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SAFER PETERBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2010-2011

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee	Deadline date : Full Council 14 April 2010
<p>Cabinet is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2010-2011 and recommend it to Full Council for approval 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following consideration by the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee on 18 March 2010.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to present the refreshed version of the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan ahead of its submission to Full Council for approval in April.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.1 'to take collective responsibility for the delivery of all strategic Executive functions within the Council's Major Policy Framework and Budget Framework and lead the Council's overall improvement programmes to deliver excellent services'.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	YES	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	29 March 2010
Date for relevant Council meeting	14 April 2010		

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Safer Peterborough Partnership

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires that a Community Safety Partnership is formed, bringing together agencies who are responsible for crime and disorder in the local area. It is acknowledged that far more can be achieved in making Peterborough a safer place if agencies work together rather than in isolation. The Crime and Disorder Act specifies that responsible authorities are Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, NHS Peterborough, Cambridgeshire Fire Authority and Cambridgeshire Police Authority. The Policing and Crime Act 2009 has, from 1 April 2010, included Probation as a responsible authority. These 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 Peterborough and Fenland MIND and Peterborough Racial Equality Council represent the voluntary sector on the Partnership Board. Other voluntary groups are represented on other partnership groups.

4.2 The Safer Peterborough Partnership is one of the partnerships that form the Greater Peterborough Partnership. It also oversees the outcomes in the 'Making Peterborough Safer' block of the Local Area Agreement.

4.3 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 SAFER PETERBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP PLAN

5.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, revised by the Police and Justice Act 2006, requires that the Community Safety Partnership publishes a three year Partnership Plan in April 2008 which is reviewed and updated annually. This report brings the revised plan, updated for 2009/2010.

5.2 The priorities within the Partnership Plan are agreed following a Strategic Assessment which considers the performance in the previous twelve months and takes into account the concerns of the public.

5.3 It is not possible within this document to provide all of the improvement targets that will accompany this plan as many of them are dependant upon the performance position at the end of this financial year and will be added when this data is available.

5.4 A summary document will be published to ensure that the public can clearly understand the priorities and improvement targets set.

5.5 The priorities set out in the Plan attached are:

- *Serious acquisitive crime*
This means crimes where someone takes something that does not belong to them such as burglary from a house, theft from a car or theft of a car or robbery of personal property. We will be seeking to reduce these types of crime.

- *Anti social behaviour*
We will be seeking to reduce the anti social behaviour experienced in our communities. We will also be working hard to ensure that anti social behaviour does not concern the public to such an extent that it affects their quality of life.
- *Domestic abuse*
We will be working to increase reporting of domestic violence as we know that many people suffer in silence and never have access to the help that they need. Victims of domestic violence will also suffer abuse over and over again and we are going to work through our multi agency group to ensure that repeat incidents of domestic violence reduce for those victims who we are supporting.
- *Violent crime*
This area of work will focus upon violent crime, particularly in our city centre, which is often fuelled by alcohol. We will work with the licensed trade to improve safety in the pubs and clubs of our city. Young people using alcohol in public places in our neighbourhoods is an issue for many communities and we will be focusing upon reducing the harm caused by this behaviour.
This year, following a review by the Safer Peterborough Partnership, hate crime will now be included within violent crime.
- *Serious Sexual offences*
Although the numbers of people who are victims of sexual offences is very low we recognise the devastating effect that this can have upon the victim and their family. We will be working to increase reporting of this crime, which often goes unreported and improving the support provided to victims of sexual offences.
- *Road safety*
This area measures the national indicator for those who are killed or seriously injured on our roads.

5.6 For each of the priority areas, improvement targets will be identified that we believe will reflect the work that we are going to be doing and allow both the partnership and the public to measure whether or not we have been successful.

5.7 The Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan covers all the priorities of the Partnership for the coming three years. Indicators, both national and local, have been selected to effectively reflect the improvement that is planned. Some of these indicators have also been included with the Local Area Agreement.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 This year we have extended the consultation that has been undertaken. This has included:

- A Members' briefing was held to allow elected Members to contribute to the Strategic Assessment
- Focus Groups with:
 - Adults with learning disabilities
 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender groups
- Public consultation through 'Face the People' event in June
- PCVS Small Groups Forum
- Stakeholder workshops for each of the priorities within the plan
- Presentations to other partnerships within GPP
- City Centre Forum

Additionally, the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee discussed and scrutinised the Plan at its meeting on 18th March. Following a robust discussion around performance it was agreed as part of the discussions that, where there is reference to Central or East Wards, these would be accompanied by an acknowledgement that related statistics include the city centre and Eastern Industry respectively. It was also acknowledged that the Plan would be updated with the most current performance data as soon as it is available. The Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee therefore agreed to recommend the Plan to Cabinet for approval.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 7.1 This plan sets out the priorities adopted by the Safer Peterborough Partnership in addressing its vision statement 'Peterborough Together: reducing crime, building safe and confident communities'.

The specific performance targets against which performance will be measured are included within the Partnership Plan.

8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 This Partnership Plan has been drafted following a comprehensive Strategic Assessment which provides both quantitative and qualitative data to indicate the areas that are a priority. These priorities have also been tested with stakeholders through a number of events.

- 8.2 The Safer Peterborough Partnership has approved this plan for the forthcoming year.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 The Partnership Plan sets out additional priorities that were considered by the Safer Peterborough Partnership and the reasons that these have not been adopted.

10. IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications for the Council associated with this plan. The resources required to meet this plan have been identified by Safer Peterborough Partnership and will be addressed by the Partnership.

- 10.2 Legal implications

There is a statutory responsibility for the Safer Peterborough Partnership to produce this annual plan.

- 10.3 LAA Targets

LAA targets are set out within this plan and monitored on a monthly basis by the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Police and Justice Act 2006

Policing and Crime Act 2009