

Title of meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Date of meeting:	3 rd February 2021
Subject:	Community Safety Plan 2021-22
Report by:	Lisa Wills, Strategy and Partnership Manager
Wards affected:	All
Key decision:	Yes
Full Council decision:	No - endorsement

1. Purpose of report

To present the Community Safety Plan 2021-22 to the responsible authorities for approval, and to other partners for information.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the plan (appendix 1)
- 2.2 That responsible authorities take the plan forward for endorsement to their organisational senior management groups in order to encourage a collaborative leadership approach.

3. Background

3.1 The Safer Portsmouth Partnership was incorporated into the Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2019. The constitution of the board was amended to take on the statutory duties of a local community safety partnership.

3.2 The responsible authorities are required by sections 5 and 6 of the Act to produce a detailed piece of analysis (strategic assessment) that identifies local priorities and then develop strategies to address them. The priorities identified in the strategic assessment are directly reflected in the statutory partnership plan for 2021-22. See summary and conclusions from the strategy assessment attached at appendix 2. The full strategic assessment can be found here: <http://www.saferportsmouth.org.uk/strategic-assessments/>

3.3 Increasingly over the years, local and national analysis, has identified key

risk factors including, domestic violence and abuse, poor mental health and substance misuse that drive crime, anti-social behaviour and reoffending. These are wicked¹ societal issues that require long term, collaborative focus by a range of organisations. Often interrelated, these risk factors can also drive a range of other poor outcomes e.g. educational attainment, unhealthy life choices and child protection issues. The priorities identified in the plan are therefore similar to previous years:

- Tackling violent crime; continuing to focus on domestic abuse, serious violence, and knife-enabled violence
- Tackling drug misuse in the city
- Early identification of and interventions with children and young people at risk of exploitation or abuse, of misusing substances and of perpetrating anti-social behaviour or offending

3.4 Increasing pressure on public sector resources has necessitated an evolving, more mainstream approach to tackling our priorities. This is reflected in the new plan, which pulls together the activity set out in three existing strategies; the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy, the Violence Reduction Response Strategy, and the Early Help Strategy. The substance misuse element led by Public Health is evolving more slowly due to the impact of the pandemic.

3.5 The plan demonstrates the extent to which community safety awareness and activity now runs through mainstream services.

3.6 Progress will be monitored by the partnership support team and reported by exception to the Health and Wellbeing Board at its quarterly meetings.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is now the vehicle through which the five statutory partners - council, fire, police, health and probation - 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).

4.2 It is a statutory requirement for local areas to produce a community safety plan.

5. Integrated impact assessment

Attached at appendix 3

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.

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5gt8zrXjGQ> and <https://www.leadershipcentre.org.uk/artofchangemaking/theory/critical-tame-and-wicked-problems/>

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 Health and Wellbeing Board will need to continue to operate within their approved Cash Limit.

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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
Community Safety Strategic Assessment	Public Health Intelligence

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

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