

Title of meeting:	Cabinet
Date of meeting:	9 th October
Subject:	Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan 2018-20
Report by:	Jon Bell, Director of HR, Legal and Performance
Wards affected:	All
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	Yes

1. Purpose of report

To set out the background and priorities identified by the strategic assessment and the findings of the community safety survey. This will enable the Council to endorse the plan and align its budgets in line with the requirement under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act to:

'...exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area'¹

2. Recommendations

That the Cabinet recommends to Council that it endorses the long term strategic priorities contained in the Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan 2018-20 (appendix 1) and aligns the relevant budgets to support activity in line with section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended).

3. Background

3.1 The Safer Portsmouth Partnership is the vehicle through which five statutory partners - council, fire, police, health and probation² - work together to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending as required by Sections 5 and 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended).³

3.2 The Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety sits on the partnership alongside the Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services. The partnership is currently chaired by Supt. Maggie Blyth, Portsmouth Police Commander (see current membership list at appendix 2).

¹ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/section/17>

² Also referred to as the 'responsible authorities'

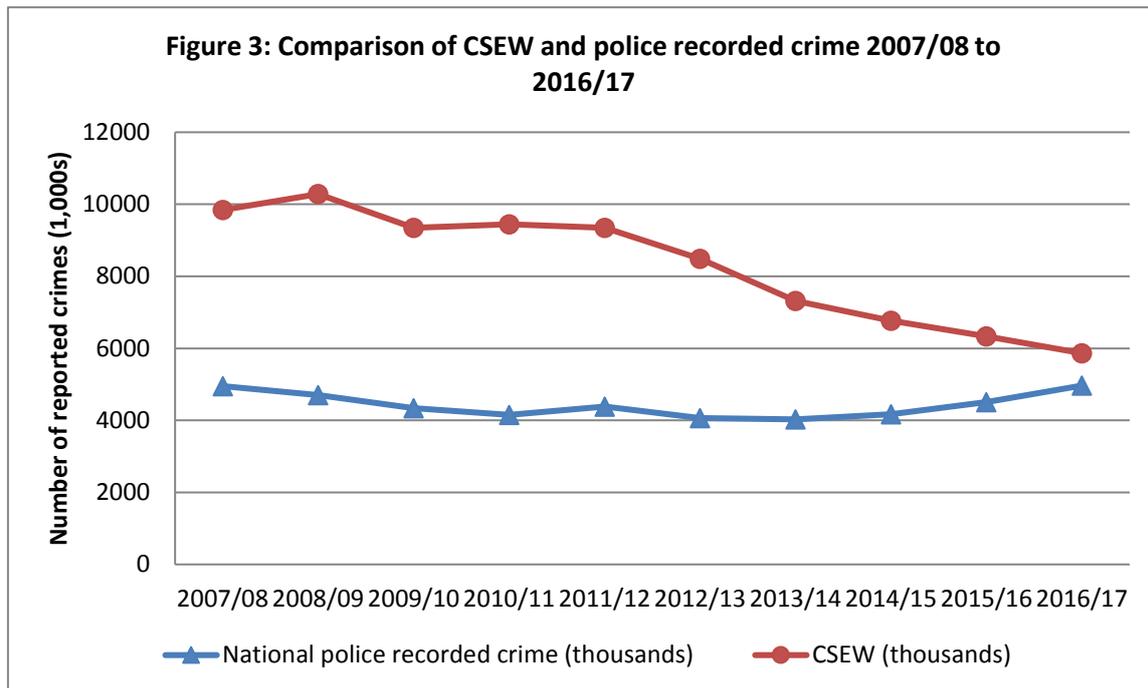
³ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/section/5> and <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/section/6>

- 3.3 Partners are required by sections 5 of the Act to produce a detailed piece of analysis (strategic assessment), that identifies local priorities for action. These priorities translate into the 4 main themes of the statutory partnership plan. In 2013 the SPP developed a five year plan, refreshed annually, however due to the changing nature of public sector funding, the 2018-2020 plan has been revised significantly with a reduced number of priorities and a two year delivery period.
- 3.4 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 that will reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending.
- 3.5 The partnership strategic assessment is produced every two years by a 'partnership support team' that includes a part time analyst funded by a small pooled budget⁴. 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 that:
- Check the partnership's current priorities and identifying any emerging issues
 - Provide a better understanding of local issues and community concerns, and
 - Provide knowledge of what is driving the problems to help identify appropriate responses
- 3.6 The most recent strategic assessment (2016/17) shows police recorded crime has continued to increase since 2014 when Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC) examined the integrity of crime recording across the UK. Recorded crime has risen by 17% since 2015/16; there have also been increases in 999 calls and a slight increase in calls to 101. This would indicate a genuine increase in demand and suggests we are now seeing real increases in some types of crime⁵ although the ONS suggests the effects of improved recording practices are likely to continue for some time⁶.
- 3.7 Portsmouth has seen a larger increase in police recorded crime than the national average (10%) since 2015/16 and a 3% (n757) increase on 2007/8 levels. These increases are in contrast to a 7% reduction in crime measured by the Crime Survey of England and Wales (CSEW, see figures 3).
- 3.8 Five years ago the CSEW estimated almost twice as much crime as that recorded by police, but now the two sources are converging. This could indicate that police recording is becoming more consistent with the public's experience of crime. See figure 3 below:

⁴ <http://www.saferportsmouth.org.uk/our-research/>

⁵ Hampshire Constabulary Analysts and SPP Plan Introduction, p.3)

⁶ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/crimeinenglandandwales/yearendingmar201>



3.9 Portsmouth's local community safety survey⁷ found resident's experience of crime was up from 18% in 2016 to 38% in which supports the view that crime has started to increase.

3.10 The plan is a high-level strategic document based on evidence in the strategic assessment.⁸ The 2018-20 local priorities are:

- Tackling violent crime: continuing to focus on sexual offences, domestic abuse, hate crime and night-time economy violence.
- Tackling extremism.
- Early identification of and interventions with children at risk of exploitation or abuse.
- Early identification of and interventions with adults and young people at risk of perpetrating anti-social behaviour, offending or substance misuse.
- Supporting local substance misuse services and addressing gaps in service provision to reduce drug and alcohol related harm.
- To support multi-agency work by improving understanding and co-ordination between services particularly for adults with complex needs.
- Develop awareness of the role of technology in exploitation and coercion.
- Support a partnership community safety survey and conduct further research to better understand youth-related violence, alcohol and drug-related anti-social behaviour, first time adult offenders and costs of crime

⁷ 1200 face to face interviews with Portsmouth residents undertaken every two years by the partnership support team in partnership with the University of Portsmouth.

⁸ <http://www.saferportsmouth.org.uk/strategic-assessments/>

These priorities have been translated into four key themes: ***young people at risk, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, and violence.***

- 3.11 The plan also includes national priorities in relation to preventing violence extremism and serious violence.
- 3.12 Progress is monitored by the partnership support team and reported by exception to the Safer Portsmouth Partnership at its quarterly meetings.

4. Reasons for recommendations

Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) Secs 5 and Sec 6 set out the requirements for the council to work with the responsible authorities previously mentioned to produce the partnership plan. The partnership plan identifies four main priorities that address the underlying issues of crime and anti-social behaviour. By providing collaborative leadership alongside our partners in order to address these issues, the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour should reduce and make residents safer

5. Equality impact assessment

A preliminary EIA has been completed for this plan - see appendix 3. Separate EIAs for agreed delivery activity are undertaken as necessary.

6. 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.

7. Director 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 HR, Legal and Performance

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 - SPP Plan**
- Appendix 2 - SPP membership**
- Appendix 3 - Preliminary Equalities Impact Assessment**

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
Safer Portsmouth Partnership Strategic Assessment 2016/17 2. Community Safety Survey 2018 3. Safer Portsmouth Partnership plan 2013-18	Strategy Unit and/or www.saferportsmouth.org.uk

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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