

COMMUNITY SAFETY DELIVERY PLAN

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Key Decision? YES

Local Ward Members All wards



COMMUNITY, HOUSING & HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 provides a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) to produce a three year community safety plan, which is reviewed annually. The Plan must show how the CSP will tackle community safety issues and challenges.
- 1.2 To provide the evidence base for the Community Safety Delivery Plan the Staffordshire Observatory produce a strategic assessment which looks at crime figures, trends and prevalent issues and suggests priorities for the District. The latest update was published in February 2021 and is informing the development of the 21/22 delivery plan.
- 1.3 Whilst there has been little change in the Community Safety priorities, it inevitably highlights the impact of Covid 19 on communities and in particular those at increased risk.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That members give their views on the Community Safety Priorities and the contribution that Community Safety partners can make.
- 2.2 That members give their views on the revised format for the Community Safety Delivery Plan.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Staffordshire Observatory have carried out a review of the current priorities in order to identify any changing or emerging key strategic priorities and risks for the local area. These have been cross referenced against known existing local priorities and findings for the locality. Where priorities are changed or amended from the 2019 full assessment, this has been highlighted in the assessment, attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The identified priorities are as follows:
 - Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Car Key Burglary and Vehicle Theft
 - County Lines
 - Fraud
 - Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (including Alcohol and Mental Health)

- 3.3 In terms of 'Places of Greatest Risk' the assessment identifies Stowe ward that includes the city centre as a priority for a number of priority issues. As a centre for business and tourism in the district it seems sensible to have a specific community safety focus for the city centre, joining with business and tourist interests. Chasetown is also identified as a priority area for ASB and domestic abuse and cross cutting issues such as child protection (including county lines). It therefore seems appropriate to have a specific focus on improvements in this area.
- 3.4 There is no significant change in the above priorities but increased recognition within the assessment of cross cutting vulnerabilities, together with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, particularly on those who already had vulnerabilities, which place them at greater risk. As is the case nationally, there are concerns about the impact of the pandemic and the increased risks for ASB, domestic abuse, county lines and fraud.
- 3.5 The Strategic Assessment recognises that restrictions imposed as part of the government approach to controlling the Coronavirus pandemic have resulted in significant reductions in recorded crime and disorder from mid-March 2020 onwards. This is particularly the case with regards to crime, disorder and ASB taking place in public places. However whilst there has been a significant reduction in ASB recorded by the police, over the same period there has been a significant increase in ASB reported to the community safety team. The majority involving neighbour disputes.
- 3.6 The Strategic Assessment also flags up that the following are not considered a main priority for Lichfield, but are recommended for additional consideration due to their volume, impact on communities and level of public expectation;
- Repeat and Persistent Offending
 - Community Cohesion & Tackling Extremism (*Replaces Counter Terror / Domestic Extremism*)
- 3.7 A series of recommendations for the Community Safety Partnership's consideration is set out on page 6 of the Strategic Assessment and these will be reflected in the Delivery Plan. The contribution that the Community Safety Partnership can give to the above will be addressed through the delivery plan. Some consideration will also be given to the other challenges which, while not necessarily overly present in the partnership area, require the contribution of the whole partnership:
- Modern Slavery
 - Fire and Fire Risk
 - Business Crime
 - Serious Violence.
- 3.8 Funding from the Staffordshire Police Commissioner's Office supports the delivery plan. We received notification on 11 February 2021 that £53,913.75 had been awarded, with a deadline to submit the delivery plan to the commissioner's office by 1 May. The Community Safety Delivery Group are meeting on 15 March to consider the draft plan. It has not therefore been possible to bring a draft plan to this committee at this stage. However this meeting does present an opportunity for members to bring forward any suggestions that could help with the delivery of the community safety plan. It is also proposed that the format of the plan is improved and members views on this are being invited. Attached at Appendix B is a suggested revised format.

Alternative Options	1. There is a statutory requirement to produce a Community Safety Delivery Plan so there is not an alternative option available. However, members may wish to make suggestions or how the priorities can be delivered.
Consultation	1. Consultation is taking place with Community Safety partners.
Financial Implications	1. The delivery plan is supported by funding from the Police Commissioner's Locality Deal Fund and from partner resources.

Contribution to the Delivery of the Strategic Plan	1. Community Safety plays a key role in Enabling People and Shaping Place.
Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications	1. Community Safety positively impacts on groups with protected characteristics, particularly older and younger people and groups who may experience Hate crime. An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken before the delivery plan is finalised.
Crime & Safety Issues	1. The Community Safety Delivery Plan will impact positively on our duty to prevent crime and disorder within the District (Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1988).
Environmental Impact	1. Actions to address ASB recognise that some ASB can have a negative environmental impact and seeks to prevent this.
GDPR/Privacy Impact Assessment	1. The development of the Community Safety Plan does not involve any sharing of personal data. Any monitoring of delivery excludes personal data.

	Risk Description	How We Manage It	Severity of Risk (RYG)
A	Partners do not engage in the development or delivery of the Community Safety Delivery Plan	The Delivery Plan is developed and managed by the CSP Delivery Group which includes a range of partner agencies	Risk – Green Impact - Yellow - Likelihood – Green
B	Outputs and outcomes are not achieved	The plan is monitored regularly through the CSP Delivery Group and funding outcomes reported to the Staffordshire Police Commissioner’s Office	Risk – Yellow Impact - Yellow - Likelihood – Green
C	Financial resources available to implement the plan are reduced	The plan would have to be revisited	Risk – Green Impact - Yellow - Likelihood – Green
D			
E			

Background documents

[Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2020](#)

Relevant web links

[community-safety-delivery-plan-2020-2023 \(lichfielddc.gov.uk\)](https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/community-safety-delivery-plan-2020-2023)