

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Community Safety Board – Partnership Plan 2017/18

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### **Summary**

This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with the finalised Partnership Plan for Gateshead Community Safety Board, which provides details of the strategic priorities that have been identified for the next 12 months.

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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with the statutory Partnership Plan that has been produced, and endorsed, by the Community Safety Board within Gateshead for delivery in 2017/18.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 As a reminder, members of Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee received a copy of the draft Partnership Plan, as part of the statutory consultation process, back in April 2017 and were asked to provide comments in order to improve and enhance the Plan and to ensure that it appropriately reflected local needs.
- 2.2 The Community Safety Board has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annual intelligence-led Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan. The Strategic Assessment is a detailed analysis of key crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour issues within Gateshead in order to assist in identifying possible community safety priorities. Following a public consultation exercise a Partnership Plan is produced which sets out specific priorities the Board will focus upon in the forthcoming year.

## **3. Strategic Themes and Priorities**

- 3.1 The strategic themes confirmed for 2017/18 are:
- (1) Tackling Violence
  - (2) Combatting Anti-Social Behaviour
  - (3) Addressing Substance Misuse
  - (4) Improving Public Confidence

### Theme 1: Tackling Violence

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Violent Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Abuse

### Theme 2: Combatting Anti-Social Behaviour

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Youth and adult-related ASB
- Prevent Violent Extremism and Radicalisation
- Hate Crime
- High Demand Locations – identified through Problem Solving
- Community Tensions

### Theme 3: Addressing Substance Misuse

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Drugs (including Novel Psychoactive Substances)
- Alcohol
- Drug-related Deaths

### Theme 4: Improving Public Confidence

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Improving Community Confidence in Services
- Community Cohesion and Engagement

## **4 Partnership Plan 2017/18**

- 4.1 The draft Partnership Plan has been included as Appendix 1 and provides the headline details of some activity that has been undertaken over the last twelve-months to keep residents safe.
- 4.2 It highlights a range of landscape/context issues that will impact on the Board as well as a list of potential outcomes and/or performance measures that will be achieved. Differently to previous years, a section has been included which sets out specific activity/actions linked with each of the strategic themes and priorities as well as details of the demand on Community Safety service. Some additional actions have been included as a result of the consultation exercise.
- 4.3 It is important to note that some of the strategic themes/priorities have strong links to work overseen by other statutory Boards (e.g. the Safeguarding Adults, Local Safeguarding Children and Health and Wellbeing Boards) and will require a co-ordinated approach to ensure actions are delivered collaboratively.

## **5 Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017-20**

- 5.1 As a reminder, it is the statutory role of the PCC to issue a Police and Crime Plan within the financial year in which each ordinary election is held. Although the PCC is not a Responsible Authority on the Community Safety Partnership, both parties must have due regard to each other's priorities when setting their respective strategic plans.
- 5.2 The Northumbria Police and Crime Plan priorities for 2017-21 are:
- Domestic and sexual abuse
  - Putting victims first
  - Effective criminal justice system
  - Reducing anti-social behaviour
  - Tackling crime
  - Community confidence

- 5.3 To reassure Overview and Scrutiny Committee members, when developing the local Partnership Plan for Gateshead, we have tried, where possible, to ensure that we replicate similar themes and actions to those identified in the Police and Crime Plan for Northumbria.

## **6 Next Steps**

- 6.1 The Partnership Plan was endorsed by Gateshead Community Safety Board on 4 April 2017 and was agreed by Gateshead Council Cabinet on 23 May 2017. Once agreed, the Board is statutorily required to *"publish the Partnership Plan in the local area, bringing it to the attention of as many different groups or persons within the area, as is reasonable"*.
- 6.2 Similar to the previous year, copies will be available electronically via Council and partner agencies website and hardcopies will be circulated to key statutory stakeholders (including Police and Crime Commissioner).

## **7 Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

- 7.1 The actions associated with the Partnership Plan will be formally scrutinised through the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee (as set out in the Local Government Act 2000 and associated regulations) and regular update reports will be presented to Committee for scrutiny over the next twelve-months (in line with the OSC Workplan for 2017/18).

## **8 Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Committee is asked to:
- (i) Agree to receive regular updates on actions undertaken in relation to the strategic priorities (as per the OSC Workplan 2017/18).

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\* Appendix 1 – Partnership Plan 2017/18