



To: Cllr. Tim Bick, Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health

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 A draft of the Community Safety Plan 2011-14 (updated for 2012) was presented to the January Community Services Scrutiny Committee for comment.
- 1.2 The Community Safety Partnership Board who are the owners of the plan accepted the Committees suggestion and have incorporated them into the final plan presented as Appendix A.
- 1.3 The final plan is presented for endorsement by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Councillor for Community Safety.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Executive Councillor is recommended to:

- 2.1 Endorse the proposed priorities and amendments to the Community Safety Plan 2011-2014 (updated for 2012) agreed by the Community Safety Partnership and set out in section 3.2

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The aims of the Community Safety Partnership are to reduce levels of crime and antisocial behaviour, increase people's sense of community safety and effectively tackle alcohol and drug misuse across Cambridge by continuing to work together. The priority areas are where we can make a bigger impact by pooling resources and working closely together.
- 3.2 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 were discussed at the January Scrutiny Committee.

3.3 Each of the member organisations also contribute to the reduction of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour through their core business activity and many have complimentary priority areas of community safety work. For example;

- the City Council's Housing Advice Team commissions a Mental Health and Street Outreach Team jointly with the County Council. The City Council also funds a Street Life Police Officer and the liaison between these two services means an effective balance is achieved between support of rough sleepers and enforcement around anti-social behaviour. This work is further complimented through the development of an Assessment Centre in partnership with Jimmy's night shelter, primarily funded by the County with additional financial support from the City Council. The centre will be open 24 hours a day and will comprehensively assess the needs of the service users before aiming to resettle them.
- The extensive CCTV coverage operated by the City Council is another example of work across council departments that supports and complements the work of the Community Safety Partnership. Information gathered by the CCTV Team and passed to the police has helped in a recent conviction following a serious attack in the City last year.
- Almost all City Council departments are now involved in some way in reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. A further example of cross departmental and organisation cooperation is the work of the Public Realm Enforcement Team and the Rangers which includes working closely with the police and Anti-social Behaviour Team to reduce litter, graffiti, aggressive punt touting and needle finds.

- 3.4 The final plan will be published on the City Council website by 31 March 2012.

## 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 and will be available on the City Council website.
- 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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