

ITEM 10(A) – FOR INFORMATION

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
25 JULY 2016	PUBLIC REPORT

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SAFER PETERBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2016/17

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Cllr Irene Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital	Deadline date : 12 October 2016, Full Council
Cabinet are recommended to approve the Safer Peterborough Plan and the priorities contained therein.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following the meeting and recommendation of the Safer Peterborough Partnership on 25 May 2016.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to consider the Safer Peterborough Plan for 2016/17 and to make a recommendation to full council for its consideration on 12 October 2016. The plan sets out the community safety priorities for the partnership over the coming year.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 3.2 paragraph 3.2.1 To take collective responsibility for the delivery of all strategic Executive functions within the Council’s Major Policy and Budget Framework.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	YES	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	25 JULY 2016
Date for relevant Council meeting	12 OCTOBER 2016	Date for submission to Government Dept <i>(please specify which Government Dept)</i>	N/A

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The SPP brings together the responsible authorities as set down in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006 for the purposes of tackling local community safety priorities. In 2014, the SPP produced a three year plan detailing how the partnership will address the community safety priorities for Peterborough, namely:

- Addressing victim based crime by reducing re-offending and protecting our residents and visitors from harm
- Tackling anti-social behaviour and
- Building stronger and more supportive communities.

4.2 The Partnership continues to monitor performance across all areas of the Plan and has had a number of successes over the last year as detailed throughout in the refreshed plan (see Appendix 1). Key achievements for the Partnership over the last year include:

- the reductions in those killed or seriously injured on our roads
- the work of the Victims' Hub in supporting 6000 victims of crime across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and
- Continued reductions in offending linked to prolific offenders who form part of the Integrated Offender Management Scheme.

4.3 An annual refresh of the Partnership Plan has now been produced. The documents reviews performance against each objective and identifies further partnership priorities to be addressed over the next year.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 Reducing levels of victim based crime remains a challenge for the partnership. Despite significant decreases in the preceding three years, there has been an increase in this crime type over the last 12 months, by around 6%¹. The increase in crime can be attributed to a change in the process of how the Police record crime, with a shift towards ensuring that all crimes are ethically recorded and actively encouraging more victims of sexual violence, domestic violence and hate crime, in particular, to come forward. Having an accurate picture of crime levels is critical to informing our ongoing response and has enabled us to have a renewed focus on achieving the best possible outcomes for victims of crime.

5.2 It is proposed to add an additional priority for 2016/17 under High Risk and Vulnerable people. This recognises the importance that issues such as modern slavery, human trafficking, gangs, child sexual exploitation and young people missing from home can have for the individual and broader community.

5.3 The link between children going missing and being sexually exploited is well documented. There were 294 incidents of children going missing from home or care in 2014/15 in Peterborough and it is estimated that running away places a significant amount of these young people at risk of serious harm and could in some instances also increase the risk of radicalisation. There have been a number of high profile cases relating to child sexual exploitation in Peterborough, Operation Erle saw a total of 10 male defendants convicted of 59 offences against 15 young females, these offenders received custodial sentences totalling over 114 years.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 Officer leads have been consulted and contributed to the formation of this report prior to it being considered by the Safer Peterborough Partnership. Further consultation will take place with all partners as part of the development of the next three year plan

¹ All victim based crime in Peterborough, January – December 2015, compared to January – December 2014

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 7.1 Full outcomes are outlined in the attached plan which focuses on reducing victim based crime and improving quality of life.

8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Safer Peterborough Plan fulfils the council's statutory requirements to have a community safety plan. The plan sets out the multi-agency approach to tackling community safety issues and ways in which the city can build stronger communities.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 Do not approve the Safer Peterborough Plan – this is not recommended due to the statutory requirements placed upon councils to have a community safety plan.

10. IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 This is the final year of the Safer Peterborough Plan within the overarching three year strategy to tackle crime and disorder. Throughout 2016/17 a full strategic needs assessment will be undertaken to assess priorities and issues for the next three year plan.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Appendix 1 – Safer Peterborough Plan 2016/17

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