



Leicester City Community Safety Work

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Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission

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Useful information

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To brief members on the City's work around the community safety agenda via the Safer Leicester Partnership.
- 1.2 Furthermore, the report highlights key areas that the Council and partners such as the police, have identified as priorities to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Leicester City's community safety partnership called Safer Leicester Partnership (SLP), brings together responsible authorities to identify key priorities and associated work areas that need partnership input/support in order to provide a co-ordinated multi-agency community safety response.
- 2.1 This report outlines the strategic / policy and programmes of work undertaken within a partnership context.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that members of the Scrutiny Commission note and comment on this work and identify any additional steps that the Partnership can take to address these areas of work.

4. Report:

- 4.1 The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act established partnerships between local authorities, the police and police authorities, fire service, probation service, health authorities, the voluntary sector, and local residents and businesses. These partnerships, termed community safety partnerships (CSPs) are therefore in each local authority.
- 4.2 The responsible authorities work together to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safer. They work out how to deal with local issues like antisocial behaviour (ASB), drug or alcohol misuse and reoffending. They annually assess local crime priorities and consult partners and the local community about how to deal with them. This work is then translated into a partnership plan which is intended to clearly present the areas of work that the partnership is seeking to address. See appendix 1, the Safer Leicester

Partnership's partnership plan for 2017-18.

4.3 The objectives/ priorities for the Partnership for 2017/18 are as follows;

- To Reduce Overall Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour
- To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
- To Reduce the Incidences of Domestic & Sexual Abuse
- To Reduce Re-Offending – Adults & Young People
- To Effectively Manage Issues in Relation to Adult & Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

4.4 The SLP receives funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in the form of a Partnership Locality Fund (£239k for 2017/8) to deliver programmes which meet Partnership and PCC priorities. The Council acts as the accountable body for this funding and therefore ensures that the spend is as per the requirement of the PCC's contract with the City Council.

4.5 Within the SLP, a structure exists which includes a number of multi-agency delivery groups (in line with the objectives outlined above at 4.3) which work together to agree and deliver programmes of work. This work is supported through the Council's community safety service.

4.6 Outlined below are some of the key strategy, policy and process development work that the SLP has undertaken in the last 12 months;

a) Development & Establishment of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) around:-

- Street drinking & new psychotic substances (NPS); established a consultation process to assess and consider feedback around the introduction of a PSPO covering concerns around the use of these substances. Following the consultation, the new PSPO will be introduced in December 2017 as part of wider work seeking to help tackle street drinking and NPS use.
- Currently a consultation process around begging has just been completed and the results are being analysed prior to consideration through the Council's decision making processes.

b) Development of programmes of work to help deal with those with street lifestyle issue such as begging, street drinkers and rough sleepers; working with partners to identify those with entrenched issues and agreeing ways to better support individuals away from this behaviour. This work is also, looking at proportionate mechanisms around enforcement should their behaviour be linked to anti-social behaviour.

c) Development of an ASB policy in conjunction with Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) multi-agency community safety colleagues, in order to further confirm how ASB is tackled and addressed through an incremental approach.

- d) Process developed to effectively review domestic homicides, this work was initially progressed in line with the DHR Guidance in August 2013. As our learning around this agenda has changed, we further changed and developed the process during 2016-17.
- e) Working to get a further informed understanding of the domestic and sexual abuse (D&SA) landscape by undertaking a strategic needs assessment; which will inform the D&SA strategy.

4.7 Outlined below are some of the key initiatives and projects that the SLP has undertaken/supported in the last 12 months;

- a) Knife crime work – a multi-agency group that identifies those who are “at risk” of committing or perpetuating behaviours linked to knife crime in order to put in place practical initiatives to help tackle this issue.
- b) Celebrate Safely – campaign established to share the key crime prevention messages linked to celebratory events such as Diwali, Christmas etc.
- c) Private sector rogue landlord work– multi-agency work established to deal with issues related to the poor management of private sector dwellings.
- d) Night time economy – multi-agency meeting to tackle issues related to crime and ASB in the city centre in the evening and at night.
- e) Domestic Homicide Reviews – carried out two domestic homicide reviews in order to prevent domestic violence and homicide and improve service responses for all domestic violence and abuse victims and their children by developing a co-ordinated multi-agency approach to ensure that domestic abuse is identified and responded to effectively at the earliest opportunity.
- f) Vehicle Crime Campaign – work carried out to inform members of the public on the steps that can be taken to avoid becoming a victim of car crime.
- g) Established a new project to deal with adolescent to parent violence, in order to deal with the increase in this area.
- h) Undertaking a D&SA awareness campaign to ensure that victims and witnesses are better able to report incidents.

5. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

There are no significant financial implications arising from this briefing report

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5.2 Legal implications

S17 Crime and Disorder Act places a duty on the Council and relevant authorities to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of the functions on and on the need to do all that it reasonable can to prevent:

- Crime and Disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment)
- The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and
- Re-offending in its area

S17 requires the Council to exercise its functions paying 'due regard' to the need to prevent crime and disorder in its area. In addition, Part 6 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 requires the policing bodies to prepare a Community Remedy Document and sets out a requirement for local agencies to respond to complaints about anti-social behaviour.

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5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

There are no climate change implications.

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5.4 Equalities Implications

Community safety is an area of concern for all communities and one that can affect the quality of life for individuals and entire communities.

The responsible authorities are tasked with working together to protect local communities, residents, businesses and visitors from crime and to help people feel safer. The impacts of reduced crime and disorder and the creation of a safer environment benefits people from across all protected characteristics and can help to improve community confidence.

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5.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Act: implications with regards to the duty of local

authorities to consider the impact of their decisions and actions on crime and disorder in the local area.

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6. Background information and other papers:

n/a

7. Summary of appendices:

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

9. Is this a “key decision”?

No

10. If a key decision please explain reason