

# Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Safe Durham Partnership Update

23 September 2016



Safe Durham Partnership

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### **Report of Peter Appleton, Head of Planning and Service Strategy**

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#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a summary update on key issues discussed at the July Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) Board meeting.

#### **Organised Crime**

2. Durham Constabulary provided a presentation to the Safe Durham Partnership Board in relation to Organised Crime. This included work taking place in relation to the stolen goods market, counterfeit goods network and legal highs, with human trafficking, modern day slavery and Child Sexual Exploitation also issues for the region.
3. An awareness raising presentation for front-line staff "Does Your Work Take You Behind Doors?" has been developed to assist front-line staff spot possible signs of organised criminal activity, similar to Trust Your Instincts in relation to counter terrorism. This will be presented to the next Safe Durham Partnership Board.

#### **Cyber Crime Task and Finish Group**

4. The Cyber Crime Task and Finish Group provides a co-ordinated and joined up partnership approach to the threat of Cyber Crime. The Group is chaired by DCI Dave Ashton, Durham Constabulary and includes multi-agency partners, nominated by members of the Safe Durham Partnership. The Local Resilience Forum provided representation and support was also provided by the regional Cybercrime Unit.
5. The group has developed an action plan and awareness raising forms a significant part of this work and is to be targeted at specific sectors and groups:
  - Private Sector - Local Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) that includes the voluntary and childcare sectors;
  - Public Sector - including the Police, Local Authorities, Education Services, Health Services, Offender Management;
  - Community - including children, young people and parents along with elderly and repeat victims.
6. Work has been undertaken for these three sectors/groups and awareness raising events have taken place on 20<sup>th</sup> July for members of the public, with approximately 500 people attending and for partners on 20<sup>th</sup> September. A calendar of events has also been developed.

7. The Safe Durham Partnership agreed that the group had made good progress and that further updates on the work of the Cyber Crime Task and Finish Group will be provided.

### **Multi-Agency Intervention Service (MAIS) Review**

8. Following the review of LMAPS2 (Local Multi-Agency Problem Solving), a pilot MAIS project was implemented in March 2014 by the Safe Durham Partnership followed by a full County wide roll out in May 2015. Operational policies and procedures were developed by practitioners and agreed by the MAIS Operational Group who managed the implementation of MAIS.
9. MAIS is a multi-agency approach with local partners working together to manage **adults** who may:
  - be a victim of anti-social behaviour or crime
  - repeatedly cause anti-social behaviour or crime
  - be a persistent complainant
  - be at risk of harm and / or have other factors which increase their vulnerability
  - place a high demand on services
10. A review has been undertaken which explored the MAIS process in order to identify any required improvements and streamlined arrangements.
11. Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive a more detailed report on the MAIS improvement plan at the January 2017 meeting.

### **Safe Durham Partnership Governance Review**

12. Regular governance reviews of partnership arrangements are undertaken to ensure they remain fit for purpose. The Safe Durham Partnership agreed additional representation from the voluntary sector and an academic/university representative. Where possible, sub-groups have merged with Darlington Community Safety Board to streamline current arrangements.

### **Modern Crime Prevention Strategy**

13. A report was provided for information which summarises the Home Office Modern Crime Prevention Strategy released on 23rd March 2016 the Home Secretary released the Modern Crime Prevention Strategy.
14. The Strategy acknowledges that crime has reduced but is changing, with a particular focus on cyber-crime and crimes that have previously been under-reported such as rape, domestic abuse and child sexual exploitation.
15. The Strategy focusses on six key drivers of crime:
  - Opportunity - removing or designing out opportunities to offend, offline and online.
  - Character - intervening early with those exposed to factors that might lead to a high propensity to commit crime.
  - The effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System - ensuring that the CJS acts as a powerful deterrent to would-be offenders.

- Profit - making it harder for criminals, particularly organised criminals, to benefit financially from their crimes.
- Drugs – the Home Office will publish a new drug strategy, which builds on the approach published in 2010 to restrict the supply of drugs and tackle the organised crime behind the drugs trade, prevent drug misuse in our communities, help people resist getting involved in drugs, and support people dependent on drugs through treatment and recovery.
- Alcohol - making the night time economy safe so that people can consume alcohol safely without fear of becoming a victim of alcohol-related crime or disorder, enabling local economies to grow.

### **Collaboration Programme between County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service and Durham Constabulary**

16. The Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) was provided with an update on progress with collaboration between County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) and Durham Constabulary (DC).
17. A governance framework between the PCVC, the Fire Authority, the Fire and Rescue Service and Durham Constabulary has been established. The framework includes a Joint Strategy Board (JSB) consisting of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Combined Fire Authority, the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC), the Chief Fire Officer and the Chief Constable.
18. A Collaboration Delivery Group (CDG) has also been established, consisting of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, the Head of Corporate Resources / Treasurer of the Fire and Rescue Service, the Chief Executive of the OPCVC and the Assistant Chief Officer from Durham Constabulary.
19. Currently the project teams are looking at collaboration opportunities for any new ways of working that will have a positive effect for both organisations in terms of either, monetary savings, increased resilience in service delivery, reduced demand on services and improved interoperability.
20. The development of the specific projects is monitored by the CDG and any project which will have the potential to impact on the SDP will reported back to the board.

### **Funding**

21. The Safe Durham Partnership continues to review funding opportunities to support delivery against the Partnership's strategic objectives. The Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner's Community Safety Fund 2016/17 current supports initiatives in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour, Reducing Re-Offending by adults and young people and Alcohol and Drugs Harm Reduction. A range of funding opportunities are also being explored to support initiatives including Cyber-Crime, Open Water Safety, Domestic Abuse, Community Cohesion and the MAIS.

## **Concordat on Children in Custody**

22. Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary have signed up to the national Home Office Concordat on Children in Custody. The concordat aims to improve transfer arrangements from custody to local authority accommodation for children not granted bail upon charge. The concordat has the following principles:

- Whenever possible, charged children will be released on bail.
- Children denied bail will be transferred whenever practicable.
- Secure accommodation will be requested only when necessary.
- Local authorities will always accept requests for non-secure accommodation.
- The power to detain will be transferred to the local authority.
- Where a local authority fails to provide accommodation it will reimburse the police.
- Police forces will collect data on transfers.

## **Recommendations and reasons**

23. The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the contents of the report.

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## **Appendix 1 – Implications**

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**Finance** – N/A

**Staffing** – N/A

**Risk** – N/A

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** – N/A

**Accommodation** – N/A

**Crime and Disorder** – The Safe Durham Partnership update provides an overview of reports and discussions from the Safe Durham Partnership Board meetings.

**Human Rights** – N/A

**Consultation** – N/A

**Procurement** – N/A

**Disability Issues** – N/A

**Legal Implications** – N/A