



Decision maker: Cabinet – 7th July 2016
Council – 19th July 2016

Subject: Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan 2016 Update

Report by: Director of Regulatory Services & Community Safety

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 15th February 2016¹

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

2. Purpose of report

To outline the priorities for the updated Community Safety Plan 2016/17.

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. In 2013 the SPP developed a 5 year plan, with delivery plans that are refreshed annually, however due to the changing nature of public sector funding, the SPP has significantly revised the plan with a reduced number of priorities.

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.

¹, subject to the inclusion of the findings from the community safety surgery 2016

The Strategic Assessment

- 3.4 Every year the Safer Portsmouth Partnership undertakes a 'Strategic Assessment'². This detailed document uses a range of data from partner agencies, including police recorded crime, and provides a summary of local and national analysis and research to assist in setting and revising its action plan by:
- Checking the partnership's current priorities and identifying any emerging issues
 - Providing a better understanding of local issues and community concerns, and
 - Providing knowledge of what is driving the problems to help identify appropriate responses

Last year's strategic assessment highlighted that for the first time in nearly a decade we have seen recorded crime increase in the city, by 9%; this compared against a national increase of 3%. However this is following significant reductions prior to this.

The full strategic assessment can be viewed on the SPP's website:
www.saferportsmouth.org.uk

The Partnership Plan

- 3.4 The plan is a high-level strategic document that sets out priorities identified in the strategic assessment.
- 3.5 Based on evidence in the strategic assessment the 2016/17 local priorities are:
- **Substance misuse** - drug and alcohol misuse, remains the significant driver of acquisitive (theft, burglary etc.) and violent crime.
 - **Domestic abuse** - remains the single biggest driver for violent crime in the city
 - **Anti-Social behaviour (complex individual cases)** - people who commit crime and anti-social behaviour who have a range of complex needs, including mental health problems, substance misuse, domestic abuse and homelessness - this is a cross cutting priority

National priority - Preventing violent extremism

- 3.6 In addition to these main priorities, the SPP will continue to monitor:
- Preventing adult re-offending
 - Young people at risk
 - Troubled families
- 3.7 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 2016 update and aligns the relevant budgets to support activity.

² Yearly 'refresh' and full assessment every 3 years.

5. Reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The Partnership Plan identifies four main priorities which address the underlying issues of crime and anti-social behaviour. By addressing these issues level of crime and anti-social behaviour should reduce.

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 early 2016, the findings of which have incorporated into the plan.

8. Implications – financial and outcomes

Endorsing the plan and supporting the delivery of work to address community safety priorities should contribute to preventing crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol 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

The report is clear in addressing the relevant issues. The report is compliant in that it is a statutory function to produce a community safety plan. The plan seeks to cover a number of key areas without placing any group that may have particular protected characteristics in a disadvantaged position.

12. Head of finance's comments

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within the report. The services being monitored through this plan by the Safer Portsmouth Partnership will need to continue to operate within their approved Cash Limit.

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 Signed by:
 Director of Regulatory Services and Community Safety

Appendices:

SPP Plan

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	Community Safety Service www.saferportsmouth.org.uk

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