



To: The Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy:
Councillor Tim Bick
Report by: Director of Customer and Community Services
Relevant scrutiny committee: Strategy & Resources
17/3/2014
Scrutiny Committee
Wards affected: All

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2014-2017 (YEAR ONE)

Not a Key Decision

1. Executive summary

A draft of the latest 3 year Cambridge Community Safety Plan 2014-17 (Year One) is presented for consideration and comment.

The Plan was developed following consideration of a Strategic Assessment 2013 and public consultation.

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) as the owners of the Plan are inviting feedback from Strategy and Resources Committee on the proposed priorities, objectives and delivery of the plan.

The CCSP will consider the comments of the committee before deciding on a final version of the Plan to be published at the end of March 2014.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

- i. To comment on the plan and endorse the proposed priorities set out in section 3.3

3. Background

- 3.1 This is the latest in a series of community safety plans. Each plan lasts for 3 years and is updated annually. Our last plan ran from 2011-2014. This new plan will run from April 2014 to March 2017.
- 3.2 In order to guide the work of the Partnership over the coming 3 years a Strategic Assessment of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour across the City was commissioned in 2013.
- 3.3 Following consideration of the Strategic Assessment 2013 and feedback from the public consultation, the board agreed an amended a draft set of strategic and tactical priorities. The Partnership has been successful in contributing to the reductions in most crime types for several years now. The trend for the year shows total crime down by 8%, with violence against the person down by 21% and Anti-social Behaviour down by 6.5%, with long term downward trends shown in all the priority area crimes.

For this reason the Partnership has decided to take a step back from its usual tactical approach and to look at longer term issues underlying crime and disorder. Recent research and the experience of frontline workers across the partner organisations have highlighted the need for a better understanding of the impact of mental ill health, alcohol and drug dependencies on crime. This year the Partnership will concentrate on both strategic and tactical priorities as follows:

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 beyond the City Centre to pub clusters if necessary
- Anti-social behaviour - embedding new ways of working
- Domestic Abuse – tracking and supporting County led work and undertaking local work on awareness raising and training to increase reporting

The Board also decided to support the countywide work on;

- re-offending

The Board decided to 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 Committee

3.4 The first draft of the Plan is presented as Appendix A and endeavours to take into account the feedback from the Board's deliberations at their development day and feedback from the public consultation.

3.5 Police and Crime Commissioner Pledges

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill places a mutual duty on Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) and the responsible authorities on Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to co-operate to reduce crime and disorder and re-offending. The Bill also requires the PCC to have regard to the priorities of the responsible authorities in their area, while the CSPs have to have regard to the objectives in the PCC's police and crime plan when exercising their functions.

The pledges of the PCC in his Police and Crime plan 2013-16 are attached as appendix C and have been taken into consideration when developing the draft CSP Plan.

3.6 Timeline

A draft of the plan is presented to the City Council Strategy and Resources Committee in March for consideration and feedback to the CCSP Board

Later in March a second draft of the plan will be presented to the Board, to consider the comments from Strategy and Resources Committee and to agree the final version of the plan.

The final plan will be published on 31 March 2014.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

Safer Communities funding of £41,000 has been confirmed from the Police and Crime Commissioner and a spend plan detailing commissioned work to deliver the objectives of the plan will be produced and published when the plan is finalised.

(b) Staffing Implications

There may be staffing implications following the inclusion of Domestic Abuse as a priority. This will need to be discussed further with the Partnership Board when an action plan is developed.

(c) Equal Opportunities Implications

An equalities Impact Assessment is being conducted during the development of the plan and will be completed as the plan nears completion when it will be published on the website.

(d) Environmental Implications

Nil

(e) Procurement

None

(f) Consultation and communication

Public consultation on the draft set of priorities was carried out through;

A special presentation of the strategic assessment and the draft priorities to elected members in December;

Presentations at the 4 Area Committees;

City Council website;

Shape Your Place, Twitter and Facebook;

Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service

(g) Community Safety

As stated in the report

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report and are attached as Appendices or weblinks:

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Plan 2014-17 (Year One)

Appendix A

Cambridge Strategic Assessment 2013

Research into Street Based Anti-Social Behaviour

Police and Crime Commissioner Plan <http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Cambridgeshire-Police-and-Crime-Plan-V2.pdf>

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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