

DRAFT for consideration by Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel before being presented to the Safer Solihull Police and Crime Board

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Solihull's Local Police and Crime Plan 2016/17

New Pictures to be added

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Page 4: Introduction

Welcome to the latest edition of the Safer Solihull Local Police and Crime Plan. Once again our plan has been developed by listening to our communities, working with them to understand what is most important to them and asking what it is they think we should focus on the most. We know that this presents some challenges because often the things that most people experience such as vehicle nuisance from irresponsible parking are not as harmful as violence against a person. It is therefore important that whilst listening, we also look at what crime and disorder occurs across our borough, so that we can consider what future opportunities and challenges might present throughout the year for all aspects of our communities.

We will deliver our plan working with our partners both statutory, none statutory and our communities. Our ambition remains to make Solihull a great place in which to live, be educated, work and visit. We continue to promote a vision of Solihull where everyone has an equal chance to be healthier, happier, safer and more prosperous.

We recognise that whilst Solihull is a broadly affluent borough there are areas where gaps exist and the levels of prosperity are lower having an impact on the quality of life for people in these neighbourhoods. Each year we see that the people living, working or visiting Solihull change in their make-up. Along with this plan our equalities and diversity review will ensure that we work to meet the diverse needs of everyone as our communities change and evolve.

We know that lots of services are delivered on a day to day basis by lots of different people and organisations. The work of the Safer Solihull partnership, captured in this plan, is about how we can combine what we do, remove duplication and narrow inequalities that may exist.

By listening to and working with our communities we have achieved a lot with fewer victims of crime, more people being supported to live free from abuse and hatred with stronger safer communities.

At the end of March 2016 reported crime was (to be inserted at the year end and before publication). That's XXX fewer people or businesses have become victims of crime. More people are able to live free of anti-social behaviour, fewer people have been killed or seriously injured on our roads, there are fewer adults and young people offending in Solihull and more people are being supported to live free of drugs and alcohol.

The challenging financial times of recent years continue, we know that by continually thinking about what we do and the way in which we do it makes sense and prevents wastage of limited resources. Working together we know that we can still achieve more and with continuing optimism for the year ahead we will strive to reduce crime further. This year saw Solihull Police and Solihull Council integrate teams of officers who work around neighbourhood services and provide support to vulnerable people. This work continues in 2016/17 with further integration with Solihull Community Housing.

If you would like to know more about our work or give us your views on our plan n we can be contacted at safersolihull.gov.uk or on 0121 704 6644.or visit our web pages at [hyper link to websites/social media etc.](#)

Pictures of chair and vice chair of the partnership here

Listening to our communities

Every day we have contact with members of our communities, either directly or through community representatives or elected members. This helps us to gather an understanding of the things that matter most and impact on their quality of life. We really appreciate having this contact and it helps us to produce this plan and to capture what, as a partnership we will focus on throughout the year.

In 2016/17 our focus remains the same with emphasis on putting people at the heart of what we do.

We will continue to focus on the following:

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:

Accountability:

The plan and how we will ensure that we do make a difference will be overseen by the Safer Solihull Local Policing and Crime Board. Our Board is made up of senior leaders from the Police, Council, Health, Fire and Probation services. These leaders are joined by a wide range of community representatives. These community representatives act as our critical friends and ensure that the Board is better equipped to listen to and act upon the issues that matter most to our communities. . We are particularly pleased to have the two Solihull Youth Police Commissioners join us to ensure that young people had a voice in local decision making. [Updated Photo of the Board.....?](#)

Measuring Success:

Each year we produce a document called a "strategic assessment" that shows the levels of crime and community safety that have occurred in the past year. It also tries to predict what is likely to occur. The assessment gives the board the right information to be more responsive to need, develop a better understanding of local crime, disorder and substance misuse issues. Working with this information enables us to prioritize appropriately and allocate resources in the most effective way.

Throughout the year we make sure that what we are doing has the right impact by looking at performance information.

Priority theme: Better protecting people from harm.

Protecting vulnerable people from harm remains a key focus for us this year. We know that there are lots of crimes that are hidden that cause the most harm to those who are being subjected to them. These include Domestic abuse, child protection and the impact on family life of substance misuse and child sexual exploitation and hate crime.

We will continue to work hard to support victims at the earliest opportunity and in a way that is acceptable to them. We are committed to providing early help to families with young children to prevent formal intervention. We will bring to justice those offenders responsible for causing harm to others.

2014/15 saw us seeking out information about what was driving violent crime, including domestic abuse, substance misuse, especially in certain areas of the borough. We provided training within our schools to practitioners and now more and more pupils are able to understand about healthy relationships and where to go to seek help if they feel vulnerable.

We will continue our work to better protect people from harm through existing arrangements, namely, the Harm Reduction and Vulnerable Victim Forum and our Domestic Abuse Priority Group. We will work closely with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Local Safeguarding Adults Board to ensure that we are working together as efficiently as we can with a particular emphasis on training professional staff together.

Our objectives:	
Continuing our commitment to supporting those who are at significant risk due to domestic abuse through.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevention and early intervention• Protection and Justice• Support to victims• Partnership working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure an effective response to children and young people in need of protection including those at risk of, or experiencing, child sexual exploitation We will; Raise awareness among children and young people about safe and healthy relationships, including on line safety• Raise awareness in the community about CSE.• Target children at risk of CSE using the regional problem profile and local intelligence.• Use available criminal and civil interventions to disrupt local perpetrator activities• Ensure multi-agency arrangements to prevent and act on CSE are robust and working well for children and young people.
Prevention, healthy lifestyles, communities and families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To help our communities develop healthy attitudes and behaviours around alcohol and drug use, and ensure families get help to prevent and deal with the risks to young people and relationships.• To make sure we recognise and respond to the crime and antisocial behaviour linked to alcohol and drug misuse:
Hate crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To prevent hate crime - by challenging the attitudes that underpin it, and intervening early to prevent it escalating;• To increase reporting and access to support - by raising awareness of what hate crime is,

- building victim and witness confidence and supporting local partnerships; and
- To improve the partnership response to hate crimes - by best practice in better identifying and managing cases, and dealing effectively with offenders.

How we will measure success	
Metric 1	By monitoring the numbers of people in effective treatment for all drug users.
Metric 2	By monitoring the number of users of opiates and/or crack cocaine recorded as being in effective treatment
Metric 3	By monitoring the number of alcohol clients in contact with treatment in the last 12 months.
Metric 4	By monitoring the number of victims who are satisfied with the way in which their case has been handled by the Police
Metric 5	By monitoring the number of victims who are satisfied with the way in which their case has been handled by the Solihull Anti-Social Behaviour Service.
Metric 6	*Identify and monitor the numbers of children and young people at risk of child sexual exploitation/being abused through sexual exploitation.
Metric 7	*Rate of domestic abuse incidents recorded by the Police (per 1000 of population)
Metric 8	*The number of reported hate crime incidents recorded by the third party reporting centres and the police

* The partnership understands that Child Sexual exploitation, domestic abuse and hate crimes are often hidden and under reported. Therefore we acknowledge that an increase in numbers and confidence for people to report these crimes and seek support is seen as a positive.

Priority theme: Bringing offenders to justice and tackling reoffending.

Partners will continue to focus on those offenders responsible for committing crime within our borough and who cause the greatest harm. We recognise that some offenders commit crime within their local area whilst other parts of the borough are more susceptible to travelling offenders. We will tailor our work to meet these different threats. Our co-located integrated offender management Police, Probation and Health team, launched in January 2014 has proven to be very successful in supporting offenders away from criminality. It has enabled us to focus on the links between offending and substance misuse, identifying and targeting persistent and high risk offenders.

Partnership work will be driven through these existing offender arrangements with a focus on further reducing reoffending of both adults and young people. February 2015 saw a new partnership through the Ministry of Justice Transformation Programme and the private consortium of the Reducing Re-offending Partnership of Ingeus, CRI, St Giles and the Staffordshire and West Midlands Community Rehabilitation Company.

We will work with the new partnership to ensure that those low and medium risk offenders reduce their offending and are better integrated back into society upon release from custody.

We will continue to support and help drive the pioneering Families First programme ensuring that preventative and pre-emptive work with families has an impact on further reducing offending and domestic abuse. We will continue to develop restorative justice locally bringing victims, if they so wish and if appropriate and offenders together in a controlled and managed arrangement to enable everyone affected by the incident to repair the harm, to hold the offender personally to account and to agree positive ways forward.

Our objectives:	
Improving skills, knowledge & systems that support working in a joined up way to tackle offending and protect vulnerable victims.	
Offenders (ensuring that we identify those at risk of offending or those whose offending may escalate & take targeted action to prevent this).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reoffending rates drop among target groups (e.g. medium risk offenders). • Targeted young people don't go onto become adult offenders. • Problems tackled earlier resulting in reduced demand for reactive services from families. • Provide access to treatment and recovery for drug and alcohol users in the criminal justice system. 	
Vulnerable victims:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased referrals and recording of domestic abuse from partner agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring criminal and civil proceedings are used to protect young people from CSE. 	

How we will measure success	
Metric 1	Youth justice board reoffending rates
Metric 2	Young person First time entrants into the criminal justice system measure
Metric 3	The number of offenders who are supported to reduce their offending through the integrated offender management framework.

Priority Theme: Supporting stronger communities.

We remain committed to keeping everyone informed about our work locally and actively encouraging people to become involved in local community safety work. Our message is simple – if it matters to you it matters to us. Each year we test our understanding of the things you tell us matter most to you. This year they continue to be burglary, inconsiderate parking, speeding traffic and drug misuse but other community concerns you have are anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.

There is also evidence of issues that seem to be hidden such as domestic abuse. We know that national and local data tells us how it impacts on individuals, families and communities. We will seek to improve further our communications with our communities, using different methods to ensure that all sectors of our communities are informed and afforded the opportunity to engage with us, seek our support and be guided to the right services to get help. Our work will be driven locally through the existing Priority Setting Panel neighbourhood meeting arrangements along with other community based opportunities.

We will continue to support resident led groups in Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge and Smithswood to identify & address community needs. We will explore how we build the skills locally to develop more Street Associations, building on the pilot carried out in 2014/15, as well as exploring opportunities to jointly fund street level community development. We will look to roll out the Solihull Citizenscape to link existing community networks as well as promoting greater transparency and citizen involvement in local decision making.

Our objectives:	
Addressing domestic abuse by seeking to prevent and intervene early, provide protection to victims and seek justice.	
Reducing acquisitive crime including burglary and vehicle and a proportionate response to business crime - we will continue to work to address these crimes by focussing on the areas suffering most and provide a proportionate response to business crime .	
Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour including speeding and irresponsible parking – we will seek to design out opportunities, conduct regular activities and educate drivers working with our partners and local people in areas where this is proven to be an issue.	
We will respond to community concerns, prioritising enforcement, prevention and treatment activity in areas suffering from drug dealing and drug use.	
Building community capacity through working with resident led groups to identify and address local issues and by building the skills locally to develop more Street Associations	
We will work to make our borough a safer place to walk, cycle and drive in.	

How we will measure success	
Metric 1	Community Cohesion (% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area)
Metric 2	By monitoring the number of victims who are satisfied with the way in which their case has been handled by the Police
Metric 3	By monitoring the number of victims who are satisfied with the way in which their case has been handled by the Solihull Anti-Social Behaviour Service.
Metric 4	Place Survey - % of respondents who thought people using or dealing drugs was an issue
Metric 5	The level of community led activity to identify and address local issues.

Priority theme: Making our neighbourhoods safer places.

We will continue to do our utmost to reduce crime ensuring fewer and fewer people experience the life changing impact of becoming a victim. We recognise the corrosive effect that anti-social behaviour has on the quality of local people’s lives and on their fear of crime. We will work together to tackle anti-social behaviour and improve the quality of life for those affected. We will focus partnership work in places where our intensive and long term involvement will help change lives and build safer and stronger communities. Through our dismantling organised crime groups multi agency forum we will disrupt the lives of those individuals who cause harm to our communities.

During 2015/16 we will intensify partnership activity within Chelmsley Wood and Smith’s Wood to support people who most need our help. Across the borough we will continue to build upon the strong relationships that exist with business communities to contribute to economic growth in Solihull. Likewise we will work with licensees to ensure a vibrant and safe night time economy within our town centres robustly enforcing licence conditions when pubs and clubs are not managed responsibly.

We will actively keep people updated about the difference policing and partnership work is making locally through local neighbourhood arrangements whilst also seeking to further develop our digital engagement through social media. Our work will be driven through the new Thriving Neighbourhoods delivery group, this group supports the Safer Solihull Partnership to drive forward our plan and ensuring alignment across the delivery structures of the Solihull Partnership. We work collectively to ensure that a focus is maintained on impact and improving outcomes.

Our objectives:	
1.	Support our neighbourhoods to flourish through the development of annually reviewed ward action plans that deliver outcomes to help our neighbourhoods to be safer, cleaner, greener and healthier.
2.	Addressing inconsiderate parking across the borough by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreeing a definition of what inconsiderate parking is. • Educating and influencing behaviour of those who park inconsiderately. • Work with our communities to reduce their concerns regarding inconsiderate parking.
3.	Address speeding Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve community involvement in speed awareness and enforcement schemes • Work with our communities to reduce their concerns regarding speeding traffic.

How we will measure success	
Metric 1	Monitor and report quarterly on the number of Police / Local Authority interventions and community speed watch schemes.
Metric 2	Monitor and report yearly on the level of community concern regarding inconsiderate parking
Metric 3	Monitor and report yearly on the number of parking Traffic Regulation Orders introduced as a result of concern regarding inconsiderate parking and speeding

Metric 4	Monitor and report quarterly on the number of Partnership Speed-Watch schemes across the Borough
Metric 5	Reported incidents of crime (rate per 1,000 population)
Metric 6	Monitor and report yearly on the number of Speed Awareness Campaigns
Metric 7	Monitoring the number of people killed and or seriously injured
Metric 8	Reporting on agency dismantling organized crime groups multi agency forum

How to find out more detail.

Each year we take a look back at what has happened in relation to crime and community safety issues across Solihull. We use lots of information to do this which includes data from our partners, by listening to what our communities tell us from things such as day to day contact, meetings and surveys. This together with what we know about possible changes in legislation, policy, procedures and the ever changing patterns of crime helps to inform our annual strategic assessment. As well as looking at local things that matter to you we also consider what might be happening across the region and nationally to inform our plans to combat crime and improve community safety. A copy of our latest and previous strategic assessments is available on our web pages at www.solihull.gov.uk or by emailing safersolihull@solihull.gov.uk