

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	12th September 2024
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Title	Community Safety Partnership Annual Update for April 2023 - March 2024

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 The Conwy and Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) 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 Police and Crime Commissioner agrees the priorities and then draws up an action plan to be delivered locally that is monitored by the Safer North Wales Partnership Board. 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 Conwy and Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) from April 2023- March 2024, and the work that will be ongoing in 2024/25 and to also provide detail on how the CSP is funded.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1 That Partnerships Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the contents of the attached performance and statistical update for April 2023 - March 2024.

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 16 years ago Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) and Denbighshire County Council (DCC) merged their Community Safety teams into a single team, with CCBC being the main employer. Corporate Support Service - Performance, Digital and Assets take the lead for managing the Community Safety Partnership activity in Denbighshire.
- 4.2 The Local Community Safety Partnership meeting regime consists of:
- Strategic Steering Group – held quarterly.
 - Anti-social Behaviour Tasking Group – held monthly.
 - Organised Crime Prevention Group - held monthly (this now includes a Clear-Hold -Build section).
 - Rhyl Community Safety Forum- held quarterly.
 - Emerging issues Task and Finish groups established as and when required.
- 4.3 The three priority areas for 2023-2024 were as follows:

Priority area 1 - Work in Partnership to Reduce Crime and Disorder

- 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 the 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.

Priority area 2 - Work in Partnership to Reduce reoffending - National/ Regional Priority

- Reduce Adult reoffending/Youth reoffending.

Priority area 3- Local priorities

- Reduce crime linked to licensed premises and taxis.
- Improve confidence in reporting ASB to the Local Authority.
- Deal with any ASB hotspot areas in partnership with others.
- Raise awareness locally of emerging crime issues.

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 and monthly basis at a local area and act on any emerging issues.

4.5 Please see attached the Community Safety Partnership performance and statistical report for 2023-2024 (Appendix 1).

4.6 Please see attached the Community Safety Partnership work ongoing/ planned in Denbighshire 2024-2025 (Appendix 2).

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022-2027: The Denbighshire we want?

5.1 Where relevant, the work of the Community Safety Partnership is aligned to the Healthier and Happier, Caring Denbighshire Theme of the Council's Corporate Plan.

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. Each 'Responsible Authority' can allocate a certain amount of funding which will directly support the outcomes for reducing crime in Denbighshire. See Appendix 3 for more detail on funding.

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

7.1 Not required.

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

- 8.1 The Community Safety Partnership was consulted on the 2023-2024 Activity Plans via all Responsible Authorities (Local Authority, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, North Wales Police, Wales Probation and BCUHB).
- 8.2 The Lead Member and Head of Service in Denbighshire will be briefed on the content of the report and have been involved in the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Meetings,
- 8.3 The CSP report annually to the Council's Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

- 9.1 It is important that the cost of delivering the Community Safety Action Plan continues to be contained within the external funding and budgets available.

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

- 10.1 That information coming into and out of the Local Authority is appropriately shared and actioned. This is now managed via a quarterly written community safety newsletter sent to all Denbighshire County Council Councillors, Lead Member and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and by the established quarterly internal meeting of senior officers who attend the Regional Community Safety and Safeguarding Boards.

11. Power to make the decision

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Police Reform Act 2002
- Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000
- Section 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act
- Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009
- Serious Violence Duty- Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022
- 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