

County Council

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Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17



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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present Full Council with the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17 for agreement (attached as Appendix 2).

Background

2. The development and implementation of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan is a statutory requirement for Durham County Council and other responsible authorities, including the Police and NHS.
3. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy (known in County Durham as the Safe Durham Partnership Plan) is part of the Policy Framework in the Council's Constitution.
4. The purpose of the Plan is to demonstrate how the responsible authorities will work together to reduce crime and disorder across County Durham. It has informed the development of the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-30 and is aligned to the "Altogether Safer" section of the Strategy.
5. Following the completion of the 2013 Strategic Assessment in November 2013, no change was made to existing strategic objectives.
6. In January 2014 the Safe Durham Partnership strategic objectives and outcomes were agreed by the Safe Durham Partnership Board.
7. Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the strategic objectives in the Plan, but within the context of current resource and funding implications.

Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17

8. The Safe Durham Partnership Plan has been informed by the Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2013, local views collated through Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings (these are public meetings with local neighbourhood police teams) and national policy developments; including Transforming Rehabilitation which is the government's programme for reforming the delivery of

offender services in the community to reduce reoffending rates whilst delivering improved value for money.

9. The Partnership Plan 2014-17 describes the progress and achievements of the Safe Durham Partnership over the lifetime of the previous 2011-14 Partnership Plan and demonstrates how the Safe Durham Partnership will continue to 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.

Strategic Objectives and Outcomes Framework

10. The Strategic Objectives and Outcomes Framework for the Safe Durham Partnership Plan is provided below:

Strategic Objective: 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 - including low level crime and secondary deliberate fires
- ❖ Create high quality, clean, green, attractive, accessible environment

Strategic Objective: 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

Strategic Objective: Reducing re-offending

- ❖ Prevent inter-generational offending
- ❖ Prevent repeat offending

Strategic Objective: 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

Strategic Objective: 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

Strategic Objective: Counter terrorism and prevention of violent extremism

- ❖ Implement CONTEST (national strategy)
- ❖ Challenge extremism and intolerance

Strategic Objective: Road Casualty reduction

- ❖ Improve education and raise awareness

- ❖ Improve health and wellbeing of communities through road casualty reduction
- ❖ Develop a safer road environment

11. Thematic groups of the Safe Durham Partnership are engaged in the refresh of their thematic strategies to take forward actions to meet the strategic objectives and outcomes which includes the:

- Drug Strategy 2014-17
- Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2014-17
- Contest Delivery Plan 2014-17
- Reducing Reoffending Strategy 2014-17

12. At the end of the 2014-15 period, both the Domestic Abuse Strategy and the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy will be refreshed and will cover the period 2015-17

13. Thematic groups have developed their action plans to support the delivery of thematic strategies.

Recommendations and reasons

14. The Council is recommended to:

- a) Agree the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17.
- b) Note the Safe Durham Partnership Plan will be publicised on the Durham County Council website following agreement from Durham County Council.

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Background papers

Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17 report to Corporate Management Team
Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17 report to Cabinet

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 has been 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

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.