

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel
10th February 2015 (Panel Session 3) - Civic Suite 6pm

Safer Solihull Partnership Annual Strategic Assessment & Community Safety Plan report.

1. Purpose of report for scrutiny

- 1.1 Ahead of the Cabinet Member Decision Session (Community & Partnerships - March 2015), the Panel will consider the latest Safer Solihull Annual Strategic Assessment & Community Safety Plan.
- 1.2 Crime and Disorder scrutiny panel are presented for their consideration the report and its appendices that have been considered by the Safer Solihull Executive Board at their board meeting on Thursday 29th January 2015.
- 1.3 The report is presented to the partnership each year together with the revised annual strategic assessment to enable the board to review the progress made over the last twelve months and to seek their views on the priorities for the coming year.
- 1.4 Crime and disorder scrutiny panel member's views are also sought on the questions at section 3 below:

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2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide the Safer Solihull Partnership with a draft copy of the Safer Solihull annual strategic assessment 2015/16 and seek their endorsement upon the recommendations listed at 2.1 to 2.5 below.

3. Decision(s) Recommended

- 3.1 To seek the Safer Solihull Partnership endorsement upon the contents of the annual strategic assessment for 2015/16.
- 3.2 To seek the Safer Solihull Partnership decision upon the four strategic priorities as outlined at point 6.1 of this report.
- 3.3 To agree the priority themes at point 7.1 to 7.5 to this report.
- 3.4 To agree the areas of multi-agency partnership focus at point 7.6 of this report.
- 3.5 To agree the model of delivery as outlined at point 8.1 of this report to deliver against the partnership priorities, themes and area of focus.

4. Scene setting

- 4.1 2014/15 saw the bedding in of the new partnership structure which now includes community representatives sitting on the partnership board. Our community representative members are key individuals who have helped us to inform and shape what the partnerships response to Crime and Community safety issues in

Solihull should be and how it should be delivered.

4.2 With new branding and the launch of our Local Police and Crime Plan 2014/15 the year began with the challenge of increasing demand with the recorded crime for business crime, burglary other building and vehicle crime seeing increases in the latter months of 2013 into early 2014.

4.3 Although success had been noted in violence with injury and burglary dwelling the partnership set itself the task to continue to work with its communities and reduce crime, increase confidence and make our neighbourhoods safer places. Our four priorities for the year were set out as:

4.4 Priority 1: Better protecting people from harm:

We will prioritise our work to protect those most vulnerable from harm, focusing on those crimes that are often hidden such as domestic violence, child sexual exploitation and hate crime. We will work to increase confidence to report crime, supporting victims and bring offenders to justice.

4.5 Priority 2: Bringing offenders to justice and tackle re-offending:

We will focus on those offenders who cause harm within their local area and those areas that are more susceptible to the traveling offender. We will focus on the links between offending and substance misuse, identifying and targeting persistent and high risk offenders.

4.6 Priority 3: Supporting stronger communities:

We will keep our communities informed about our work and listen to what matters most to them. We will test our understanding of the things that you tell are important and ensure that we respond. The top 4 for this year are: burglaries, reducing speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking, tackling drug and drug dealing and tackling Anti-Social behaviour.

4.7 Priority 4: Making our neighbourhoods safer places:

We will continue to reduce crime ensuring that fewer people become victims. Working together to tackle Anti-social behaviour and improve the quality of life of those affected, we will focus our partnership work in places to change lives and build stronger communities.

5. Overview

5.1 We have continued to listen to our communities and along with the intelligence that we have about crime and where it occurs have considered the things that matter most to the people who live, work or come to enjoy what the Borough of Solihull has to offer.

5.2 Each year the partnership is required to produce an annual strategic assessment that maps out the landscape of crime and community safety issues for the past year along with a partnership plan which is refreshed annually. The assessment is designed to enable partnerships to be more responsive to their local communities by developing a better understanding of local crime, disorder and substance misuse issues, enabling them to prioritise appropriately and allocate resources in the most effective way.

5.3 There are a number of legal requirements for partnerships, including:

- A duty to set up a strategy group with a composition of responsible authorities including the Police, Fire service, Clinical Commissioning Group, Probation Trusts and Local Authorities.
- A duty to prepare a strategic assessment according to the outline specified in the regulations;

- A duty to share prescribed data sets from statutory partners;
- A requirement to engage local communities in preparing the strategic assessment; and a requirement to have regard to any other relevant guidance.

5.4 Partnerships are encouraged to produce joint strategic assessments with the police, providing that both the statutory requirements for partnerships and the Police can be satisfied in one document. The strategic assessment for Solihull for 2015/16 is attached to this report.

5.5 The assessment includes a summary of partnership performance against previous priorities and identifies emerging trends and areas of suggested focus and action. It sets the framework that guides the subsequent work of the partnership sub groups who develop the detail of delivery action plans. These plans are reviewed over the next 12 months and respond to what is a very dynamic environment of crime prevention and community safety.

5.6 Engagement with partners and members of the community was undertaken throughout October of 2014 and the views and priorities identified from the consultation process have informed the drafting of the assessment. We note that the top four things that matter most to our communities from the consultation process are: Burglary, speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking outside school gates and drug misuse. Other things such as environmental crime, young people hanging around matter too but to a lesser degree.

5.7 The Community Safety Partnership supports the vision of the Local Strategic Partnership that Solihull in 2018 is a place where everyone has an equal chance to be healthier, happier, safer, and more prosperous. This vision recognises the significant inequalities gap experienced by people who live in Solihull and our partnership priorities contribute to the narrowing of the inequalities gap.

6. Recommendation 1:

6.1 It is therefore recommended that the four priorities below remain for 2015/16.

Priority 1: Better protecting people from harm:

Priority 2: Bringing offenders to justice and tackle re-offending:

Priority 3: Supporting stronger communities:

Priority 4: Making our neighbourhoods safer places:

7. Recommendation 2;

7.1 That the themes within each priority that the partnership should continue to work towards are:

7.2 **Better protecting people from harm** to include: Domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, acquisitive crime including robbery, burglary and vehicle crime, early help for those most vulnerable and those at risk of child sexual exploitation

7.3 **Bringing offenders to justice and tackle re-offending:** targeting prolific adult offenders and their substance misuse, targeting prolific adult offenders and their substance misuse and preventing young people offending

7.4 **Supporting stronger communities:** Reducing burglary, supporting those families in need through the families first programme, developing and integrated Neighbourhood Working model and building cohesive Communities

7.5 **Making our neighbourhoods safer places:** Focus on location based problem solving with specific focus around Chelmsley Wood partnership plus area, Smiths Wood partnership plus area, Solihull Town Centre and Shirley Town and tackling the things that matter most to our communities such as drug misuse and road

safety issues.

7.6 That the focus will be on

1. Domestic Abuse
2. Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Acquisitive crime, including robbery, burglary and vehicle crime
4. The four locations of Chelmsley wood, Smithswood, Solihull Town Centre and Shirley Town Centre.

8. Recommendation 3;

8.1 That we achieve this by:

- a) The Thriving Neighbourhoods Group agreeing the priority outcome areas partners will work collaboratively on to narrow the inequalities gap within the Borough.
- b) Our operational delivery groups promoting the strategic vision for Solihull as well as securing partners commitment and action to deliver this vision through their multi agency operational delivery groups including but not limited to the Domestic abuse priority group, substance misuse joint commissioning group, road safety group and integrated offender management group.
- c) Through the neighbourhood priority setting meetings promote working in partnership, where our cooperation adds value to the way services are commissioned and delivered in Solihull and ensures achievements through partnership working.

8.2 A performance scorecard will also be developed that will enable our communities to track our progress against the implementation plans and hold the partnership to account. Quarterly performance reporting will be presented to the Safer Solihull Partnership for support and challenge throughout 2015/16.

9. Scrutiny

9.1 Crime and Disorder Scrutiny panel at its meeting on 10th February will also be consulted on the annual strategic assessment and these proposals.

10. List of Appendices Referred to

10.1 Appendix A Annual Strategic Assessment 2015/16.