

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

2 March 2022

Safer Cyber



Report of Paul Darby, 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 activity of the Safe Durham Partnership's Safer Cyber group.

Executive summary

- 2 Tackling and preventing cyber enabled crime is a strategic priority within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan and the presentation attached in appendix 2 provides an overview of partnership activity through the Safer Cyber working group to contribute to delivery of this priority area.

Recommendation

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

Background

- 4 To 'tackle and prevent cyber enabled crime' is one of six strategic priorities within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2021-2025 and within this priority, there are the following work areas:
 - (a) Raising awareness of the general population about staying safe online,
 - (b) Reducing risk of the most vulnerable groups
 - (c) Building resilience of local businesses to the threat of cybercrime
- 5 To deliver this strategic priority and work areas, the Safe Durham Partnership structure includes the Safer Cyber Working Group. This a multi -agency group with representation from Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council, Co Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service, New College Durham and the business community. The working group is chaired by Detective Inspector Luke Terry, Durham Constabulary.
- 6 Appendix 2 to this report contains a presentation that provides an overview of the group including its remit, achievements to date and future work activity. The presentation is scheduled to be delivered by Detective Inspector Luke Terry, Claire Turnbull, Cyber Prevent, Protect and Prepare Supervisor, Durham Constabulary and Andrea Petty, Strategic Manager, Durham County Council.
- 7 For Members reference, the Committee has previously undertaken work on Cyber Safety. In 2018, the Committee presented a report titled 'Cybercrime' to the Council's Cabinet and Safe Durham Partnership Board. The report focused on partnership work being undertaken to prevent young people becoming engaged in cybercrime activity. A progress report on implementation of recommendations from this work was concluded in January 2020. Links to both the Committee's report on Cybercrime and progress of recommendations to the Committee's meeting in January 2020 are included within the other useful documents section of this report.

Main implications

Crime and Disorder

- 8 Information with this report aims to contribute to the Safe Durham Partnership Plan priority to tackle and prevent cyber enabled crime.

Conclusion

- 9 The attached report and presentation provide an opportunity for Members to consider and comment on the partnership approach on cyber safety.

Background papers

- None

Other useful documents

- Cabinet 16 May 2018 - [Cybercrime Cover report](#) and [SSC OSC Cybercrime review report](#)
- Safer and Stronger Communities OSC, January 2020 - [Progress of recommendations OSC review of cybercrime](#)

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

None.

Finance

None

Consultation

None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None.

Human Rights

None.

Climate Change

None.

Crime and Disorder

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Staffing

None.

Accommodation

None.

Risk

None.

Procurement

None.