
Appendix 3: Safe Durham Partnership Plan Consultation Overview

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the content of the SDPP at their meeting on 1 March 2021. The Committee supported the plan's vision and priorities. The following comments were made by the committee that led to amendments within the document:

- Priority 1:
 - Off road motorcycle and quads were a particular issue in relation to anti-social behaviour and nuisance throughout the County and there was a request that these be mentioned within the plan.
Action – added a core deliverable to develop a partnership action plan to tackling nuisance motorcycles and quads.
 - The committee also proposed that the issue around secondary fires should be a separate stand-alone priority and not encompassed within anti-social behaviour.
Action - Following discussion at the SDP Board this recommendation was agreed, and a separate work area was given to this issue titled Arson and Deliberate Fires with underlying actions developed by the Arson Suppression Group.

- Priority 3:
 - The wording of the priority was confusing, Prevent: Counter terrorism and extremism as it sounded like the aim was to stop people countering this issue.
Action – Changed the wording to Prevent Strategy: Countering terrorism and extremism.

- Priority 6:
 - The terminology used within the plan on a page mentioning digital hygiene was felt to be unclear and some people may not understand its meaning.
Action: Wording changed to cyber safety and some examples added.

Public Consultation

There were 55 responses to the public consultation and 76% of respondents agreed with the plan overall and 23% neither agreed nor disagreed with the plan. Between 81% and 100% of respondents agreed with each of the separate six priorities.

The Partnerships Team Leader and the Apprentice Young People's Commissioner presented an animated video (designed by the Apprentice Young People's Commissioner) to the County Durham Youth Council via Microsoft Teams plus a question and answer session. This included questions and comments relating to extremism, cyber security and reducing re-offending. The Youth Council were encouraged to respond to the consultation.

There was a marked difference in the age ranges who responded to the consultation, with approximately 30% of the respondents being between the ages of 11 and 15. This is primarily due to the Microsoft Teams based consultation and discussion that took place with the County Durham Youth Council who were fully engaged in the consultation process.

General feedback from the consultation included the following:

- The importance of involving residents and the community when making decisions.
 - This links in with the approach to wellbeing highlighted within the plan.
- Fear of hate crime related abuse was another area of concern raised by a resident.
 - Tackling hate crime and community tensions are work areas key areas identified within the plan. The following are examples of key deliverable within the plan that will help address this concern:
 - Develop a multi-agency communications strategy, demonstrating a cross-organisation and cross-sector approach, including a message that there should be zero-tolerance of hate crime. This to be aimed at all sections of society.
 - Increase reporting of hate incidents through the Hate Hurts Campaign.
- There were concerns raised about vulnerable people being isolated and unable to access services.
 - Supporting victims and protecting vulnerable people is a work area within the plan. The following are examples of key deliverable within the plan that will help address this concern:

- To provide co-ordinated end to end care and support for victims and ensure effective pathways and timely support are in place.
- All young people who become a victim or witness are offered appropriate support.