

<b>STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 6</b>
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## **Report of the Strategic Manager: Safer and Stronger Peterborough**

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### **SAFER PETERBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2011-14**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report is to introduce the new Safer Peterborough Partnership three-year Strategic Plan (2014-2017).

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are asked to note scrutinise the plan, comment and make any observations they seek fit in order that an agreed version can be recommended to Cabinet for approval.
- 2.2 This Plan is a Statutory Requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended)

#### **3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

- 3.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy aims to deliver a bigger and better Peterborough, through improving the quality of life for all. This Partnership Plan covers those aspects that fall within the Strong and Supportive Communities priority.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires that a Community Safety Partnership is formed, bringing together agencies who are responsible for crime and disorder across the local area.
- 4.2 The Crime and Disorder Act specifies 'responsible authorities', and in the case of the Peterborough Unitary Authority area these are specified as: Peterborough City Council; Cambridgeshire Constabulary; The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group; Cambridgeshire Fire Authority; and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Trust.
- 4.3 Responsible authorities also invite other agencies who are able to contribute to the work to *co-operate* and Cross Keys Homes (representing Registered Social Landlords in the city) is one of these organisations. Other agencies, particularly from the voluntary and community sector, are also *invited to participate* in the work of the Partnership. At present these organisations are Peterborough Council for Voluntary Service, Peterborough Racial Equality Council, HM Prison Peterborough, the Director of Public Health and The One Service.
- 4.4 In addition, legislation places a *mutual duty of co-operation* upon the Partnership and the elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire.
- 4.5 The Safer Peterborough Partnership is one of the partnerships that form the Greater Peterborough Partnership.
- 4.6 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places on designated authorities a legal responsibility to consider the community safety implications of their actions.

## **5. KEY ISSUES**

5.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, revised by the Police and Justice Act 2006, requires that the Community Safety Partnership publishes an annual Partnership Plan.

5.2 This plan replaces the current Safer Peterborough Partnership three-year strategic plan (2011-14)

5.3 The Statutory Community Safety Partnership is responsible for:

- Reducing crime and disorder, combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and reducing reoffending.

5.4 Scrutiny of the plan under the Crime and Disorder Act still exists and the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee remain the responsible Crime and Disorder Act Scrutiny Committee.

5.5 At the Committee's meeting in January a number of key issues were brought to Committee for debate and a view to be taken. They were:

- Duration of the strategic plan
- Direction of the plan
- Inclusion or otherwise of specific categories of crime
- Performance management and targets
- Delivery of the plan

### **5.7 Duration of the Plan.**

5.7.1 The Committee agreed with the suggestion of the Partnership that a further three-year period was appropriate for the reasons set out in the Committee paper at that time. This plan reflects that three-year commitment.

5.7.2 The Plan continues to be based on some of the principles of the Sustainable Community Strategy and associated Single Delivery Plan:

- Outcomes not organisations
- Root causes rather symptoms
- Being innovative
- Local solutions to local issues

### **5.7.3 Direction of the Plan**

- It will show our resolve in protecting those who are vulnerable within our communities.
- It will be clear about our partnership's commitment to tackling the underlying causes of offending but will be equally clear that those who continue to offend or bring risk of harm to our City will be targeted with the full weight of the criminal justice system.
- It will illustrate how we intend our approach to be sustainable and improve the lives of the people living, working and visiting our City.

The development of this plan and the continued evolution of the community safety delivery model should ensure consistency of approach based upon the success of the previous three year plan.

#### 5.7.4 **Inclusion or otherwise of specific categories of crime**

For the previous three years the partnership concentrated upon one single target – reducing victim based crime by 10%.

However, the partnership has continued to monitor on a monthly basis a whole raft of individual crime types and other quality of life indicators based upon a threat, risk and harm matrix.

This approach has allowed a focus on the system as a whole rather than focussing on one individual crime type. Impetus to reduce specific crimes has not been lost, in particular those that cause the City and its inhabitants the most harm. This has been largely achieved by a focus upon themes such as a strong focus on a good quality integrated approach to offender management and quality substance misuse services.

This plan continues to develop themes that maintain the victim at the centre of services and support/challenge those who offend, thereby helping us to continue the success of recent years with the strategic assessment providing the detail.

Therefore the Partnership will continue to measure all crime, with a specific focus on victims, as indicators of its performance. There will be no one single target measure.

Pages 15-19 of the new plan set out the key priority areas for focus for the next three years.

#### 5.7.5 **Performance management and targets**

The Partnership have a developing performance monitoring framework based around its monthly meeting structure.

Page 14 of the new plan describes the new Governance arrangements and a tighter grip of performance indicators will be maintained by the newly formed Delivery Group to be chaired by the Assistant Director Communities and Targeted Services.

The level of scrutiny now afforded to the Partnership through this scrutiny committee ensures that all elements of the plan are publically scrutinised. It is therefore suggested that there is no change to current scrutiny arrangements.

The performance of the partnership for the duration of the previous three-year plan will be presented to the Partnership Board at its March meeting and a verbal update will be available for the committee (final data currently awaited).

#### 5.8 **Delivery of the plan**

- 5.8.1 In addition to strength of the inter-agency strategic partnership for delivering community safety in Peterborough; one of the strengths of delivery is the multi-agency, single management team arrangements that are in place for the delivery arm of the partnership. This partnership arrangement moves forward from April 2014 onwards under new management and brings together a wider and stronger delivery team.

### 6. **IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The success of the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan from 2014 onwards will be a key determinant in quality of life of people who live, work and visit the area.

### 7. **CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The development of the Plan will be further informed by a detailed strategic assessment and information obtained through public consultation events and the neighbourhood panel process.

**8. NEXT STEPS**

- 8.1 The Plan forms part of the Council's major policy framework and as such will require to be discussed at Cabinet in due course subject to this committee's scrutiny observations.

**9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 9.1 None

**10. APPENDICES**

- 10.1 Appendix 1 - Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2014-2017