

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Community Safety 18th November 2015

Report of Chief Officer (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide information to allow the committee to scrutinise the partnership arrangements that contribute to community safety in Lancashire.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) **That the committee considers the report and appendices and makes recommendations as appropriate.**

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny committee has the role of scrutinising the arrangements in place to deal with community safety.

1.2 Pursuant to duties contained within Section 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the following 'Responsible Authorities' have for many years worked in partnership to make Lancashire a safe place to live, work and visit:

- Unitary Authorities
- District Councils
- County Council
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Crown Prosecution Service
- HM Courts and Tribunal Service
- HM Prison Service
- Lancashire Constabulary
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
- Lancashire Probation Trust

1.3 A priority for Lancaster City Council as outlined in the Corporate Plan is 'Clean, Green and Safe Places.'

1.4 Lancashire Community Safety Strategy Group (LCSSG) has brought together representatives from the Responsible Authorities to set strategic direction and coordinate joint activity under the above Act. .

- 1.5 The Responsible Authorities are under a duty to work together to: -
- Reduce crime and re-offending, tackle anti-social behaviour and substance misuse;
 - Ensure information collection and sharing arrangements are in place to inform direction of services and develop a Community Safety Agreement (CSA) for Lancashire;
 - Maintain good partnership working between organisations;
 - Have due regard for the strategies and priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire where appropriate.
- 1.6 This report sets out in **Appendix 1 (LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT 2014-16)** the Community Safety Agreement for 2014-16 which has been developed by the LCSSG in consultation with other local agencies and organisations .In accordance with the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, approval of this document is the responsibility of full Council, and, in accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution, it forms part of the Council's Policy Framework.
- 1.7 At a local level district based Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are collaborating through three Area Community Safety Steering Groups in order to refine joint working. The North Area Community Safety Steering Group comprises representatives from Blackpool, Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre. A structure chart showing the relationships between the different partnership boards, groups etc. across Lancashire is shown at **Appendix 2**.
- 1.8 The CSP comprises representatives from Responsible Authorities within the Lancaster District.
- 1.9 The Community Safety Agreement is not intended to detail all of the partnership activities to be undertaken. It is recognised that locally the CSP is well placed to take forward much of the strategic activity defined in the agreement, particularly where pan-Lancashire themed groups are not able to take issues forward.
- 1.10 Locally the CSP meets on a regular basis to consider the specific safety issues that affect our District. These are informed by consideration of the high level crime assessment of the District (**Appendix 3- STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2015- District Profile- Lancaster District**) as well as much more detailed analyses of crime statistics provided at each meeting.
- 1.11 In the last 12 months the CSP has worked on/received reports on the following:-
- Domestic Homicide Review for Adult and Child L
 - Community Trigger Referrals
 - Domestic Abuse Focus Meeting
 - Violent Crime Focus Meeting
 - Asylum Dispersal Project
 - Performance Update including issues of Hate Crime, Bike Thefts and Burglary
 - CSP Funding for Projects in the district

- 1.12 The Committee has asked for specific information on the Public Space Protection Order that has been put in place on the Ridge estate. A note is attached at **Appendix 4**.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

As outlined in the report. In addition one of the Council's priorities is for Clean, Green and Safe Places.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a legal requirement to have in place an agreed strategy for community safety and also a community safety partnership.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications arising directly as a result of this report.

The Council's current approved revenue budget includes the following amounts towards direct provision of community safety: -

	2015/16 Estimate	2016/17 Forecast	2017/18 Forecast
PCSOs	£99,000	-	-
CCTV	£170,100	£173,800	£177,500
Community Payback	£24,000	£24,000	£24,000
Community Safety Partnership	£53,900	£43,300	£44,900

All the above amounts will be reviewed as part of the ongoing 2016/17 budget process.

In addition to these directly attributable budgets Council services like Public Realm, Licensing, Environmental Health, Council Housing etc. direct a considerable amount of resource towards improving and responding to community safety related issues.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

None.

Information Services:

None.

Property:

None.

Open Spaces:

None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The S151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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