

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Community Safety Board – Partnership Plan 2016/17

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### Summary

This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with an overview of the Partnership Plan which provides details of the strategic priorities that have been identified by the Community Safety Board to deliver against throughout the next 12 months.

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with an overview of the Partnership Plan that has been produced by Community Safety Board for 2016/17.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 As a reminder for members, 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 Assessment

- 3.1 The ninth Strategic Assessment was completed back in December 2015 and identified three broad strategic themes and a number of strategic priorities for the Community Safety Board to address. These were presented to Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee in March 2016 for comments (as part of the statutory consultation).
- 3.2 The Assessment identified similar issues and problems to that found in previous years and showed that the activity undertaken by Community Safety partners remained appropriate and relevant. The strategic themes/priorities identified for 2016/17 were:

### Prevent Crime, Re-offending and ASB

- Burglary Dwelling
- Violent Crime
- Criminal Damage
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Deliberate Fires
- High Demand Locations

### Protect and Support Vulnerable Victims and Persons

- Domestic / Sexual Abuse
- Operation Encompass
- Sexual Exploitation
- Drug-related Deaths
- Prevent / Radicalisation
- Hate Crime

### Addressing Key and Emerging Threats

- New Psychoactive Substances
- Cyber-related Crime
- Community Tensions/Cohesion
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Suicides
- Welfare Reform

- 3.2 There were also a number of cross-cutting issues that were found to impact on all of the above themes and priorities:

### Cross-cutting Issues

- FamiliesGateshead
- Early Intervention/Prevention
- Community Confidence
- Complex / Multiple Needs
- Substance Misuse
- Dual Diagnosis

## **4 Consultation**

- 4.1 Public consultation is a statutory requirement in the development of strategic priorities (as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998). The draft priorities were presented to relevant Portfolios, a number of resident and community groups as well as members of the public (via Gateshead Council's Consultation Portal, website and ViewPoint). In addition, presentations were delivered to the Diversity Forum and all Community Safety Sub-Groups as well as information being sent to services and officers linked with delivering the community safety agenda within Gateshead. As a result, the Board received a high volume of responses to the consultation (with in excess of 200+ residents responding).
- 4.2 Respondents to the consultation gave a greater priority weight to the *Prevent Crime, Re-offending and ASB to Reduce Demand on Services* theme with particular emphasis placed on tackling burglary dwelling and theft-related offences as well as youth-related disorder. Environmental issues such as fly-tipping, graffiti and dog-fouling were identified as concerns; whilst the issue of speeding vehicles was also consistently high amongst respondents.
- 4.3 As anticipated, very few respondents were aware of and/or felt that issues identified in the *Addressing Key and Emerging Threats* theme were problems within their local area. However, several respondents made vague references to the Board doing more to tackle domestic and sexual abuse and preventing violent extremism agendas (under the *Protect and Support Vulnerable Victims and Persons* theme).

## **5 Partnership Plan 2016/17**

- 5.1 The Partnership Plan has been set out in Appendix 1 and provides headline details of some activity that has been undertaken over the last twelve-months to keep residents safe in Gateshead. It also provides a visual overview of the strategic priorities and highlights a range of landscape/context issues that will impact on the Board in the next twelve-months, as well as a list of potential outcomes and/or performance measures that will be achieved.

5.2 The Partnership Plan is complemented by an Improvement and Development Action Plan for the Community Safety Team that sets out specific activity and actions linked with each of the strategic themes and priorities. Work is also built into the Work Plans for each of the respective Sub-Groups of the Community Safety Board.

5.3 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.

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

6.1 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.

## **7 Recommendations**

7.1 The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Comment on contents of report and Partnership Plan (in Appendix 1);
- (ii) Identify if there are any specific themes, priorities and/or issues for future discussion, and
- (iii) Agree to receive regular updates on actions undertaken in relation to the strategic priorities (as per the OSC Workplan 2016/17).