

Report To: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 September 2014

Lead Member / Officer: Lead Member for Public Realm

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Title: Update on Community Safety Partnership Performance in 2013-2014

1. What is the report about?

1.1 The CSP performance report is based on the joint partnership priorities as Identified in the audit of crime that is conducted annually. The Partnership agree the priorities for a three year period, however the plan is updated annually with any emerging issues.

1.2 The report focuses on the performance of the Community Safety partnership for 2013-2014.

1.3 Please find attached the full performance report for 2013/14

1.4 The performance report is discussed annually in Partnership Scrutiny

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Partnerships Scrutiny committee of the performance of the Joint Community Safety Partnership in 2013-2014.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Members comment on the:

3.1 performance in 2013/14 (Appendix 1); and

3.2 priorities going forward (Appendix 2)

4. Report details.

4.1 CSP's were created in 1998 to develop and implement Strategies and action plans to reduce crime and disorder. Each Authority had its own CSP. Some 4 years ago Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) and Denbighshire County Council (DCC) merged their CSP teams into a single team, with CCBC being the main employer. Planning and Public Protection take the lead for managing the CSP in DCC.

4.2 The CSP meeting regime consists of:

- Strategic Group – which meets bi-annually – DCC Attendance; Partnerships & Communities Team Manager (Liz Grieve), Lead Member Public Realm (Cllr D Smith) and DCC representative on the NW Police and Crime Panel (Cllr B Tasker).
- Implementation Group – this is an operational group which meets quarterly to Discuss any emerging problems –Planning and Public Protection Manager (Emlyn Jones) represents DCC at this meeting.
- Anti-social Behaviour Tasking Group – held every six weeks and attended by Senior Enforcement Officer (Tim Wynne-Evans) on behalf of DCC.

4.3 The five CSP priorities areas for 2011-2014 are as follows:

1. Reduce crime and the impact on the community by;
 - Reducing violent crime
 - Monitor serious sexual offences
 - Reduce serious acquisitive crime
 - Reduce the number of people who are a repeat victim of crime
2. Reduce re-offending by;
 - Reduce re-offending amongst the most prolific offenders
 - Reduce offending amongst under 18s
3. Effectively tackle ASB and behaviour adversely effecting the environment by;
 - Reduce crime linked to licensed premises
 - Reduce availability of alcohol to young people
 - Reduce reports of ASB
 - Increase the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for environmental crime
4. Reduce harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse by;
 - Increase new contacts by Harm Reduction service
 - Increase the number of people referred to structured treatment

5. Effectively tackle domestic abuse by;

- Monitoring domestic incidents and domestic crime
- Improving the response to victims of domestic abuse by all agencies involved

4.4 Each Priority area has a number of performance indicators assigned to it to Monitor progress and crime trends. We review all of the statistics on a Quarterly basis at the Implementation group and act on any emerging issues.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

5.1 The work of the Community Safety Partnership delivers on the priorities of the Big Plan and the Corporate Plan.

5.2 The work also contributes towards the service priorities of Planning and Public Protection Services.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

6.1 The Activity within the Action Plan is fully grant funded.

6.2 The Community Safety Partnership receives ring-fenced grant funding to deliver the Community Safety Plan. This plan is approved by all Responsible Authorities who sit on the Strategic Group of the CSP.
Denbighshire CSP funding is as follows:

(a) Substance Misuse Action Fund- £310,895- Welsh Government Funding.
This fund is aimed at commissioning treatment services for substance misuse.

(b) Safer Communities Fund- £166,939 - Welsh Government Funding - aimed at reducing youth offending.

(c) Police and Crime commissioner Funding- £27,063– Central Government Funding - aimed at antisocial behaviour and local issues.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision?

As the focus of the Community Safety Partnership's work is the same as in previous years no new Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The one submitted last year is still applicable.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

8.1 The CSP consulted in 2010 on the 2011-2015 Action Plans via all responsible Authorities (Local Authority Director, Fire, Police, Probation, Health and Police

Authority).

8.2 The CSP report annually to the Council's Partnership Scrutiny.

8.3 The CSP report to the Senior Leadership Team as and when required

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 The cost of delivering the Plan should be contained within the external funding available.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

10.1 The main risk is that the community safety funding for 2015-2016 is currently unknown. The introduction of Police Crime Commissioners in November 2012 has seen our Home Office funding transfer to the Commissioner for him to allocate. We will be able to apply for funding but the ultimate decision will rest with the Commissioner and he/she will have to balance the requests for North Wales. To mitigate the risk we will ensure all our business cases are robust and each project will have clear outcomes.

11. Power to make the Decision

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Police Reform Act 2002
- Section 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act
- Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009
- Article 6.3.5 of the Council's Constitution

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