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Report to: Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Board

Report title: Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Key Priority Updates

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is presented to the Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Board to update on progress against the agreed actions for the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) priorities.
- 1.2 In January 2021, the CSP agreed four key priorities, to focus partnership activity to create a step change in outcomes. Each priority area developed action plans and a partner agency leads on the delivery of the action plan. The four priorities and lead agencies are:
- 1 Violence under 25 – West Midlands Police
 - 2 Violence against Women and Girls – Birmingham and Solihull ICB
 - 3 Anti-social behaviour – Solihull Community Housing
 - 4 Hate crime – Solihull Council
- 1.3 Each lead partner agency presents updated action plans for consideration (attached at Appendix A to D).

2 Decision(s) Recommended

- 2.1 That the Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Service Scrutiny Board note and

comment on the work undertaken by the Safer Solihull Partnership (SSP) against its four priority areas.

3 Matters for Consideration

Background

- 3.1 Further to receiving its Annual Strategic Assessment in March 2021, the SSP held a workshop to set its updated priorities. These were agreed as violence under age 25 (VU25) Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG), hate crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). Violence generally was a key theme of the workshop, however, the Solihull Partnership landscape already has robust structures addressing exploitation and domestic abuse. The SSP were assured that these Boards were focusing on the right issues, with regular updates to the SSP.
- 3.2 In order to have the greatest impact, it is essential to understand and analyse data to adopt a problem orientated, evidence-led approach to develop targeted interventions. Understanding the root cause of problems is key to tackling them. As such, the SSP held deep dive events into the four priorities and developed associated action plans, with each plan allocated a Lead partner.
- 3.3 These plans have evolved over the last eighteen months and are live working documents, reviewed on a regular basis to ensure appropriate actions are in place and being delivered.
- 3.4 Performance against the action plans is reported at each SSP meeting. These presentations, coupled with statistical performance reports and inform decisions around resources to underpin the plans as required.
- 3.5 Each partner will be present at the meeting to talk to their action plans and highlight progress and challenges. A few key successes this year are the publication of the partnership statement for VAWG in November 2022 to raise awareness of the Partnership commitment to address Violence against women. In October 2022 a weeklong campaign for hate crime awareness week, promoting the support available for victims of hate crime and the establishment of a multi-agency case conferencing meeting to problem solve complex ASB cases.

4 What options have been considered and what is the evidence telling us about them?

- 4.1 Each partner will provide an update on the action plans they are leading to the Scrutiny Board, highlighting achievements to date and future planned activities. The Scrutiny Board are asked to consider, review, and scrutinise the plans and actions.
- 4.2 Scrutiny Board members are asked to note that the some of the actions are long term and/or structural in nature and will be challenging to address. It is also important to note that the plans are not designed to contain everything which is being done by individual agencies, but rather the added value actions which will be delivered through the SSP.

5 Reasons for recommending preferred option

5.1 The Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Board are asked to note the progress of the SSP against its four priorities.

6 Implications and Considerations

6.1 State how the proposals in this report contribute to the priorities in the [Council Plan](#):

Priority:	Contribution:
<p>People and Communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Improving outcomes for children and young people in Solihull.2. Good quality, responsive, and dignified care and support for Adults in Solihull when they need it.3. Take action to improve life chances and health outcomes in our most disadvantaged communities.4. Enable communities to thrive.	<p>Enabling communities to thrive by ensuring efficient and effective responses to community safety issues are delivered across the borough.</p>
<p>Economy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Develop and promote the borough's economy, with a focus on revitalising our town and local centres.6. Maximising the opportunities of UK Central and HS2.7. Increase the supply of affordable and social housing that is environmentally sustainable.	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Environment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Enhance our natural environment, improve air quality and reduce net carbon emissions.	<p>N/A</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Promote employee wellbeing	<p>N/A</p>

6.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

6.2.1 Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Board members are being presented this report and afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Partners on the progress against the four priorities.

6.3 Financial implications:

- 6.3.1. There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. The response across the partnership action plans is delivered through alignment of existing resources across the partner agencies.

6.4 Legal implications:

- 6.4.1 The SSP is required under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider crime and community safety, substance misuse, re-offending and ASB and to formulate action plans to address those issues of concern by way of a response.

6.5 Risk implications, including Risk Appetite:

- 6.5.1 To not have action plans in place is likely to increase the risk that the Council and its partners are not fulfilling the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

6.6 Equality implications:

- 6.6.1 There are no equality implications because of this report.

6.7 Linkages to our work with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), Local Enterprise Partnership or the Birmingham & Solihull Integrated Care System (ICS):

- 6.7.1 Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board is represented on the SSP board and leads on the VAWG action plan, as such is involved in the work of the partnership.

7 List of appendices referred to

- 7.1 Appendix A – Violence under 25s.
- 7.2 Appendix B – Violence Against Women and Girls.
- 7.3 Appendix C – ASB Project Plan.
- 7.4 Appendix D - Hate Crime Project Plan.

8 Background papers used to compile this report

- 8.1 N/A

9 List of Other Relevant Documents

- 9.1 N/A