

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Director of Customer and Community Services and
Chair of the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

TO: Area Committee - West	9/1/2014
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Area Committee - South	13/1/2014
Area Committee - North	6/2/2014

WARDS: All

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DRAFT PRIORITIES 2014-17

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Cambridge Community Safety Partnership is currently consulting on new priorities following the production of a detailed Strategic Assessment of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour across the City. These priorities will guide the work of the Partnership over the coming three-year period from 2014-2017 although the plan will be updated annually to ensure it reflects the needs of the community. This paper provides background information for consultation with Area Committees.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider the evidence in the Strategic Assessment 2013 (Appendix A) and to give its view to the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership on the set of draft priorities as listed in 3.2.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership brings together a number of agencies and organisations concerned with tackling and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Cambridge.

The key role of the Partnership is to understand the kind of community safety issues Cambridge is experiencing; to decide which of these are the most important to deal with; and then decide what actions we can take

collectively; adding value to the day to day work undertaken by the individual agencies and organisations.

These actions are detailed in the 3 year Community Safety Plan. The current plan finishes in March 2014 and the Partnership is looking at everything afresh to develop a new plan to run until March 2017 and be updated each year to check that the set priorities are still relevant. To help in doing this the Partnership commissions an annual Strategic Assessment (Appendix A). The Strategic Assessment looks at, and seeks to understand the range of information that is available about crime, disorder, substance abuse and other community safety matters affecting Cambridge. The Partnership members use this information to decide on the priorities for the next year. The process in deciding on priorities involves consultation through Area Committees and Strategy and Resources Committee.

These priorities are different to the local priorities set in the Neighbourhood Profiles. They are city wide, longer term issues and which need to be addressed by the full range of agencies and organisations who are members of the Community Safety Partnership. However, it can be seen from the Strategic Assessment that local issues do feed into the overall picture of the community safety work to be done in the City.

3.2 Draft Priority Areas for Future Work

The Partnership discussed the Strategic Assessment 2013 at a Development Day in November. It reflected on the success of the Partnership over several years, with year on year reductions in overall crime. The members considered if now was a good time, when crime levels are relatively low, to concentrate on some longer term strategic issues. Given the evidence presented in the Strategic Assessment, decided on a draft set of priorities, both strategic and tactical:

Strategic

- To understand the impact of mental health, alcohol and drug misuse on violent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Tactical

- Personal Acquisitive Crime – looking at emerging trends.
- Alcohol related violent crime – extending the pub clusters if necessary.
- Anti-social Behaviour – embedding new ways of working.

To continue to track and support County led work on:

- Domestic Abuse (with local work around awareness raising and training).
- Re-offending.

The Partnership will keep a watching brief on road safety issues by:

- Working collaboratively with politicians and the County Road Safety Partnership.
- Addressing local issues through the Neighbourhood profiles at Area Committees.

4. **CONSULTATIONS**

An initial scanning process was undertaken to give a framework to the strategic assessment and is detailed in Appendix A.

Presentation of the draft priorities at Area Committees forms part of the consultation.

A briefing session on the strategic assessment was arranged for all councillors.

5. **IMPLICATIONS**

(a) **Financial Implications**

In addition to the core budgets of agencies, in the past we have received funding for projects from the Police & Crime Commissioner's budget. We do not yet know whether this will be available in future years or at what level. In the past this funding has been provided for specific projects relating to priorities.

(b) **Staffing Implications** (if not covered in Consultations Section)

None

(c) **Equal Opportunities Implications**

A community safety plan will be developed around the final priority areas and an equality impact assessment will be published at that stage.

(d) **Environmental Implications**

As part of this section, assign a climate change rating to your recommendation(s) or proposals.

NIL

(g) **Community Safety**

As stated in the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

Strategic Assessment 2013

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