

**Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel
 27th January 2016**

Safer Solihull Partnership - Community Safety Plan report.

1. Purpose of Report

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- 2.1 Ahead of the Safer Solihull Local Police and Crime Board meeting on the 28th January 2016 the Panel are asked to review the current version of the Local Police and Crime Plan ahead of its revision and publication in April 2016.
- 2.2 Crime and Disorder scrutiny panel are reminded of the report presented to them on 21st October 2015 along with the annual strategic assessment. An extract of which is presented from section 3 below.
- 2.3 The annual report is presented to the crime and disorder panel and the safer Solihull partnership each year together with the revised annual strategic assessment to enable the board and panel to review the progress made over the last twelve months and to seek their views on the priorities for the coming year

3. Extract of the report presented to the Crime and Disorder Panel at its meeting on 21st October 2016

- 3.1 To provide the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel with the opportunity to examine the Safer Solihull Partnership's Strategic Assessment and its priorities for the partnership for 2016/17 and provide the Safer Solihull board with suggested amendments that are required to its Local Police and Crime Plan.

4. Decision(s) Recommended

- 4.1 The Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel are asked to provide any necessary comments on the contents of the Strategic Assessment.
- 4.2 To seek the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel endorsement of the recommendations at Section 5 of this report.
- 4.3 To seek the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel endorsement of the recommendation that following this review of crime and disorder the current priorities remain for 2016/17.

5. Background

- 5.1 During each year the Safer Solihull Partnership has a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Regulations 2007 to prepare a strategic assessment on behalf of the responsible authorities. The purpose of a strategic assessment is to assist the Local Police and Crime Board in revising the partnership plan.
- 5.2 Currently the partnership have four strategic priorities
- Better protecting people from harm
 - Bring offenders to justice and tackle re-offending
 - Support stronger communities
 - Make our neighbourhoods safer places
- 5.3 The assessment shows that crime is more controlled within the Borough so no changes to processes are needed and continuation of the current processes and priorities will enable further reductions to be achieved.

6. Overview

- 6.1 The level of Total Recorded Crime has been more controlled between April 2014 and July 2015 with an average of 948 crimes recorded per month (the previous

sixteen months saw an average of 980 crimes recorded per month).

- 6.2 As higher volume crime types, Theft from Motor Vehicle and Criminal Damage continue to offer opportunities for further reductions in Total Recorded Crime together with Business Crime which accounted for almost one in four of recorded crime in Solihull over the past year.
- 6.3 The Safer Solihull Partnership concentrates crime prevention efforts on a small number of higher-activity crime places. In 2015/16 there have been 10 key locations which if crime can be prevented at these “hot spots” it is likely that overall crime and the associated societal demands and costs will reduce as well. Although crime is reducing in these areas they remain areas with higher than the Solihull average level of crime.
- 6.4 Crime Generators (places where large numbers of people attend for reason unrelated to criminal motivation) have higher volumes of crime due principally to the larger number of users and targets available for offenders.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 It is recommended that the two partnership plus areas, Chelmsley Town and Smiths Wood, remain the focus for partnership activity together with Solihull and Shirley Town Centres.
- 7.2 The partnership need to prevent the rises in crime in both November and March.
- 7.3 Increase community involvement in crime reduction measures in the Chelmsley Town Partnership Plus area, for example neighbourhood watch or street associations.
- 7.4 Continue to develop business crime reduction partnerships within the three Town Centres
- 7.5 Ensure repeat victimisation is administered with a partnership approach through the

Problem Solving Panels, ASB Case Conferencing or the Harm and Vulnerable Victims Group.

- 7.6 All agencies to recognise the ten key locations for crime, disorder and other societal demands and risks
- 7.7 In order to maintain our reduction in robbery offences the partnership should continue to use the existing methods of managing robbery with the focus on preventing incidents between young people; including raising the awareness of bullying.
- 7.8 Road Safety should remain a priority for the partnership due to increases in the Killed and seriously injured figures and increased vehicle extrications during 2014 and our communities concerns about speeding and the anti-social use of our roads.
- 7.9 The Local Police and Crime Board to ensure the current changes being made to our statutory agencies do not impact negatively on the delivery of the Solihull Local Police and Crime Plan and that agencies evidence that they consider the crime and disorder implications of their decision making.

8. List of Appendices Referred to

- 8.1 Not applicable to this report

9. Background Papers Used to Compile this Report

- 9.1 Safer Solihull Strategic Assessment – A review of Crime and Disorder