



To: Cllr. Tim Bick, Executive Councillor for Community Safety
Report by: Liz Bisset, Director of Customer and Community Services
Relevant scrutiny committee: Community Services Scrutiny Committee
Wards affected: All Wards

Cambridge Community Safety Plan 2011 - 2014 update for 2012

Not a Key Decision

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 In order to keep the Cambridge Community Safety Plan current it is updated on an annual basis following production of a Strategic Assessment. The updated draft plan for 2012/13 is attached as Appendix A. The full Strategic Assessment can be viewed on the Council website.
- 1.2 The recommendations within the Strategic Assessment were discussed at the Community Safety Partnership annual development day in November 2011. A long list of recommendations was considered within the context of the roles of individual partners, taking account of the additional value that each organisation could contribute to the potential priorities. A major outcome of the Strategic Assessment was the impact that alcohol and drug misuse have on a range of problems we experience in Cambridge. The Partnership Board identified a need to keep a similar set of priorities to last year with some amendments to reflect this impact, focusing on particular localities and groups. The new Community Safety Priorities for 2012/13 are set out in section 3.1 of this report.
- 1.3 The presented plan is a first draft with much work still to be done before the final version is published. Lead Officers on the priority areas will be working with task groups on target setting and delivery methods over the coming weeks. The section on reducing repeat victims of domestic violence has not yet been written as the Partnership Board need to consider a number of changes to the structure and form of the delivery of domestic abuse services countywide before deciding on the local requirements. An updated draft will be circulated before the committee meeting on 15 January and a final plan will be presented to committee on 15 March.

- 1.4 The Executive Councillor is asked to consider the plan and endorse the chosen priorities. Any comments or amendments made by the Scrutiny Committee will be discussed by the Community Safety Partnership Board at their meeting of 14 February before publishing the final plan on 31 March 2012.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended to:

- 2.1 Endorse the proposed priorities and amendments to the Community Safety Plan agreed by the Community Safety Partnership and set out in section 3.1

3. Background

- 3.1 Cambridge Community Safety Partnership developed a new Plan in April 2011. That plan has been updated for 2012/13 following a Strategic Assessment by the County Research Team. The recommendations in the Strategic Assessment are that the priorities of the Community Safety Plan 2012/13 should remain similar to those in the current plan, that is, reducing:

- Alcohol related violent crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Repeat victims of domestic violence
- Re-offending

The amendments to the current priorities are:

Reducing alcohol related violent crime

The wording 'in the city centre' which was present last year has been removed. This is to reflect the need to be flexible if problems are identified outside the city centre.

Reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB)

The focus will be expanded beyond repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour, to reflect the evidence in the Strategic Assessment of the impact of substance misuse and the overlap between ASB and other priorities and taking into account vulnerable locations and groups identified in the Strategic Assessment. The priority will focus on:

- Problem solving at a neighbourhood level;
- Case work to reduce repeat victimisation;
- ASB associated with substance misuse;
- Preventative work with young people.

Reducing repeat victims of domestic violence

the partnership intends to focus specifically on:

- working with young people to prevent domestic violence

Reducing re-offending

The Partnership will retain this priority and review it in full at the end of the financial year when a report is received on the effectiveness of the implementation of Integrated Offender Management in Cambridge.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Financial** – It is not yet clear what Partnership funding will be available for 2012/13. As soon as this is known a spend plan for projects to support the priorities will be developed.
- 7.2 Staff** – Posts dependent on Community Safety funding may be affected.
- 7.3 Equal Opportunities** – An EQIA was carried out on the original Community Safety Plan 2011/2014 and this will be revisited as part of the development of this update.
- 7.4 Procurement** – None
- 7.5 Environmental** - None
- 7.6 Community Safety** – as per the report. This is fulfilling a statutory duty for the City Council

8. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
Cambridge Community Safety Plan 2011/14
Cambridge Strategic Assessment 2011

9. Inspection of papers

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

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