

Report To: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 30th July 2015

Lead Member / Officer: Councillor David Smith, Lead Member Public Realm

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Title: Community Safety Partnership
Annual Report 2014-15 - Performance & Activity

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership activity and performance report is based on the joint partnership priorities as identified in the North Wales Audit of Crime that is conducted annually. The North Wales Safer Communities Board (NWSCB) agrees the priorities and then draws up an action plan that is monitored by the NWSCB, locally we deliver this action plan by analysing what is happening in our local area and implementing local solutions.
- 1.2 The report focuses on the activity and performance of the Community Safety Partnership 2014-2015.
- 1.3 The full performance report for Denbighshire 2014/2015 (see Appendix 1).
- 1.4 Activity summary for all CSP funded projects 2014/2015 (see Appendix 2).
- 1.5 The activity/ 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 activity of the Joint Community Safety Partnership in 2014-2015.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1 The recommendation is for the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to comment on the contents of the attached activity/performance report.

4. Report details.

- 4.1 CSPs were created in 1998 to develop and implement strategies and action plans to reduce crime and disorder. Each Authority had its own CSP. Some 7 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. Business Improvement and Modernisation take the lead for managing the CSP in Denbighshire.

4.2 The Community Safety Partnership meeting regime consists of:

- Strategic Steering Group – which meets three times a year – DCC Attendance; Strategic Planning Team Manager (Liz Grieve), Lead Member Public Realm (Cllr D Smith)
- Implementation Group – this is an operational group which meets quarterly to discuss any emerging problems – The Planning and Public Protection Manager (Emlyn Jones) and the Strategic Planning Team Manager (Liz Grieve) both represent 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 2014-2015 were as follows:

1. Reduce crime and the impact on the community by;

- Working in partnership to reduce violent crime.
- Monitor serious sexual offences by analysing and responding to data.
- Working in partnership to reduce serious acquisitive crime.
- Working in partnership to reduce the number of people who are a repeat victim of crime.

2. Reduce re-offending by;

- Working in partnership to reduce re-offending amongst the most prolific offenders.
- Working in partnership to 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. Effectively tackle domestic abuse by;

- Monitoring domestic incidents and domestic crime via the multi-agency risk assessment conferences.
- Improving the response to victims of domestic abuse by all agencies involved by holding strategic meetings to improve standards.

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.

4.5 Partnership meeting structure diagram for information (see Appendix 3).

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

- 5.1 The work of the Community Safety Partnership delivers on the priorities of Denbighshire's Wellbeing Plan.
- 5.2 The work also contributes towards the service priorities of Planning & Public Protection Service.

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

- 6.1 The partnership activity within the Action Plan is fully grant funded, however each service will allocate a certain amount of funding which will directly support the outcomes for reducing crime.
- 6.2 Grant funding summary (see Appendix 4).

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

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.

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 partnership activity being commented on within this report is 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 2016-2017 is currently unknown. To mitigate the risk we will ensure all our business cases are robust and each project will have clear partnership outcomes.
- 10.2 There is a possibility in 2016-2017 that the Domestic Abuse Coordinator funding we currently receive sub regionally will become a regional funding stream in the future. We are awaiting a consultation event to be held by the Welsh Government to discuss the future of domestic abuse funding for North Wales.

10.3 The Governance audit undertaken by Denbighshire in 2014 resulted in a number of areas which needed to be tightened up on. Nearly all of the actions have been complete and we are awaiting our audit update visit at the end of June. The main area for improvement was producing a partnership agreement. Something the Community Safety Partnership has never been required to produce as the Partnership is a Strategic Partnership and the rules are laid out clearly in statute. This document has been created and is seen as a very popular development by members as all of the associated documents such as terms of reference were updated (see Appendix 5).

11. Power to make the Decision

- 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.