

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 2018. It covers the period 1 April 2018 to 30 December 2018. Representatives from the CSP will be available at the meeting to respond to questions raised by the Committee in relation to this report. In addition the Police District Commander for Winchester will provide a verbal update on current policing issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee considers whether there are any matters of significance it wants to draw to the attention of the Portfolio holder for Health & Wellbeing or Cabinet.

IMPLICATIONS:1 COUNCIL STRATEGY OUTCOME

- 1.1 Delivers against the City Council's statutory duty in relation to the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and the subsequent review/updated guidance documents. It also supports the implementation of the Community Strategy outcomes.
- 1.2 The development and delivery of a Community Safety Partnership Strategy within the period 2018-19. It is a priority within the Health & Wellbeing Portfolio holder Delivery plan 2018-19.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The Community Safety Partnership no longer receives grant funding. All previous grants funding from the government is sent directly to Police & Crime Commissioner's for allocation.
- 2.1 The budget allocated for the delivery of the City Council's Community Safety statutory duty shows an outturn of £325k in 2017/18, with a net budget of £331k provided for 2018/19.

3 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Under section 19 of the Police & Justice Act 2006, the City Council is required to have a "Crime & Disorder Committee" with the power to review and scrutinise decisions made and other action taken in connection with the discharge of crime and 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). The Committee has a power to make reports and recommendations to the County and City Councils 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 an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4 WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Delivery of Community Safety work is a partnership activity, managed by the Head of Community Safety & Neighbourhood Services. The Neighbourhood Services Team actively supports the work of the CSP, it is important to note that their core business remains in the provision of a service to communities within specific geographical areas.

5 PROPERTY AND ASSET IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6 CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

6.1 The development of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and the content of this report were completed in consultation with statutory and non statutory partners and community representatives.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 Effective management of Community Safety promotes positive environments for those who live, work or visit the district.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSEMENT

8.1 None

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>	Ensure that staffing levels are set at a minimum of 3 whenever possible to cover core hours.	
<i>Timescales - none</i>		
<i>Project capacity – none</i>		
<i>Financial / VfM - none</i>		
<i>Legal – statutory duty to deliver against Government legislation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Crime & Disorder Act 1998</i> • <i>Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015</i> • <i>Modern Slavery Act 2015</i> • <i>ASB Crime & Police Act 2014</i> • <i>DV Crime & Victims Act 2004 (section9)</i> 	Ensure that staff resource is at an appropriate skill level to deliver against the various duties.	
<i>Innovation - none</i>		
<i>Reputation – Partnership Working.</i>	Ensure the professional integrity of all staff/partner contact is maintained.	
<i>Other</i>		

11 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

Introduction

- 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 and 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 key objectives and performance against identified indicators.
- 11.4 The Community Safety work plan for 2018/19 focuses on three priority categories. They are:
- a. Domestic Violence and Abuse
 - b. Protecting Vulnerable People
 - c. Tackling ASB (urban and rural)

The information provided as **Appendix 1** of this report gives an update on the progress against the actions and objectives the Community Safety Partnership is delivering against, which broadly covers the period 1 April 2018 to 30 September 2018.

- 11.5 The data in **Appendix 2** is produced by the Police District Commander as a Crime Summary. The latter part of the summary provides information at Parish level.
- 11.6 Case Studies are provided as **Appendix 3** of this report.

Community Safety & Neighbourhood Services – Performance Update

- 11.7 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. Example's of that work is listed below:
- a. **Investigated** fly tip cases (**25**), of those **23** resulted in no further action, **1** investigation is still ongoing. When a fly tip report comes into the council, the Neighbourhood Services Enforcement Officer undertakes an assessment as to what evidence can be collected. However it can take some time before evidence collected can be put forward as a case file for decision e.g. FPN or prosecution. The information within this report is a snapshot in time, other cases either side of this reporting period may have come to fruition. The robust processes we have in place contribute largely to the 100% successful prosecution rate we continue to hold.

- b. **Issued £400** Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) for **(2)**, low level fly tips and received payment for **1**. The second FPN was not paid and is now being progressed to prosecution.
- c. **Supported** student focused activity during Fresher's Week across the town forum area. City Councillors, Community Safety & Neighbourhood Services Team and Students from the University of Winchester (in Stanmore area only) visited approximately **700** individual properties, delivering 'Welcome to the Neighbourhood' booklets. In addition students were provided information on illegal money lending following the City Council's sign up to the anti Loan Shark Charter.
- d. **Assisted** the emergency services in the implementation of an emergency evacuation plan. Following the discovery of a world war one bomb, the team, supported the evacuation of residents within a 100 metre cordon area and conducted welfare checks after the event.
- e. **Undertook** site visits and worked in partnership with managing agents, organisational legal teams and Hampshire Constabulary to ensure derelict buildings were made secure, as a response to complaints of noise, vandalism and access being gained to those buildings by some of the street community¹.
- f. **Provided** operational delivery to the public realm group by completing visual audits of waste issues, working with the BID and facilitating clear up activity/removal e.g. pigeons and trade waste within the city centre.
- g. **Attended** community events, resident forums and partnership meetings across the district including PACT meetings, TACT and Community Walkabouts.
- h. **Championed** partnership media campaigns related to national and local issues e.g. Fly Tipping, Domestic Abuse, Fraud, CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation), Trafficking/Modern Slavery.
- i. **Facilitated** the reduction in year on year begging incidents as part of a wider partnership plan e.g. **104** in August 2017 to **37** in September 2018 which shows a reduction of **64%**².
- j. **Responded** to online report forms from Winchester App **(36)**, **23** rural and **13** City related.
- k. **Launched** the annual Anti-Social Behaviour Satisfaction Survey.
- l. **Collaborated** with internal and external partners to reduce incidents of anti social behaviour hotspot locations **(27)**. **6** of the **27** continue to be monitored by the CSP.
- m. **Advocated** the development of Winchester Community Courts (now in place).

¹ Street Community – the CSP recognises the importance of taking a balanced approach when dealing with ASB related street issues and will endeavor to collaborate with the Housing Services Teams and others within the City Council, to try and address the wider socio-economic issues that underpin some of the behaviour. The CS Team was the instigator of a Tactical Group that looks at Operational blockages and barriers and also provides support to a senior level group that takes a strategic overview of the issues. The development of both groups led to the Head of Housing Options putting forward a successful application to join the Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Network. This means we will be delivering a MEAM approach to homelessness and rough sleeping in the future.

² Begging – Working in partnership with the Police, BID and British Transport Police a number of Operations have taken place that aim to reduce the number of begging incidents and this alongside the re-launch of the Diverted Giving Scheme could be a contributory factor in the begging reductions.

- n. **Instigated** Police and Partner rough sleeping operations **(3)**, aimed at engaging and signposting to support services those who were either new to Winchester or persistent in their rough sleeping.
- o. **Issued** Community Protection Notice (CPN) warning letters **(4)** and Community Protection Notice's **(2)** within the reporting period.
- p. **Offered** expertise and guidance in the development of the BID Ranger roles in order to ensure complimentary working practices across the teams.

12 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12.1 The Council is a key partner in the community safety partnership so there are no other options to be considered.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:-

Previous Committee Reports:-

Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 0S178 Community Safety Partnership Performance Review 4 January 2018.

Other Background Documents:-

The Community Safety Partnership 'Plan on a Page' infographic - allows the reader to click on icons and see regular updates around performance, funding and case studies.

Follow this link to access the website: <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/community-safety-and-neighbourhood-services/winchester-community-safety-partnership>.

ASB Satisfaction Survey - Results.

APPENDICES:

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

Appendix 2: Winchester Safer Neighbourhood Policing – Progress Report.

Appendix 3: Case Studies