



# Community Safety Partnership Annual Overview

Scrutiny Committee

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# Setting the Scene

- The **Crime and Disorder Act 1998**, as amended by the **Police Reform Act 2002**, sets out the statutory requirements for 'responsible authorities to work together with other local agencies, organisations and people, to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder, help create safer communities and tackle the misuse of drugs in their area. These statutory partnerships are known **Community Safety Partnerships (CSP)**.
- The legislation provides that there should be scrutiny as to the effectiveness of the partnership. This duty is usually discharged via an annual review of activity and delivery plans via local authority Scrutiny Committees. Because the scrutiny is partnership focused, issues that relate to a particular partner should be referred to the governing body of that organisation for action.

# Responsibilities

- Develop a **strategic group** to set work for the partnership
- Monitor **information sharing protocols**
- Analyse data to identify crime and patterns and set priorities through a **strategic assessment**
- Produce a three-year **Community Safety Plan** and review progress
- Regular **community engagement** and consultation to identify **resident priorities**
- Devise a strategy to **reduce re-offending**
- Commission **Domestic Violence Homicide** reviews

# Community Safety Action Plan

- No CSP Action Plan in place
- Currently undertaking a **Strategic Risk Assessment (SRA)**
- From the SRA, we identify **high risk, high harm factors** affecting our communities (local priorities) and how they have changed from previous year
- Workshop for partners is being held in February to ‘sense check’ the SRA and identified priorities
- Consult with residents to gain their perceptions
- Develop an action plan based on what the partners can achieve together to address the gaps, acknowledging that individual partners have individual responsibilities (should not include business as usual)
- Community Safety Action Plan 2024-2027 by end of April 2024

# CSP Successes 2023

- 'Crucial Crew' held in person for the first time since covid – 850 year 6 pupils on safety messaging
- Community Speed Watch groups and reinvigoration of project
- Community Engagement – hot spot areas, community consultation
- SOS bus to provide support from various agencies in the community
- Funded bleed kits through the District (Police and Fire)
- Secured Op Minerva funding to develop strategy for Violence Against Women and Girls (Domestic Abuse Alliance and Women's Safety Charter)
- Embedded 'Community Trigger' procedure

# The Year Ahead

- **CSP Action Plan** development and implementation (publish and review at CSP meetings to be accountable and measurable)
- **CSP calendar** for better co-ordination and visibility of activities and public reassurance messaging, ASB Week, Knife Crime Week etc.
- Review of CSP framework – **Responsible Authorities Group** to take strategic overview and sign off CSP Action Plan
- **Co-location** of key partners (collaborative working of officers)
- Share **hot spot data** about vulnerable residents and residents needs to take a more proactive and preventative approach
- Improve **resident engagement** and **communication** to identify neighbourhood priorities
- Include **Health** within the CSP partnership

# Recommendations

- Scrutiny are provided an update on the Community Safety Action Plan once it has been agreed between partners
- The Annual Review of the CSP is scheduled for March, once the Strategic Assessment has been completed and local priorities have been identified
- An update of the Action Plan objectives is provided as part of the Annual Review
- The CSP Annual Report is delivered by UDC, Police and Fire to demonstrate collaborative working approach



# Questions