

Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 26th September 2013

Lead Member / Officer: Lead Member for Public Realm

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Title: Update on the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) performance report is based on the agreed priorities as identified in the audit of crime that is conducted annually by the Partnership. The Partnership agree the priorities for a three year period, however the plan is updated annually with any emerging issues.
- 1.2 The report focuses on the performance of the CSP for 2012-2013 and the current position for the first quarter of 2013/14.
- 1.3 Attached as Appendix 1 is the full performance report for 2012/13 and as Appendix 2 the first quarter performance report for 2013/14.
- 1.4 The performance of the CPS is discussed annually at Scrutiny

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 performance of the CSP.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1 The recommendation is for the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to note the contents of the attached performance report, and to provide comments for feedback to the CSP.

4. Report details.

- 4.1 CSPs were created in 1998 to develop and implement Strategies and action plans to reduce crime and disorder. Each Authority had its own CSP. Some 4 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. Planning and Public Protection take the lead for managing the CSP in DCC.
- 4.2 The CSP meeting regime consists of:

- Strategic Group – which meets bi-annually – Graham Boase, Lead Member for Public Realm (Cllr D Smith) and Cllr Bill Tasker (DCC representative on the NW Police and Crime Panel) attend this meeting to represent DCC.
- Implementation Group – this is an operational group which meets quarterly to discuss any emerging problems – Graham Boase and Emlyn Jones represents DCC at this meeting.
- Substance Misuse Commissioning Group – This group meets quarterly and is aimed at making commissioning decisions on substance misuse services. DCC is represented by Alaw Pierce.
- Anti-social Behaviour Tasking Group – held every six weeks and attended by Tim Wynne-Evans, on behalf of DCC.

4.3 The five CSP priorities areas for 2011-2014 are as follows:

1. Reduce crime and the impact on the community by;
 - Reducing violent crime
 - Monitor serious sexual offences
 - Reduce serious acquisitive crime
 - Reduce the number of people who are a repeat victim of crime
2. Reduce re-offending by;
 - Reducing re-offending amongst the most prolific offenders
 - Reducing offending amongst under 18s
3. Effectively tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) and behaviour adversely affecting the environment by;
 - Reducing crime linked to licensed premises
 - Reducing availability of alcohol to young people
 - Reducing reports of ASB
 - Increasing the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for environmental crime
4. Reduce harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse by;
 - Increase new contacts by Harm Reduction Service
 - Increase the number of people referred to structured treatment
5. Effectively tackle domestic abuse by;
 - Monitoring domestic incidents and domestic crime
 - Improving the response to victims of domestic abuse by all agencies involved

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 basis and act on any emerging issues.

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

5.1 The work of the CSP delivers on the priorities of the Big Plan, the Corporate Plan, and the priorities/objectives of a number of services within the Council.

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 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:

(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 - £166,939 - Welsh Government Funding - aimed at reducing youth offending.

(c) Police and Crime Commissioner Funding- £38,000– Central Government Funding - aimed at antisocial behaviour and local issues.

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.

Attached as Appendix 3 to the report is the standard Conwy CBC screening which is been used for Scrutiny reports in both Conwy CBC and DCC given the joint collaborative nature of the CSP work.

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

8.1 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).

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

8.3 The CSP report to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) 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 2014-2015 is currently unknown. The introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners in November 2012 has seen our Home Office funding transfer to the Commissioner for him to allocate. We will be able to apply for funding but the ultimate decision will rest with the Commissioner and he 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.

11. Power to make the Decision

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- 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
- Article 6.3.5 of the Council's Constitution

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