

9 January 2020

**Draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan
2020-25**



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Electoral divisions affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1) The purpose of this report is to present the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan (SDPP) 2020-25 for comment. The committee will receive a presentation at the meeting. The draft plan is attached as Appendix 2.

Executive summary

- 2) Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the responsible authorities (commonly referred to collectively as a Community Safety Partnership (CSP)) in a local government area to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area. In County Durham this is the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 3) The 2007 Regulations set out the way in which the responsible authorities should carry out their functions as a CSP under Section 6 of the Act, and require the preparation of:
 - (a) a partnership plan for the local government area, setting out the CSP's priorities.
 - (b) a county level community safety agreement, setting out the ways the responsible authorities in the county might work more effectively to implement the identified priorities by joint working.
- 4) The Safe Durham Partnership Board has the responsibility for delivering the SDPP, which is informed by a strategic assessment as part of Durham Insight.
- 5) The SDPP has been aligned to the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2018 and the Durham Vision 2035.

- 6) The priorities within the plan will remain in place for a year whilst the strategic governance review takes place, following the agreement of the Vision 2035 by the County Durham Partnership.

Recommendation

- 7) Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are recommended to provide comment on the draft SDPP to andrea.petty@durham.gov.uk or julie.bradbrook@durham.gov.uk by 14 February 2020.

Background

- 8) The County Durham Vision 2035 is a document developed with partners as a shared vision for the next 15 years with three strategic ambitions:
- (a) More and Better jobs
 - (b) People live long and independent lives
 - (c) Connected communities

The SDPP will take forward the Vision ambitions and objectives relating to community safety.

- 9) The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a statutory duty on local authorities to form a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment and to reduce re-offending. In County Durham, the CSP is the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 10) The Safe Durham Partnership has a duty to develop an annual strategic assessment of the key risks and threats that crime and disorder pose to the communities of County Durham and a duty to produce and publish a plan which sets out the strategic approach that will be used to tackle crime and disorder throughout the County.
- 11) The SDPP is informed using the evidence base in Durham Insight which is the online shared intelligence, research and knowledge base for County Durham. The site provides users an easy way to access and share information, intelligence, research and knowledge for deeper insights about their local area or communities. Durham insight informs and supports our Strategic Assessment, which is used to inform the SDPP. The site includes in depth factsheets, and lots of topic-based intelligence including infographics and maps.

Safe Durham Partnership Plan

- 12) The vision for the Safe Durham Partnership Board (SDPB) is ***'A county where every adult and child will feel and be safe'***
- 13) The strategic priorities for the SDPB 2020-25 were agreed in November 2018.
- (a) Strategic Priority 1: Promote being safe and feeling safe in your community by focusing on the following work areas:
 - (i) Anti-social Behaviour
 - (ii) Safer Homes
 - (iii) Hate Crime and Community Tensions

Examples of the key deliverables are:

- Focus on redesigning our response to high demand areas including deliberate fires, fly tipping, derelict/ abandoned properties and horses in order to be more effective in combatting these issues
- Ensure referrals for target hardening properties for a specific need i.e. domestic violence, harassment, self-neglect, hoarding for those most vulnerable
- Increase reporting of hate incidents through the Hate Hurts Campaign

(b) Strategic Priority 2: Support victims and protect vulnerable people from harm by focusing on the following work areas:

- (i) Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- (ii) Organised Crime; County Lines
- (iii) Victims

Examples of the key deliverables are:

- Continue to monitor and meet standards in respect of risk and needs assessment to ensure the needs of people affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence are met
- Work with the Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership to raise awareness with staff and partners of what is county lines, what to look for and where to report concerns and intelligence
- Deliver positive outcomes for victims and witnesses

(c) Strategic Priority 3: Prevent: Counter Terrorism, Radicalisation and Violent Extremism by focusing on the following work areas:

- (i) Prevent people being drawn into terrorism
- (ii) Support the work to strengthen our protection against terrorist attacks and mitigate the impact of such an attack

Examples of the key deliverables are:

- Deliver a wide range of PREVENT awareness raising to staff of specified authorities and the child care sector to ensure they know how to recognise when someone is vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and understand how to refer them for support and intervention
- Raise awareness of the importance of reporting suspicious incidents among professionals and the community

(d) Strategic Priority 4: Reduce re-offending by focusing on the following work areas:

- (i) Prevent inter-generational offending
- (ii) Prevent repeat offending

Examples of the key deliverables are:

- Identify those at risk of offending and ensure appropriate support is in place to break the cycle of intergenerational offending
- Support the development and use of the Restorative Justice (RJ) Hub

(e) Strategic Priority 5: Alcohol and substance misuse reduction by focusing on the following work areas:

- (i) Prevention and early intervention
- (ii) Providing specialist interventions to promote recovery
- (iii) Protecting children and vulnerable adults at risk
- (iv) Strengthening leadership, management and governance

Examples of the key deliverables are:

- Contribute to the reduction of the availability and supply of illicit drugs and counterfeit alcohol addressing community perceptions
- Provide drug and alcohol specialist services to provide holistic package of care within a range of settings
- Contribute to the effectiveness of safeguarding and risk management arrangements for children, young people and adults where substance misuse is a factor, including overdose and substance misuse related death, those at risk of domestic abuse and sexual exploitation.
- Prioritise the voice of the service user voice via the County Durham Recovery Forum to make sure the service is effective

(f) Strategic Priority 6: Tackle and prevent cyber enabled crime by focusing on the following work areas:

- (i) Raise awareness of the general population about staying safe online
- (ii) Reduce risk to the most vulnerable groups
- (iii) Build resilience of local businesses of the threat of cyber crime

Examples of the key deliverables are:

- Deliver awareness raising sessions of the risks and threats of cybercrime
 - Collaborate with other partnerships to widely embed cyber-crime and exploit opportunities for joint working
 - Work with the business sector to promote Cyber Essentials and programmes of support as a means of protecting businesses from cyber crime
- 9 Work is taking place with relevant performance leads and Safe Durham Partnership Sub Group chairs and leads to ensure that key performance indicators are identified so that performance management measures are in place.
- 10 The priorities within the plan will remain in place for a year whilst the strategic governance review takes place.
- 11 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is being undertaken alongside the development of the SDPP.

Engagement/Consultation

- 12 Further engagement and consultation is scheduled to take place to inform the SDPP 2020-25, before it is presented to the Safe Durham Partnership Board at its meeting on 9 March 2020 for agreement. Details are provided below:

Draft SDPP will be presented at the following meetings for comment:

- (a) Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 9 January 2020.
- (b) Live public consultation will take place via the Durham County Council website **from 17 December 2019 to 14 February 2020**. This will include briefings with various community and voluntary sector groups within the County.
- (c) Final sign off of the SDPP will take place at the Board's meeting on **9 March 2020**.

Conclusion

- 12 The Plan has been informed by the Strategic Assessment which provides the evidence base on which the priorities have been

developed. The SDPP is also aligned to the County Durham Vision 2035 and will be the delivery mechanism, particularly for the “Safer” aspects. Further work will take place with the Safe Durham Partnership Board and with partners to develop the Plan prior to agreement in March 2020.

Background papers

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the responsible authorities (commonly referred to collectively as a Community Safety Partnership (CSP)) in a local government area to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area. In County Durham this is the Safe Durham Partnership.

Finance

There are no financial implications.

Consultation

Details of consultation are provided in the report.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

A full Equality Impact Assessment is being carried out alongside the SDPP.

Climate Change

No adverse implications.

Human Rights

No adverse implications.

Crime and Disorder

Crime and disorder is the main focus of the report under the Safe Durham Partnership.

Staffing

No adverse implications.

Accommodation

No adverse implications.

Risk

No adverse implications.

Procurement

No adverse implications