

Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 14th September 2017

Lead Member/Officer: Lead Member for Corporate Standards/
Head of Business Improvement and Modernisation

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Title: Community Safety Partnership Annual Update for 2016-2017

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.

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 (CSP) in 2016-2017 and the Local Priorities for 2017-2018.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1 That Partnerships Scrutiny Committee comment on the contents of the attached activity action plan and performance report.

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 10 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; Head of Business Improvement and Modernisation (**Alan Smith**), Lead Member for Corporate Standards (**Councillor Mark Young- May 2017**)
- 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 (**Carol Evans- May 2017**) both represent DCC at this meeting
- Anti-social Behaviour Tasking Group – held every month and attended by Senior Enforcement Officer (**Tim Wynne-Evans**) on behalf of DCC.

4.3 The four CSP priorities areas for 2016-2017 were as follows:

1. Reduce crime and disorder in the area- Regional/ Local Priorities

- 1.1. Reduce victim based crime
- 1.2. Reduce ASB
- 1.3. Support vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime
- 1.4. Reduce repeat incidents of victim based crime and ASB for victims and perpetrators
- 1.5. Work with MARAC to manage the levels of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse
- 1.6. Deal effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- 1.7. Increase the confidence in reporting Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- 1.8. Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence

2. Combat substance misuse in the area- National/ Regional Priority

- 2.1. Reduce substance misuse

3. Reduce reoffending- National/ Regional Priority

- 3.1. Adult reoffending
- 3.2. Children and young people reoffending

4. Specific Local priorities

- 4.1. Provide appropriate response to environmental crime
- 4.2. Reduce crime linked to licensed premises and taxis
- 4.3. Improve confidence in reporting ASB to LA
- 4.4. Deal with any ASB hotspot areas in partnership

4.5 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.

4.6 Please see attached action plan update for 2016-2017 (**Appendix 1**)

4.7 Please see attached performance update for 2016-2017 (**Appendix 2**)

4.8 Please see attached Partnership Structure for information- Updated May 2017
(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 the Denbighshire Wellbeing 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 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.

6.2 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) 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:

(b) Youth Crime Prevention funding- £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.

(d) Domestic Abuse Coordinator and Independent Domestic Violence Officer funding- £37,500- Welsh Government funding aimed at Domestic abuse policy and strategy

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

The completed Equality Impact Assessment is attached **(Appendix 4)**

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

8.1 The CSP consulted in 2015 on the 2015-2017 Action Plans via all responsible authorities (Local Authority Director and Head of Service, Fire, Police, Probation and Health).

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

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 2018-2019 is currently unknown. To mitigate the risk we will ensure all our business cases are robust and each project funded will have clear outcomes in line with the requirements of the grant.

11. Power to make the Decision

11.1 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 stipulates that Partnerships Scrutiny Committee as the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee has a duty to ensure that the Council's interests, resources and priorities are reflected in the work of the CSP , in accordance with ss19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

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