

TITLE OF REPORT: Community Safety Board – Partnership Plan 2018/19

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Summary

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

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with a copy of the statutory Partnership Plan that has been produced on behalf of the Community Safety Board in Gateshead for delivery in 2018/19.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee received a report outlining the draft strategic priorities, as part of the statutory consultation, at the meeting in March 2018. This report will build upon that report and seeks the views of Sub-Committee to help improve and enhance the Plan and to ensure that it appropriately reflected local needs.
- 2.2 As a reminder, 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 an analysis of the key crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour issues taking place within the Borough to assist in identifying possible community safety strategic priorities. Following a public consultation exercise, a Partnership Plan is produced which sets out and agrees the specific priorities that the Board will focus upon in the forthcoming year.

3. Strategic Priorities

- 3.1 The four strategic themes confirmed for 2018/19 are:

PRIORITY: Anti-Social Behaviour & Environmental Crime

Tackling issues of anti-social behaviour and environmental crime continues to be one of the biggest areas of concern identified by our residents.

PRIORITY: Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse continues to increase year-on-year and the effect that it has on individuals, their families, their children and wider society is profound.

PRIORITY: Mental Health

The impact of mental health on community safety issues is far-reaching – and is an influencing factor in crime and disorder, re-offending and victimisation.

PRIORITY: Restricting Supply – Drug Misuse

We know that drug misuse causes significant problems for local communities – and recognise that we need to do more to be able to restrict its supply.

- 3.2 In addition, there are also five thematic workstreams/areas which the Board will monitor during 2018/19. These include:

MONITOR: Hate Crime and Tension Monitoring

We will continue to raise awareness of hate crime and provide relevant support/guidance to victims as well as monitoring local tensions to ensure we engender cohesive and integrated communities.

MONITOR: Preventing Violent Extremism (Terrorism)

The threat of terrorism continues to be ever-present and we will continue to promote amongst our partners and to engage/safeguard vulnerable persons who have the potential to be drawn into this area.

MONITOR: Serious and Organised Crime (Disruption)

We will persist in preventing people getting involved in serious and organised crime activity, strengthen our protection/response to it as well as continuing to work collectively to pursue and disrupting the criminals behind it.

MONITOR: Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerability

We need to ensure that we have services in place that will help us to tackle repeat victimisation and vulnerable clients.

MONITOR: Reducing Re-offending

We know that a small proportion of offenders tend to generate a disproportionate level of crime and disorder. We will continue to work collectively to provide appropriate support/enforcement to change behaviour and divert offenders.

4 Partnership Plan 2018/19

- 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 has the potential to impact on the Board, details some of the demand on Community Safety services within the Borough as well as setting out how we intend to monitor the delivery of the Partnership Plan over the next 12 months.

- 4.3 It is important to note 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. The final Partnership Plan will be submitted to these respective Boards for consideration.

5 Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017-20

- 5.1 As a reminder, the Community Safety Board, has a statutory duty to have "due regard to the priorities set out within the local Police and Crime Plan 2017-20, produced by the Police and Crime Commissioner. To provide reassurance, when developing the Partnership Plan, we have tried, where possible, to ensure we replicate similar themes to those identified in the Commissioner's Plan. The themes will also feature as part of the various action plans that will be produced to help translate our strategic priorities into operational delivery.

6 Next Steps

- 6.1 The Partnership Plan was circulated to Community Safety Board in May 2018 – seeking retrospective endorsement at the meeting scheduled for July 2018. It will also be submitted to Gateshead Council Cabinet for approval in July 2018. Once agreed, the Board is statutorily required to "publish the Partnership Plan within 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 previous years, copies will be available electronically via Council and partner agencies website and hardcopies will also be circulated to key statutory stakeholders (including Police and Crime Commissioner) for information.

7 Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

- 7.1 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 linked to each of the strategic themes (in line with the OSC Workplan 2018/19).

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 2018/19).

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* Appendix 1 – Partnership Plan 2018/19