

**22 September 2020**

**Safe Durham Partnership – Impact of  
COVID 19**

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**Report of John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources**

**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 impact COVID-19 on community safety partners.

**Executive summary**

- 2 The presentation attached in appendix 2 will aim to provide Members with an overview of the impact and learning during COVID-19 on community safety partners on the Safe Durham Partnership Board. The presentation (appendix 2) and performance report within (appendix 3) will provide an opportunity for members to provide comment to the Safe Durham Partnership on this impact and for consideration of future items within the Committee's work programme.

**Recommendation**

- 3 Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to
  - (a) Note information contained within presentation from the Safe Durham Partnership and comment accordingly.
  - (b) Consider the overall position and direction of travel in relation to quarter one performance, the impact of COVID-19 on performance, and the actions being taken to address areas of underperformance including the significant economic and well-being challenges because of the pandemic.

**Background**

- 4 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a statutory duty on local authorities to form a Community Safety Partnership (CSP), within County Durham, this is known as the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 5 There are currently six 'responsible authorities' on the Safe Durham Partnership, who have a legal duty to work in partnership to tackle crime, disorder, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the environment, and to reduce re-offending.
- 6 The six responsible authorities are Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company and County Durham NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. The partnership also has additional members from the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust, County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, HMP Durham and East Durham Trust.
- 7 The Safe Durham Partnership Chair is Keith Wanley, Area Manager, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service.
- 8 The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee has powers under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to scrutinise work of the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 9 Appendix 2 to this report contains a presentation highlighting key challenges, impact and learning during COVID 19 on partner agencies within the partnership. The presentation will be delivered by Keith Wanley, Chair of the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 10 To provide members with supporting information, the Quarter One, 2020/21 Performance Management Report is attached in Appendix 3 of this report. It is to note that performance information within Appendix 3 combines quarter four, 2019/20 and quarter one, 2020/21 and will be provided by the Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager.

## **Main implications**

### *Crime and Disorder*

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

## **Conclusion**

12 The attached presentation provides an update and opportunity for Members to comment to the Safe Durham Partnership on this impact and consideration of future items within the Committee's work programme.

13 Background papers

- None

**Other useful documents**

- None

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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.

### **Climate Change**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Safe Durham Partnership Plan.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.