutory duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 that requires public bodies to consider the needs of all individuals in their day-to-day work and in the course of their work supporting the Partnership, officers must have due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED).

8.2 More specifically, officers understand the protected characteristic groups as set out in the Equality Act 2010 and have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation as well as advance equality and foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not.

8.3 This report provides an update on the progress made by the CSP against the priorities and actions emerging from the Strategic Assessment 2025 and is not requesting any decisions. The report is for noting and raising issues only and therefore, an equalities impact assessment is not necessary at that point.

9. DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1 The CSP is governed by legislative powers in relation to the sharing of information for the purposes of managing risk around crime & disorder, i.e. the power to share via the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (amendment to section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998). The storage and security of personal data within the confines of the service is managed in line with statutory guidance, council policies and service retention schedules.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk	Mitigation	Opportunities
Financial Exposure	N/A	N/A
Exposure to challenge – legal statutory duty for the city council to provide scrutiny functions set out in s.19 and 20 of the Police & Justice Act 2006.	Ensure that an annual report is placed before Scrutiny Committee which enables feedback on the partnership work programme	
Innovation	N/A	N/A
Reputation	<p>Ensure that all ward members are fully appraised of relevant issues in identified ASB hot spot locations.</p> <p>Ensure the professional integrity of all staff/partner contact is maintained.</p> <p>Deliver against grant fund application.</p>	<p>Manage delivery expectation.</p> <p>Improving collaborative working arrangements and confidence in reporting.</p> <p>Introduction of new initiatives/projects commissioned for Winchester.</p>
Achievement of outcome	Continue to nurture partnership collaboration.	
Property		
Community Support – reputational risk around not being able to provide staffing resource to events/walkabouts.	X1 ASB Patrol Officer and X1 Community Safety Officer who can be called upon to provide staffing resource to events/patrols.	<p>Improving opportunity to survey residents about feelings of safety.</p> <p>Provision of public reassurance via high vis patrol activity.</p>
Timescales	N/A	N/A
Project capacity – Team cannot respond to all requests for operational support.	Broaden the partnership collaboration i.e. double crew with partner agencies in order to enhance team resilience.	Greater visible presence in collaboration with other organisations and strengthening partnership activity.
Local Government Reorganisation – The Council fails to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Safety Team ensures the legal obligation 	The Community Safety Manager has contributed to consultation with the

the risks and opportunities offered by LGR.	<p>around statutory duty is at the forefront of decision-making processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Assessment and recommendations are adopted and/or considered by future authorities. 	strategic director to the public safety work strand.
Other		

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 the work of the CSP.
- 11.2 The Committee is asked to consider this report and associated appendices in accordance with its scrutiny role as the council's crime and disorder committee.
- 11.3 The Community Safety Partnership is a collaboration of multi-agency partners who are duty-bound to deliver against Government statutory duty i.e. Serious Violence, High Harm Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.
- 11.4 The Community Safety Delivery Plan for 2025/26 focused on 2 priority themes in accordance with statutory duty, they are:
- High Harm Crime
 - ASB/Public Place
- 11.5 The information listed in **Appendix 1** is twofold:
- it outlines how the work of the CSP supports the council's plan to deliver a safer district to the benefit of all who live, work and visit Winchester.
 - it provides a Community Safety update, by way of a progress report against the activity the Partnership has delivered upon during the period 1 April – 31 December 2025.
- 11.6 The data in **Appendix 2** is a crime summary provided by the police district commander.

11.7 Examples of key partnership activity to date:

- a) A grant fund agreement was reached with the OPCC that enabled the partnership to continue with ASB Hot Spot patrols over above core patrol activity in identified locations as mapped by police data.
- b) Drug related police enforcement - data showed there were 354 possessions with Further Action Taken (FAT) against 326 and 60 trafficking offences with 22 (FAT) outcomes. Warrants and active monitoring/disruption of drug lines, aligned with county lines teams continue.
- c) ASB/shoplifting, City Centre (Op Compile): 22 arrests, 2 new Community Banning Orders (CBO's) in place and a total of 166 weeks imprisonment secured. Joint patrols with CSP and BID Rangers continue on the High Street.
- d) The CSP launched a new initiative for Winchester in October – the Legacy Plus Project aims to provide access to support for young people and adults in terms of behavioural change and tenancy support.
- e) Youth Options launched youth outreach in the city centre as of Q3. Data shows contact was made with 143 young people who were previously known alongside 30 new individuals of those 51 were signposted for additional support/diversion. Outreach locations are identified via local community concerns and professional knowledge related to hot spots.
- f) The partnership extended the Emergency Bleed Kit offer and subsequent training to 3 support services and two licensed premises (City, Alresford and Wickham). All 3 locations will be added to the police control room for frontline officers who may need to access the kits in an emergency situation.
- g) The Community Safety Officer successfully recruited to the council's ASB Officer Vacancy in Q3, the successful candidate brings to the role 19+yrs experience as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).
- h) ASB interventions
 - ASB/CS Team - 19 interventions (Q3), including 6 Community Protection Warnings (CPW's), 3 Community Protection Notices (CPN's), 3 ABC's.
 - The CS ASB Officer undertook 58 urban patrols and 11 rural patrols during her first 3 months in post.

- Neighbourhood police team delivered 28 Community Resolutions and are also managing 7 CBO's overall.
 - Data for ASB cases coming in via the community safety inbox on-line report forms showed 49 rural and 65 urban locations were recorded within the report period².
 - Landlord Services delivered 150 interventions overall, 8 ABC's, 3 CPW's, 24 First Warning Letters, 4 Notice Seeking Possession, 37 Safeguarding Referrals, 14 Management Moves, 14 referrals for Mediation, 20 referrals for Victim Support and 3 referrals to STOP DA service.
 - Landlord Services managed 7 reported cases of drug related ASB³, 4 Assault and Harassment cases⁴.
- i) The Neighbourhood Policing Team data for the Formal Action Taken (FAT) outcome rates for violence with injury showed an improving picture i.e. Q3 showed 42 outcomes (21.3%) as opposed to 34 (16.6%) in the previous quarter.
- j) 13 new Domestic Abuse cases coming into the council via landlord services resulted in 2 approved management moves, 4 safeguarding referrals, 4 referrals to support services, 1 lock change, 1 referral to MARAC and 1 joint to sole tenancy change.
- k) Trinity Women's service has housed 4 women in their safe flats this year, supporting 3 self-referrals into community-based services. There were 12 referrals to the Stalking Advocacy service.
- l) Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) – the council's licensing team delivered 'Stay Safe know Your Taxi' campaign, Trinity Staff completed Stalking Awareness Training and Education and Awareness was undertaken between Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary and the University of Winchester.

12. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12.1 The Council is a responsible authority within the Community Safety Partnership and has a statutory duty to deliver against crime and disorder as laid down by government. Consideration of other options is not applicable to this report.

² ASB Reports – other reports come into the team via external partnership meetings, ward members, officers of the council etc.

³ Drug related action – Warning letters, Notice of Extension, safeguarding referral, referral to victim support.

⁴ Assault and harassment action – notice seeking possession, referral to mediation.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:-

Previous Committee Reports:-

[SC095 - ANNUAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PERFORMANCE UPDATE](#)

Other Background Documents:-

[Winchester Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment 2025](#)

[Winchester Strategic Assessment Infographic 2025/26](#)

[Violence Against Women and Girls \(VAWG\) Strategy 2025](#)

[Winchester Domestic Abuse Forum Stalking Plan on a Page](#)

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1. Winchester Community Safety Partnership – Annual Delivery Plan 2025/2026 (April to December)

Appendix 2. Police District Commander Summary Report

Appendix 3. District Police Data – contextual summary