

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

**Draft Safe Durham Partnership
Plan 2014/17**

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Safe Durham Partnership

**Report of Peter Appleton, Head of Planning and Service
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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel with the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014/17 for comment (attached as Appendix 2).

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.
3. The regulations also require that an annual Strategic Assessment is completed which informs the development of the new Plan every three years and its annual refresh. The Strategic Assessment is an intelligence document which includes an analysis of crime and disorder levels, recommended strategic priorities, results of public consultation and an assessment of the extent to which the Partnership Plan for the previous year has been implemented.
4. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) has also influenced the development of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan. JSNAs analyse the health needs of populations to inform and guide commissioning of health, well-being and social care services within local authority areas.
5. The purpose of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan is to demonstrate how the responsible authorities will work together to reduce crime and disorder across County Durham.
6. The Safe Durham Partnership Plan has informed the development of the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-30 and is aligned to the "Altogether Safer" section of the Strategy.

Current Position

7. The 2013 Strategic Assessment has been completed and recommended no change to the existing strategic objectives, which remain aligned to the objectives within the Sustainable Community Strategy. Each objective is managed by one of the multi-agency Thematic Groups. Some of the supporting outcomes were changed to reflect the findings of the new strategic assessment.
8. The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee have previously been consulted on the objectives and outcomes contained within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan. The Committee supported the strategic objectives in the Plan, but requested some further context as to why the objectives were chosen as priorities.
9. The Partnership Plan 2014/17 describes the progress and achievements of the Safe Durham Partnership over the lifetime of the 2011/14 Partnership Plan. It describes how the Safe Durham Partnership will deliver sustainable improvements. The Plan describes why the objectives have been prioritised, the key challenges to meeting the objectives, an understanding of how the objectives will be delivered and how we will know if we have been successful.
10. The objectives and outcomes are shown below:
 - i. **Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour**
 - ❖ Increase public confidence in the ability of partners to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter to communities
 - ❖ Reduce anti-social behaviour, low level crime - including secondary deliberate fires
 - ❖ Create a high quality, clean, green, attractive, accessible environment
 - ii. **Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm**
 - ❖ Provide protection and support to improve outcomes for victims of domestic abuse and their children - whilst working towards preventing its occurrence within County Durham
 - ❖ Tackle sexual violence and the negative impact it has on individuals and families
 - ❖ Reduce the impact of hate crime
 - iii. **Reducing Re-Offending**
 - ❖ Prevent inter-generational offending
 - ❖ Prevent repeat offending
 - iv. **Alcohol and substance misuse harm reduction**
 - ❖ Reduce the harm caused by alcohol to individuals, families and communities
 - ❖ Reduce the harm caused by drugs / substances - through prevention, restricting supply and building recovery

- v. Embed the Think Family approach**
 - ❖ Embed 'Think Family' and 'Stronger Families' into offender and victim services as part of the prevention and early help approach

- vi. Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism**
 - ❖ Implement 'CONTEST' (national strategy)
 - ❖ Challenge extremism and intolerance

- vii. Road Casualty Reduction**
 - ❖ Improve education and raise awareness
 - ❖ Improve health and wellbeing of communities through road casualty reduction
 - ❖ Develop a safer road environment

Next Steps

11. Thematic groups are engaged in the development of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan and are currently in the process of creating new action plans for the period 2014/17.

12. The draft Partnership Plan will be signed off by the Safe Durham Partnership Board in May 2014. In addition the Safe Durham Partnership Plan will be presented to:
 - i. Durham County Council Cabinet – 11.06.14
 - ii. Durham County Council Full Council – 23.07.14

13. The Safe Durham Partnership Plan will be published on the Durham County Council website following the Full Council meeting.

Recommendations and reasons

14. The Committee is recommended to:

Note the content of the report and provide feedback on the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014/17 to Caroline Duckworth, Community Safety Manager, Durham County Council by 30 April 2014.

Background papers

2013 Strategic Assessment
2013 Strategic Assessment Action Plan

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Delivery/Action Plans will be 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 as part of the development of the Partnership Plan.

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 Strategic Assessment process.

Procurement

No adverse implications.

Disability Issues

No direct adverse implications. An impact assessment will be undertaken on the Safe Durham Partnership Plan.

Legal Implications

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