

Executive

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Report of Director of Health, Housing & Adult Social Care

Portfolio of the Executive Member for Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods

Community Safety Strategy

Summary

1. In accordance with S6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Safer York Partnership produces and implements a Community Safety Strategy for reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, combating misuse of drugs and alcohol and for the reduction of reoffending. This report summarises the partnership's Community Safety Strategy 2017-20 including the current trends, emerging priorities and the implications of the strategy. The attached community safety strategy shows how the Council and its partners will work together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and make progress to ensure that York remains one of the safest cities in the UK. It is a statutory three year plan that gets refreshed on an annual basis.

Background

2. Every three years, Safer York Partnership prepares a Community Safety Strategy which reflects the community safety priorities for the city. This strategy is refreshed annually to reflect the often rapidly changing patterns of crime and risk. Priorities are determined from local consultation and intelligence and from the production of a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment carried out by North Yorkshire Police but including data and information from a range of partners, from more detailed thematic problem profiles and other strategic needs assessments which are linked to community safety.
 - 2.1 The last Community Safety Strategy was considered in 2014. This was in many ways a departure from previous strategies in that it reflected explicitly the huge potential impact of high profile events that could damage communities. These included possible terrorism and

radicalisation, child sexual exploitation, domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour. The strategy also recognised the individual impact of more everyday crime such as burglary, robbery and criminal damage.

- 2.2 In considering the new strategy, it has been recognised that these high profile risks to community safety have not declined and, therefore the new strategy focuses again on threat, harm and risk and those most vulnerable within our communities.
- 2.3 The work that underpins each of the strategic priorities is delivered by a range of partner organisation and in some cases is already identified within the work-plans of other strategic partnership boards. In 2015, this was formally recognised through the establishment of an interboard network to ensure that communication links are in place between the York Health and Wellbeing Board, Childrens and Adults Safeguarding Boards and the Community Safety Partnership. The Community Safety plan brings together those cross cutting themes where delivery is achieved through another board's remit but the outcomes have an impact on Community Safety.
- 2.4 Detailed action plans drawing together new activities and those which are already contained within other partnership plans are currently being prepared for consideration by the SYP Board. These action plans will provide the framework by which the partnership's performance will be monitored.

Consultation

3. The initial selection of strategic priorities within the strategy is undertaken through a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment. This is cross referenced with the results of the Council's 'Talk About' Residents Survey and the community consultation undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to the development of the police and crime plan. The strategy is developed through Safer York Partnership and as such, each draft includes the contribution of those partners who make up the Safer York Partnership Board. These include:
 - Police
 - Local Authority
 - Fire & Rescue
 - Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
 - National Probation Service
 - Public Health

- Yorkshire, Humberside and East Lincolnshire Community Rehabilitation Company

Options

4. Members are asked to note the content of the strategy and agree to provide support to the Council in delivering the strategic priorities contained within the strategy.

Analysis

5. The community safety strategy sets out the priorities identified through data and intelligence analysis and consultation and sets out how the partnership will work together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. It is underpinned by a joint Police and City of York Council Community Safety Unit based within City of York Council's headquarters and a delivery structure of thematic sub-groups reporting to the Safer York Partnership Board. The structure also recognises the input of existing and relevant groups which contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership priorities. The strategic priorities contained within the plan include:

- River and Road Safety
- Keeping the City Centre Safe
- Protecting People from Harm
- Tackling Anti-social Behaviour
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime
- Tackling Substance Misuse (including the delivery of the community safety elements of the York Alcohol Strategy)

The strategy includes an assessment of each priority in terms of community impact and sets out the strategic objectives that will drive delivery of that priority.

- 5.1 The Strategy will be underpinned by more detailed one year action plans aligned to each strategic priority. Priorities will be owned by partners represented on the Safer York Partnership Board and a detailed update on two of the priorities will be presented to the Board at each quarterly meeting with other priorities reporting by exception in relation to the challenges they experience in delivering their action plans.
- 5.2 Where applicable, action plans will cross reference the other strategic plans, documents and partnerships responsible for the delivery of Safer

York Partnership's strategic priorities. This will strengthen the links between strategic boards as agreed through the Inter-board protocol.

Council Plan

6. The Community Safety Strategy links to the following priorities within the Council Plan 2015-19:
 - **A focus on frontline services** – to ensure all residents, particularly the least advantaged, can access reliable services and community facilities
 - **A council that listens to residents** – to ensure it delivers the services they want and works in partnership with local communities

Implications

7. In producing this report the following implications have been considered:
 - **Financial** – There are no financial implications however there will be implication in relation to specific actions
 - **Human Resources (HR)**– The only HR implications relate to the Community Safety Team within City of York Council that supports Safer York Partnership and delivery of the Anti-social behaviour element within the strategy.
 - **Equalities**– There are no equalities implications, a one planet York assessment will be required
 - **Legal**) The Community Safety Strategy is a legal requirement stated at S6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
 - **Crime and Disorder** – The Community Safety Strategy is a key document aligned to the development and delivery of partnership work to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.
 - **Information Technology (IT)** –there are no identified IT implications
 - **Property** – There are no identified property implications
 - **Other** – There are no other identified implications.

Risk Management

8. There are no known risks.

Conclusions

9. The Community Safety Strategy was approved by Safer York Partnership Board at its meeting on 27th June 2017. Detailed action plans are being prepared which will determine the future performance management framework for the partnership and will be the basis of the bi-annual Safer York Partnership updates to the Housing, Health and Adult Social Care, Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation

10. Members are asked to note the content of the strategy and agree to provide support to the Council in delivering the strategic priorities contained within the strategy.

Reason

11. In accordance with S6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council is required to have a community safety plan for the City.

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Annexes

Annex 1 – Community Safety Strategy