

Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 27th September 2012

Lead Member/Officer: Lead Member for Public Realm

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Title: Community Safety Partnership 2011-2012
Action Plan Review

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 To present details on Conwy and Denbighshire's Community Safety Partnership's (CSP) performance in delivering its Community Safety Action Plan for 2011-2012.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 To seek Scrutiny's observations on the CSP's performance to date in delivering its three year action plan and seek the Committee's support for the continuation of the delivery of the Action plan for the duration of the statutory plan (2011-2014).
- 2.2 In considering the information presented the Committee can evaluate the effectiveness of the actions taken to date to deliver the Action Plan and identify any areas of weakness or concern with a view to recommending actions to redress performance in those areas.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- That the Committee:
- 3.1 considers and comments on the Community Safety Partnership's activity and performance during 2011-2012 in delivering its three year plan (Appendix A); and
- 3.2 having considered the performance summary (Appendix A), determines whether any specific priorities or areas merit further in-depth scrutiny, targeted actions or recommendations to Cabinet or Council.

4. Report details

Focus of Crime and Disorder Scrutiny

- 4.1 Legislation gives Scrutiny powers to scrutinise Denbighshire's CSP, rather than the individual partners – this supports a focus based on policy and finding solutions.

4.2 In addition, any Member of the Council can refer a local community safety matter to the Scrutiny Committee, and have it considered (through the Forward Work Programme process). This new provision is also intended to facilitate consideration of local crime and disorder matters raised by people living or working in a Councillor's Electoral Division (ward).

4.3 Community Safety Partnerships were created to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder.

4.4 The CSP has established 5 delivery groups to meet its priorities, as shown in the table below:

Priorities Areas

Priorities	Reduce crime and the impact on the community	Reduce re-offending	Effectively tackle ASB and behaviour adversely affecting the environment	Reduce harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse	Effectively tackle domestic abuse
Outcomes	Reduce crime	Reduce re-offending	Reduce crime linked to licensed premises	Increase new contacts by Harm Reduction service	Monitor domestic incidents and domestic crime
	Reduce violent crime	Reduce re-offending amongst the most prolific offenders	Reduce availability of alcohol to young people	Increase the number of people referred to structured treatment and reduce repeat referrals	Improving the response to victims of domestic abuse by all agencies involved
	Monitor serious sexual offences	Reduce offending amongst under 18s	Reduce reports of ASB	Increase intervention by alcohol support team in police custody	Raise awareness of violence against women and domestic abuse
	Reduce serious acquisitive crime		Increase prosecutions for environmental crime	Reduce alcohol and drug misuse per 100,000 residents	Monitor domestic violent crime
	Reduce the number of people who are a repeat			Reduce hospital admissions for drugs &	Provide support for victims and children

	victim of crime			alcohol at YGC	involved
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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 Integrated Big Plan.
- 5.2 The work also contributes towards the service priorities of Planning and Public Protection.

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

- 6.1 The Activity within the Action Plan is fully grant funded.
- 6.2 The Community Safety Partnership 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:
 - (a) Substance Misuse Action Fund- £683,511- Welsh Government Funding. This fund is aimed at commissioning treatment services for substance misuse.
 - (b) Safer Communities Fund- £168,875 - Welsh Government Funding - aimed at reducing youth offending.
 - (c) Home Office Crime Fund- £42,356 – Central Government Funding - aimed at antisocial behaviour and local issues.

7. What consultations have been carried out?

- 7.1 The CSP consulted in 2010 on the 2011-2014 action plans via all responsible Authorities (Local Authority Director, Fire, Police, Probation, Health and Police Authority)

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The cost of delivering the Plan should be contained within the external funding available.

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

- 9.1 The main risk is that the community safety funding for 2013-2014 is currently unknown. The introduction of Police Crime Commissioners in November 2012 will see our Home Office funding transfer to the Commissioner in 2013. We will be able to apply for funding but the ultimate decision will rest with the Commissioner and he/she will have to balance the requests for North Wales. To mitigate the risk we will ensure all our business cases are robust and each project will have clear outcomes.

10. Power to make the Decision

- i 2009 Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- ii Police Reform Act 2002
- iii Section 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act
- iv Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009
- Article 6.3.5 of the Council's Constitution

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