

**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**22 March 2019**

**Organised Crime**



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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of a presentation on the partnership approach to tackling organised crime.

**Executive summary**

- 2 The presentation attached in appendix 2 will aim to provide Members with an overview of the partnership approach to tackling organised crime within the county. Information within the presentation is linked to priority areas within the Serious & Organised Crime: Local Profile document.

**Recommendation**

- 3 Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within this report and presentation and comment accordingly.

**Background**

- 4 At its meeting in June 2018, the Committee agreed its work programme to include a presentation on organised crime. Information within this presentation will build upon the report and presentation on 'Progress of recommendations following the Overview and Scrutiny Review of Organised Crime' to the Committee's meeting in October 2017.
- 5 The presentation to the Committee's meeting provided an overview of the Partnership Disruption and Interventional panel and to disrupt and tackle threats linked to the local profile document including illegal drugs, modern slavery and human trafficking, environmental crime and county lines.

- 6 Published in November 2018, the Government's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy defines serious and organised crime as "individuals planning, coordinating and committing serious offences, whether individually, in groups and/or as part of transitional networks." For information, the Government's Strategy can be accessed from the following link  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/752850/SOC-2018-web.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/752850/SOC-2018-web.pdf)
- 7 Superintendent Kevin Weir, Durham Constabulary will be in attendance to deliver the presentation attached in appendix 2 that provides an update on key threats linked to the serious and organised crime local profiles document and partnership activity.

## **Main implications**

### *Crime and Disorder*

- 8 Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

## **Conclusion**

- 9 The attached presentation provides an update and opportunity for Members to comment on partnership activity through the serious and organised crime local profiles document.
- 10 Background papers
- None

## **Other useful documents**

- Progress of Recommendations following the Overview and Scrutiny Review of Organised Crime' – Safer and Stronger Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee, October 2017

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

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### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.