

**Report to:** Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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

**Report Author:** Community Safety Manager

**Title:** Community Safety Partnership Annual Update for 2017-2018

## 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 Performance Scrutiny committee of the activity of the Joint Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in 2017-2018 and the Local/Regional action plan for 2018-2019.

## 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 11 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**)
  - 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 priority areas for 2017-2018 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 with others

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 Strategic Steering Group and act on any emerging issues.

4.6 Please see attached the performance summary for 2017-2018 (**Appendix 1**)

4.7 Please see attached partnership activity plan for 2018-2019 (**Appendix 2**)

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

5.1 Where relevant, the work of the Community Safety Partnership is aligned to the priorities of Denbighshire's 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 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.

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

Not required.

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

- 8.1 The CSP consulted on the 2016-2018 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 2018-2019 Plan 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 2018-2019 is now allocated regionally. To mitigate the risk we will ensure that Denbighshire is present at the main Regional Boards and that the information from those boards will be discussed in the sub-regional Community Safety Partnership Meeting to ensure there is a clear understanding locally of where the community safety grants are being spent.  
10.2 Internal reporting on the main Regional Boards where safeguarding is a consideration will now be reported to the Corporate Safeguarding Panel Meeting in Denbighshire.

**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 of the Council's Constitution 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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