

Cabinet

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**2013 Refresh of the Safe Durham
Partnership Plan 2011-14**

Report of Corporate Management Team

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Cabinet on the 2013 refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) Plan 2011-14.

Background

- 2 The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 require that Durham County Council, along with the other responsible authorities (Durham Constabulary, NHS Commissioning Groups, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service and Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust), develop and implement a Partnership Plan. The 2011-14 Plan is the Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) strategy for reducing crime and disorder and for combating substance misuse in the area.
- 3 The regulations also require that at the start of each year the Safe Durham Partnership Plan shall be revised following the completion of an annual Strategic Assessment.
- 4 The first refresh of the Partnership Plan was produced in 2012 and demonstrated significant progress:
 - Crime fell by 4.8% to 26,913 incidents;
 - Anti-social behaviour fell by 25% to 33,718 incidents;
 - Deliberate and Secondary fires fell by 7% to 2,076 incidents;
and
 - Targets for first time entrants to the youth justice system, adult re-offending and repeat victims of Domestic Abuse were all exceeded.
- 5 Following the 2012 SDP Strategic Assessment and subsequent public/stakeholder, consultation, it was decided that the SDP priorities

would be amended to reflect the need to embed the 'Think Family' programme into the partnership strategy. Previous to the refresh the long-term priorities were:

- Reduce anti-social behaviour;
- Protect vulnerable people from harm;
- Reduce re-offending;
- Alcohol and substance misuse harm reduction;
- Reduce serious and violent crime;
- Counter terrorism and prevention of violent extremism; and
- Road casualty reduction.

6 The Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-30 contains these agreed long-term priorities for the SDP until March 2013.

Current Position

7 This is the final refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2011/14 and comes in the form of a second supplement (**Appendix 2**) to the original Plan. The supplement demonstrates that during 2012/13 significant progress in performance was, again, achieved (note: the supplement will be updated when the full financial year performance figures are available). Compared with 2011/12:

- Crime fell by 14% to 23,034 incidents;
- Anti-social behaviour fell by 24% to 25,474 incidents;
- Deliberate and secondary fires fell by 43% to 1,191 incidents;
- Domestic Abuse repeat victimisation rate was 12.6%; well below the national target of 25%;
- 58% reduction in offending from prolific adult offenders; and
- 15% reduction in young people entering the youth justice system for the first time, achieving a 78% reduction since 2007/08.

8 The refresh of the Partnership Plan describes the way in which the SDP has made significant progress in delivering what it undertook to achieve during the life of the 2011-14 Plan. The refresh demonstrates progress against key areas for improvement which include:

- Delivery of projects within High Impact Localities, where anti-social behaviour in those localities fell by 24%;
- Implementation of the High Impact Households initiative and its alignment with 'Think Family'; and
- Delivery of a robust partnership response to organised crime.

Future Priorities

9 Reducing serious and violent crime will no longer be a priority, though embedding the Think Family approach will become a new priority. This is reflected in the revised list of long-term priorities:

- Reduce anti-social behaviour;
- Protect vulnerable people from harm;

- Reduce re-offending;
 - Alcohol and substance misuse harm reduction;
 - Embed the Think Family approach;
 - Counter terrorism and prevention of violent extremism; and
 - Road casualty reduction.
- 10 The refresh of the Partnership Plan outlines the challenge ahead which includes the need to embed the 'Think Family' approach. Think Family touches on the priorities of several thematic groups of the County Durham Partnership; of which the SDP is one. Therefore it requires a joined- up response at a strategic and operational level. The SDP will, therefore, adopt and embed this approach in order to provide families with the best possible opportunity to avoid involvement in crime and disorder and reduce their impact on our services.
- 11 Think Family is known nationally as the Troubled Families Programme and partners will work with 1,320 families over three years who:
- Have children who don't attend school or who are excluded;
 - Are involved in anti-social behaviour or crime;
 - Are not in work; and
 - Are high cost and those with a range of health issues.
- 12 These are the families who often cause the most concern in our communities and in many cases, are already well known to services. Despite numerous interventions, often over many years, their problems persist and are in many cases intergenerational. The programme is based on a payment by results scheme, where payment will only be made where success in meeting target outcomes can be demonstrated.
- 13 The government expects local authorities to not only get to grips with and support families with multiple and complex needs but also to change the way services are delivered to them. This will involve embedding integrated whole family support processes to help families break the cycle.
- 14 Work with identified families will include the following approaches:
- (a) Dedicated key worker for each family;
 - (b) Provision of practical 'hands on' support;
 - (c) A persistent, assertive and challenging approach;
 - (d) Considering the family as a whole; and
 - (e) Coordinated agreed actions with professionals and families.

- 15 The Children and Adults Service Management Team, the Corporate Management Team and the Safe Durham Partnership Board received the first draft of the Partnership Plan refresh in March 2013 and provided feedback which was reflected in this updated version.

Recommendations and Reasons

- 16 Cabinet approve the refresh of the plan and recommend its adoption by Council:
- a) Agree the Partnership Plan refresh; and
 - b) Request a copy of the Partnership Plan refresh is made available to the public through the Corporate Website and the County Durham Partnership Website.

Background Paper(s)

Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2011-14
2012 Partnership Plan Refresh

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Action Plans have been developed to support the delivery of the Partnership Plan. The Police and Crime Commissioner has allocated funding to support the delivery of those action plans.

Staffing

The Plan will be implemented using existing resources. Durham County Council will contribute to the delivery of the plan in partnership with other responsible authorities.

Risk

No adverse implications.

Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty

An impact assessment in relation to Equality and Diversity implications will be undertaken when the refresh has been agreed.

Accommodation

No adverse implications.

Crime and disorder

The Partnership Plan outlines the Safe Durham Partnership priorities for tackling crime and disorder in County Durham.

Human rights

No adverse implications.

Consultation

Statutory consultation with the community and stakeholders has been undertaken as part of the Plan's refresh.

Procurement

No adverse implications.

Disability Issues

No direct adverse implications. An impact assessment will be undertaken when the refresh has been agreed.

Legal Implications

No adverse implications. The County Council, as a responsible authority under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, has a statutory duty to produce a Partnership Plan.

Appendix 2: (2013 Refresh) Partnership Plan 2011-14

See attached document.