



To: Executive Councillor – Community Safety and Health – Councillor Tim Bick
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Relevant scrutiny committee: Community Services Scrutiny Committee 17/03/2011

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2011 - 2014

Key Decision

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership's current Community Safety Plan expires in March 2011. The original plan was endorsed by Strategy Scrutiny Committee in January 2008 and agreed by the Leader as the responsible Executive Councillor. Subsequent updates to the plan were agreed each year by Community Services Scrutiny Committee. As a result of close collaborative working between agencies, the partnership has been successful in reducing crime in the City by 8.4% since 2009/10.
- 1.2 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998, reviewed in 2006, requires Community Safety Partnerships to continue to produce a Plan covering a three year period but this must be updated annually to reflect any changes in priority.
- 1.3 The Partnership are required to publish the Plan by 31 March 2011. The final Plan is on the Partnership agenda for 11 March where it is intended that it will be as near as possible finally agreed. However, any comments or amendments requested by this committee will need to be considered by the Partnership before publication of the Plan. It is also scheduled to go to the full City Council meeting on 7 April for endorsement to fulfil a statutory requirement.
- 1.4 The priorities for the new plan 2011-14 are:
 - Alcohol-related violent crime in the city centre;
 - Repeat victims of domestic violence;
 - Repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour;

and a further priority for 2011-12:

□ Reducing re-offending. **Note:** this priority will continue for the next 12 months until the transition to integrated offender management is complete. (Integrated offender management is a new system for managing repeat offenders).

1.5 The proposed priorities for the new Community Safety Plan and the format of this plan need to be commented upon and noted.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

2.1 To endorse the priorities and note the format of the Community Safety Plan 2011 - 2014

2.2 To recommend full Council to adopt the Community Safety Plan 2011 -2014 at the full Council meeting on 7 April 2011.

3. Background

3.1 Cambridge Community Safety Partnership is a statutory partnership comprising of Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, Cambridgeshire Police Authority, Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services, NHS Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Trust. In addition to these statutory members the partnership also has members from Cambridgeshire Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) and Cambridge Magistrates. The agencies within the partnership are responsible for working together to ensure Cambridge remains a safe place to live, work and visit.

3.2 The production of an annual Strategic Assessment and three year Community Safety Plan is a statutory responsibility for all Community Safety Partnerships. This responsibility is detailed in a set of national minimum standards for partnerships introduced by government in November 2007 following a review in 2006 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act. This was the act that formed Community Safety Partnerships and required these partnerships to produce three year Community Safety Strategies.

3.3 Every three years the Partnership must agree a plan. The next plan will run from April 2011 to March 2014, and will be updated on an annual basis to ensure the priorities and action plans detailed remain appropriate. The plan must demonstrate how the agencies in the Partnership will work together to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the city and what priorities will be concentrated upon.

3.4 The draft priorities for this 2011- 2014 Community Safety Plan were identified through a comprehensive Strategic Assessment and public consultation of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Cambridge City. This resulted in the Partnership choosing the following five priorities:

- Alcohol related violent crime in the City Centre
- Repeat victims of domestic violence
- Cycle Theft
- Reducing re-offending
- Repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour

3.5 In the experience of the Partnership, the best outcomes have been achieved by focusing on a small number of priorities where partnership working can add value. For this reason we asked local people to tell us which three of these priorities mattered most to them. The priorities chosen were:

- Alcohol-related violent crime in the city centre;
- Repeat victims of domestic violence;
- Repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour;

and a further priority for 2011-12:

- Reducing re-offending. **Note:** this priority will continue for the next 12 months until the transition to integrated offender management is complete. (Integrated offender management is a new system for managing repeat offenders).

3.6 The plan in its draft current form is attached as **appendix a**. The document includes a section detailing what the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership is, the reason behind the production of this plan and overview of the Strategic Assessment, what the Partnership has achieved during the course of the last strategy, an overview of Cambridge City and details on each of the chosen priorities.

- 3.7 If any changes to the proposed priorities are suggested these would need to be considered by all the other members of the Partnership as it is a partnership owned plan. Other partners will ensure that the draft priorities are taken through their own decision making processes. It is anticipated the partnership will agree on the final version of the plan at its board meeting on Friday 11 March 2011, at this meeting any proposed changes to the content and suggested priorities will be discussed. However, any comments or suggested amendments coming out of this Committee will be passed to the Partnership members for consideration. The final version of the plan will be sent to the Executive Councillor for endorsement in consultation with the Labour spokesman and the Chair of Community Services Scrutiny Committee. The plan will then be taken to full Council on 7 April for final endorsement to fulfil a statutory requirement.
- 3.8 The Community Safety Plan 2011 - 2014 needs to be finalised and published on Cambridge City Council's website no later than the 31st March 2011.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Financial Implications – Funding will be required to deliver the actions within the plan. Currently Cambridge Community Safety Partnership receives funding from the Home Office in the form of the Safer and Stronger Communities fund. The County Council are administering the funding for 2011/12 and we have agreed allocations with them for this year. The situation for future years of the plan is uncertain as it is likely that funding will go directly to the proposed new Police Commissioner.
- 4.2 Staffing Implications – none
- 4.3 Equal Opportunities implications – Having examined the Community Safety Plan 2011-14, and the public consultation that helped in deciding the priorities it will cover, against the criteria of the EqIA, no disadvantages or negative impacts have been identified.
- 4.4 Environmental implications – none
- 4.5 Community Safety implications – as per report

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

5.1 Partnership Strategic Assessment for Cambridge City 2010

5.2 Community Safety Plan for Cambridge 2008 - 2011.

6. Appendices

6.1 Draft Cambridge Community Safety Plan 2011 - 2014

7. Inspection of papers

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