

**TITLE OF REPORT:**        **Draft Community Safety Board Strategic Priorities for 2016/17**

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### **Summary**

This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with an overview of the draft strategic priorities that are proposed by Community Safety Board for 2016/17. The report forms part of the statutory consultation process to ensure that the Board is appropriately prioritising its future activity based on local needs prior to the production of the formal Partnership Plan on 1 April 2016 – which sets out how we will deliver against the priorities over the forthcoming twelve-months.

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the draft strategic priorities proposed by the local Community Safety Board for 2016/17.

## **2 Background / Context**

- 2.1 As a reminder for members, the Community Safety Board is statutorily required to produce an intelligence-led Partnership Strategic Assessment on an annual basis in order to assist in setting local community safety priorities.
- 2.2 Committee members have received several updates throughout the last twelve-months to provide an overview of progress made against the current priorities for 2015/16, which are:
- Protecting Vulnerable Groups;
  - Tackling Crime and ASB;
  - Addressing Re-offending, and
  - Tackling the Drivers of Crime and ASB.
- 2.3 Similar to the process in previous years, once the strategic priorities are agreed for 2016/17, a Partnership Plan will be subsequently produced, which sets out how the Community Safety Board intends to deliver against the priorities in the forthcoming year. It is proposed to submit the Partnership Plan for 2016/17 to Community Safety OSC Sub-Committee in June 2016 for approval.

## **3 Strategic Themes and Priorities**

- 3.1 Based on the findings outlined in the latest Strategic Assessment, for 2016/17, the Community Safety Board has identified *three strategic themes* coupled with a number of *sub-priorities*. These are set out in Appendix and include:

### Prevent Crime, Re-offending and ASB to Reduce Demand on Services

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

- Burglary Dwelling
- Violent Crime
- Criminal Damage
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Deliberate Secondary Fires
- High Demand Locations: Bensham, Felling and Dunston and Teams

3.3 The rationale for identifying these priorities are:

- For the year to date to January 2016, the total of recorded crimes recorded within Gateshead increased by 33% (2,535 additional offences).
- Increases recorded in burglary dwelling, violent crime and criminal damage – although Gateshead continues to perform well when compared to its Most Similar Family Group and against Northumbria averages.
- Reports of ASB have fallen but, as expected, particular issues associated with seasonal trends continue.
- The total number of deliberate secondary fires has increased by more than a fifth on last year and is often closely linked to criminal damage and ASB.
- Specific hotspot locations continue to experience disproportionate levels of crime and disorder.

### Protect and Support Vulnerable Victims and Persons

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

- Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- Operation Encompass
- Sexual Exploitation
- Drug-related Deaths
- Prevent Violent Extremism and Radicalisation
- Hate Crime

3.5 The rationale for identifying these priorities are:

- Reports of domestic abuse continue to increase – particularly those relating to individuals who are at a high risk of abuse (referrals increased by 40% - additional 465 offences).
- Increase in the number of reports of sexual offences in the last 12 months (particularly historic sexual offences)
- Sexual exploitation is an emerging theme and remains key area of business for the Local Safeguarding Children's and Safeguarding Adults Boards.
- Drug-related deaths in Gateshead increased from 12 to 14 in the last 12 months and partners are continuing to work to identify any trends / lessons that can be learned from the deaths.
- There continues to be a number of individuals who are more vulnerable and prone to extremism and radicalisation – coupled with increased legislative responsibilities placed on local authority.
- Partners have worked to further raise awareness of hate crime and continue to promote the importance of reporting hate-related incidents – which has seen the number of incidents reported to ARCH increase significantly.

### Addressing Key and Emerging Threats

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

- Novel Psychoactive Substances
- Cyber-related Crime
- Community Tensions
- Community Cohesion
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Suicides
- Continued Impact of Welfare Reform

3.7 The rationale for identifying these priorities are:

- Increased reports in relation to the availability and use of NPS coupled with new legislation introduced in April 2016.
- Increase and growing importance of tackling cyber-crime for individuals, businesses and communities. Increased awareness of issue nationally.
- Proactively address Community Tensions and Cohesion to ensure that any event on a national and regional scale do not negatively impact on local communities.
- Serious and organised crime continues to be a key threat.
- Potential for increases in the number of suicides across the Borough
- Widely accepted that the full impact of the welfare reforms has not yet been realised.

## **4 Cross Cutting Themes**

4.1 A number of cross-cutting themes have also been identified:

- FamiliesGateshead
- Early Intervention and Prevention (All Ages)
- Improving Community Confidence in Services
- Tackling Complex and Multiple Needs
- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
- Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)

## **5 Next Steps**

5.1 As part of its statutory duty, the Board is required to undertake a series of public consultations in relation to the draft strategic priorities to ensure that the issues identified are based on local residents needs and includes consultation with:

- Partners and Council services represented on the Community Safety Board and its formal Sub-Groups.
- Members of Communities Portfolio
- Portfolio Holder for Community Safety
- Local Councillors and Residents
- Members signed up to the Council's ViewPoint

5.2 An online consultation has been included within the Council Consultation Portal which can be accessed through the Council website or on the following link: <https://consultation.gateshead.gov.uk/kms/dmart.aspx?noip=1&strTab=PublicDMart> and will be live for partners and residents to complete until 1 April 2016. The results will be analysed and fed into the final Partnership Plan which will be presented to the Community Safety Board for approval on 22 April 2016.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Comment on the contents of the report;
- (ii) Agree to receive the Partnership Plan in June 2016;
- (iii) Agree to receive regular updates in relation to the action taken in relation to the strategic priorities (as per the OSC Workplan 2016/17).

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## Community Safety Board - Partnership Plan 2016/17

Vision 2030	"Local People realising their full potential, enjoying the best quality of life in a healthy, equal, safe, prosperous and sustainable Gateshead"					
CSB Vision	"Gateshead to remain a safe place to live, work and visit"					
Landscape	Northumbria Police and Crime Plan - Strategic Priorities	Increases in recorded crime within Gateshead (and region)	Ongoing and Emerging Changes in Community Safety (including Wider Policy Landscape)	Fewer Budgets and Resources Available	Ongoing (and potential future) changes to partner agencies structures/remits	Complex and multiple needs impacting on service demand
What are our statutory functions?	Crime and Disorder	ASB	Behaviour adversely affecting the environment	Drug Misuse	Alcohol Misuse	Reducing Re-offending
Strategic Themes 2016/17	PREVENT CRIME, RE-OFFENDING AND ASB TO REDUCE DEMAND ON SERVICES		PROTECT AND SUPPORT VULNERABLE VICTIMS AND PERSONS		ADDRESSING KEY AND EMERGING THREATS	
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Burglary Dwelling</li><li>• Violent Crime</li><li>• Criminal Damage</li><li>• Anti-Social Behaviour</li><li>• Deliberate Secondary Fires</li><li>• High Demand Locations: (Bensham, Felling and Dunston and Teams)</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Domestic and Sexual Abuse</li><li>• Operation Encompass</li><li>• Sexual Exploitation</li><li>• Drug-related Deaths</li><li>• Prevent Violent Extremism and Radicalisation</li><li>• Hate Crime</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Novel Psychoactive Substances</li><li>• Cyber-related Crime</li><li>• Community Tensions</li><li>• Community Cohesion</li><li>• Serious and Organised Crime</li><li>• Suicides</li><li>• Continued Impact of Welfare Reform</li></ul>	
Cross Cutting Themes	FamiliesGateshead; Early Intervention and Prevention (All Ages); Improving Community Confidence in Services; Tackling Complex and Multiple Needs; Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH); Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)					
Supporting Partnerships	Local Safeguarding Children's Board, Safeguarding Adults Board, Health and Wellbeing Board, Youth Crime Management Board and FamiliesGateshead Board, Licensing and Trading Standards.					
Performance Measures	<p><u>Rate (per 1,000 population):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Crime;</li><li>• Violent Crime</li><li>• Acquisitive Crime</li><li>• Total ASB Incidents</li><li>• Deliberate Secondary Fires</li></ul> <p><u>Perceptions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• % who feel very or fairly safe living in their area</li><li>• % who think ASB is a very or fairly big problem in their neighbourhood</li><li>• % who think crime is a very or fairly big problem in their neighbourhood</li><li>• % who think the Police and Council are dealing with ASB and crime</li></ul> <p><u>Volume:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successful Outcomes (achieved by Troubled Families Programme)</li></ul>		<p><u>Rate (per 100,000 population):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alcohol-related Hospital Admissions</li><li>• Alcohol-related Mortality</li><li>• Proven Re-offending by Young Offenders</li><li>• First Time Entrants (FTEs) to Youth Justice System</li><li>• Custody of Young People</li></ul> <p><u>Volume:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ARCH Hate Crime Referrals</li><li>• Number of Drug-related Deaths</li><li>• Alcohol-related Violent Crime;</li><li>• OCU (Opiate and/or Crack Use);</li><li>• Total MARAC Cases (inc: % Repeats)</li><li>• Total IDVA Referrals</li><li>• MASH Repeats</li><li>• Operation Encompass Referrals</li><li>• % Engaged with Serial Victims Pilot</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• n/a - no performance measures have been established for key and emerging threats section; however relevant data and information will be collected, as appropriate.</li></ul>	