

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 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.

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 2017/18.

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 tenth Strategic Assessment was completed in December 2016, in conjunction with identifying 4 broad strategic themes and a number of strategic priorities for the Community Safety Board to potentially address in 2017/18.
- 3.2 Members will recall that these were presented to Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee in January 2017 for comments (as part of the statutory consultation) and included details of the revised process that we used within Gateshead – including the use of 'Management of Risk Management in Law Enforcement (MoRiLE) tools, which assessed the potential harm and risk of issues, and measured this against our partners' capacity and capability to respond as well as how we worked more collaboratively with Safe Newcastle.
- 3.3 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.

4. Strategic Themes and Priorities

4.1 The strategic themes identified for 2017/18 are:

- Tackling Violence
- Combatting Anti-Social Behaviour
- Addressing Substance Misuse
- 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 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 are planned to be 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.

4.2 As at 20 March 2017, the Board has received a high volume of responses to the consultation (with in excess of 600+ residents responding). 65% of respondents to the consultation gave a priority weight to violent crime (including domestic and sexual abuse). Conversely, fewer respondents (8%) felt that the 'improving public confidence' theme was a priority. Yet, poor street lighting and environmental issues (such as fly-tipping, graffiti, dog-fouling and speeding) were identified as key concerns – all of which are visible incidents which directly impact on feelings of safety and perceptions of Council/Police to tackle issues.

5 Partnership Plan 2017/18

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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 services within the Borough.
- 5.3 Following the consultation period, the strategic priorities will be discussed and agreed at the Community Safety Board in April 2017 – and the Partnership Plan will be finalised and made publically available.
- 5.4 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 (in line with the OSC Workplan for 2017/18).

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to:
- (i) Comment on report (and draft Partnership Plan set out 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 2017/18).