

Agenda item:

Decision maker: Cabinet – 4 March 2013
Council – 19 March 2013

Subject: Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan 2013-2018

Report by: Head of Health Improvement, Community Safety and Licensing

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Budget & policy framework decision: Yes

1. Summary

This reports sets out the statutory framework that supports the production of the annual community safety plan produced by the Safer Portsmouth Partnership. The plan was approved by the SPP on the 31st January 2013.

The statutory nature of the plan means it should be formally endorsed by the City Council along with the appropriate organisational boards of Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Probation Trust.

Despite the appointment of Police and Crime Commissioners, Community Safety Partnerships continue to have a statutory role in preventing and reducing crime and substance misuse. Both parties have a duty to consider each other's plans when developing their own. The Safer Portsmouth Partnership has already met and shared the plan with Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Simon Hayes, who approves of our priorities.

2. Purpose of report

To outline the priorities for the updated Community Safety Plan 2013-18.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Safer Portsmouth Partnership is required to produce a partnership strategic assessment, which identifies priorities to be included into the statutory Partnership Plan. The plan must be published every year on 1 April. These requirements have not changed since the coalition government came to power in May 2010 but recent repeal of legislation has removed the requirement for the plan to cover a period of three years. The SPP decided to develop a 5 year plan, with delivery plans that are refreshed annually.
- 3.2 The structure of the plan is prescribed to an extent and must contain a review of the previous year's performance as well as specific activity and the role of each partner in supporting delivery.

- 3.3 This latter detail is developed and monitored by multi-agency delivery groups and published separately.

The Strategic Assessment

- 3.4 The **Strategic Assessment 2012** shows how the long term priorities are interwoven with the emerging and current priorities; when considering the crime and anti-social behaviour types, which have been identified, almost all have strong links with either drugs, alcohol, young people, violence or adult reoffending.
- 3.5 In Portsmouth, the most common characteristics associated with adults in the criminal justice system were 'first contact with police at under 18 years of age', 'had problems with alcohol' and 'problems with school attendance'. This reinforces the need to focus on early intervention and prevention that will reduce risk factors and increase protective factors.
- 3.6 Community Safety Researchers 'scan' all crime types and issues early in the year before the plan is published to ensure information and data is up to date. In 2011/12 overall crime in Portsmouth increased by 1% (n. 21,872). However, between April 2012 and December 2012 overall crime has reduced by 18% (from 17,024 crimes to 14,019 crime) compared to the same time period the year before. This is a very significant reduction.

The Partnership Plan

- 3.7 The plan is a high-level strategic document that sets out priorities identified in the strategic assessment.
- 3.8 **Over the next five years** the Safer Portsmouth Partnership aims to reduce overall crime by a further 20% and in particular we want to make Portsmouth a city where:
- we have an improved reputation, where **alcohol** is enjoyed responsibly and harm to individuals, families and communities is reduced
 - it is a safer, cleaner place to live, work and play, where **anti-social behaviour** is not considered a problem
 - we reduce the harm caused by **domestic violence and abuse** by providing better support and enforcement services that will encourage more people to come forward earlier to report this and other hidden crime
 - young people choose not to use **drugs** and those that do experience drug problems receive effective help to live drug free
 - we provide co-ordinated and effective support for offenders leaving prison, helping them to turn their lives around and reduce the level of **re-offending**.
 - **young people** can grow up in a healthy and safe environment where they all have every opportunity to achieve their full potential and choose not to get involved in anti-social behaviour or crime.

3.9 In order to allocate resources effectively, it is important that partner performance measures and targets from plans such as the Police & Crime Commissioner's Plan and the Clinical Commissioning Group's business plan are shared and included in the Partnership Plan. As these plans develop additional relevant detail can be added to the delivery plans.

3.10 Performance is managed by the Safer Portsmouth Partnership at its quarterly meetings

4. Recommendations

4.1 That the Cabinet recommends to Council that it endorses the strategic priorities contained in the Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan 2013-18.

5. Reasons for recommendations

5.1 The Partnership Plan identifies six main priorities which work to address these underlying issues will impact on types of crime and anti-social behaviour that are a particular problem in Portsmouth. Further details to support delivery of these priorities will be added, in conjunction with partners. The delivery plans, linked to this plan, will be refreshed next year.

6. Options considered and rejected

The partnership is under a statutory duty to produce an annual plan.

7. Duty to involve

7.1 The plan must include a community consultation process. A Community Safety Survey was undertaken in January 2012, the findings of which are incorporated into the plan.

8. Implications – financial and outcomes

Endorsing the plan and supporting the delivery of work to address community safety priorities will contribute to continued reductions in crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol substance misuse and re-offending.

9. Corporate priorities

This report and the project it refers to contribute to the following corporate priorities:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime
- Protect and support our most vulnerable residents
- Improve efficiency and encourage involvement

10. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

A preliminary EIA has been completed for this plan. Separate EIAs for agreed activity are undertaken as part of the development of delivery plans referred to above.

11. Legal implications

There are no legal comments relevant to the implementation of the Partnership Plan, all appropriate matters have been considered including Equality Impact Assessment and the general duty to engage in consultation.

12. Head of finance's comments

Partner agencies across the city contribute a range of resources to deliver the activities contained in the Partnership Plan, including the Community Safety Service and other council departments. City Council contributions will be contained within the existing cash limits approved by Council.

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Signed by:
Head of Health Improvement, Community Safety and Licensing

Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
1. Safer Portsmouth Partnership Strategic Assessment 2012	Community Safety Service

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by the Cabinet on 4th March 2013.

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