

**Report to:** Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 6 October 2016

**Lead Member / Officer:** Lead Member Public Realm  
Head of Business Improvement & Modernisation

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**Title:** Community Safety Partnership - 2015/16 Annual Update

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**1. What is the report about?**

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) activity and performance report is based on the joint partnership priorities as identified in the North Wales audit of crime, conducted annually. The North Wales Safer Communities Board (NWSCB) agrees the priorities, drawing up an action plan that is monitored by the NWSCB. Locally this plan is delivered by analysing what is happening in our local area and implementing local solutions.

The report focuses on the activity and performance of the CSP for 2015/16. Please find attached the full performance report for Denbighshire for discussion and comment (Appendix 1). The activity action plan for all CSP projects 2015/17 is also attached for discussion and comment (Appendix 2).

The activity and performance report is reviewed annually by the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

**2. What is the reason for making this report?**

To inform the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee of the activity of the Joint Community Safety Partnership in 2015/16.

**3. What are the Recommendations?**

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee review the annual activity and performance report and comment on the progress made.

**4. Report details**

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. Approximately 9 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. The Business Improvement and Modernisation Unit take the lead for managing the CSP in Denbighshire.

The Community Safety Partnership meeting regime consists of:

- **Strategic Steering Group** – meets three times a year with attendance from Strategic Planning Team Manager (Vicki Roberts), Lead Member Public Realm (Cllr D Smith) on behalf of DCC.
- **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 Officer (Heidi Gray) represent DCC at this meeting.
- **Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Tasking Group** – monthly meetings are attended by Senior Enforcement Officer (Tim Wynne-Evans) on behalf of DCC.

Please see attached Partnership Structure for information (Appendix 3).

Whilst the North Wales Safer Communities Board (NWSCB) is focusing at a regional level on mental health, hidden crimes and technology enable crimes, the four CSP priorities areas for 2015/17 are as follows:

**1. Reduce crime and disorder in the area**

- Reduce victim based crime
- Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Support vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime
- Reduce repeat incidents of victim based crime and ASB for victims and perpetrators
- Work with Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to manage the levels of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse
- Deal effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Increase the confidence in reporting Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence

**2. Combat substance misuse in the area**

- Reduce substance misuse

**3. Reduce reoffending**

- Adult reoffending
- Children and young people reoffending

**4. Local priorities**

- Provide appropriate response to environmental crime
- Reduce crime linked to licensed premises and taxis
- Improve confidence in reporting ASB to Local Authorities (CCBC & DCC)

Each Priority area has a number of performance indicators assigned to it to monitor progress and crime trends. The statistics are reviewed on a quarterly basis at the Implementation Group and any emerging issues are acted on. Please find a link to the CSP Newsletters highlighting the partnership work that has been ongoing over

the last 12 months <http://conwyanddenbighshirelsb.org.uk/newsletters/> Please also find a list of Denbighshire specific projects aimed at helping people to feel and be safer (Appendix 4).

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

The work of the CSP contributes to the delivery of the priorities of the Denbighshire Wellbeing plan as well as the service priorities of the Planning and Public Protection Services.

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

The partnership projects within the action plan are fully grant funded, however each service will allocate a certain amount of funding which will directly support the outcomes for reducing crime in Denbighshire.

The CSP receives ring-fenced grant funding to deliver the Community Safety Plan. This plan is approved by all who sit on the Strategic Steering Group of the CSP. Membership is made up of the Responsible Authorities identified in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Membership is made up as follows: Local Authority Head of Service or Senior Managers, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, North Wales Police, Probation Cymru and Health Board.

Denbighshire CSP funding is broken down as follows:

- (a) Safer Communities Fund (£166,939) - Welsh Government Funding aimed at reducing youth offending.
- (b) Police and Crime Commissioner Funding (£27,063) - Central Government Funding aimed at anti-social behaviour and local issues.
- (c) Domestic Abuse Coordinator and Independent Domestic Violence Officer funding (£37,500) - Welsh Government funding aimed at Domestic Abuse Policy and Strategy delivery.

**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**

The completed EqIA is attached. (Appendix 5).

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

The CSP consulted in 2015 on the 2015/16 action plan via all Responsible authorities.

The CSP report annually to the Council's Partnership Scrutiny and to the Senior Leadership Team as and when required.

**9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

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?**

The main risk is that the community safety funding for 2017/18 is currently unknown. To mitigate the risk all business cases will be robust and each project funded will have clear outcomes in line with the requirements of the grant.

**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
- Section 7.15.2 of the Council's Constitution

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