

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015/18



Safe Durham Partnership

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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - Update Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the objectives and outcomes framework in the Safe Durham Partnership Plan (SDPP); and
 - Provide an update on the process for the refresh of the SDPP 2015/18

Background

2. The Safe Durham Partnership is required by statute to develop an annual Strategic Assessment and develop and implement a Partnership Plan.
3. The Strategic Objectives and Outcomes were agreed by the Safe Durham Partnership Board in November 2013 as part of the strategic assessment process:
 - **Reduce anti-social behaviour**
 - i. Increase public confidence in the ability of partners to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter to communities
 - ii. Reduce anti-social behaviour, low level crime and secondary deliberate fires
 - iii. Create high quality, clean, green, attractive, accessible environment
 - **Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm**
 - i. Provide protection and support to improve outcomes for victims of domestic abuse and their children, whilst working towards preventing its occurrence within County Durham
 - ii. Tackle sexual violence and the negative impact it has on individuals and families.
 - iii. Reduce the impact of Hate Crime
 - **Reducing Re-offending**
 - i. Prevent inter-generational offending
 - ii. Prevent repeat offending

- **Alcohol and Substance Misuse Harm Reduction**
 - i. Reduce the harm caused by alcohol to individuals, families and communities.
 - ii. Reduce the harm caused by drugs/substances through preventing harm, restricting supply and building recovery.
 - **Embed the Think Family Approach**
 - i. Embed 'Think Family' and 'Stronger Families' into offender and victim services as part of the prevention and early help approach
 - **Counter Terrorism and prevention of violent extremism**
 - ii. Implement 'CONTEST' (national strategy)
 - iii. Challenge extremism and intolerance
 - **Road Casualty Reduction**
 - i. Improve education and raise awareness
 - ii. Improve health and wellbeing of communities through road casualty reduction
 - iii. Develop a safer road environment
4. In addition, the strategic objectives in the SDPP are also the same as the thematic objectives for the Altogether Safer section of the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2030.

Strategic Assessment

5. The 2014 Strategic Assessment, along with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, provides the evidence base for the development of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan. The 2014 Strategic Assessment is a summary of the current position and will be used to refresh the SDPP for 2015/18.
6. The draft Strategic Assessment has been considered with performance colleagues in both the Police and Council on 3rd October in order to ensure that key messages in both the Safe Durham Partnership Strategic Assessment and the Police Strategic Assessment align. The draft strategic assessment is to be circulated to the SDP Board for comment prior to discussion at the SDP Board meeting.
7. The draft Strategic Assessment 2014 recommends no change to the existing strategic objectives outlined in paragraph 3.

Process for the refresh of the SDPP 2015/18

8. The Safe Durham Partnership Board re-affirmed the strategic objectives outlined above in the SDPP as those which will remain as a priority in 2015/16 (paragraph 3).
9. The Partnership Plan will be refreshed following consideration of the Strategic Assessment and any feedback received from stakeholders and the community.

10. As part of the process for the refresh of the SDPP a number of engagement events have been planned between November 2014 and January 2015 which will inform the refreshed document. We therefore need to be mindful that there may be changes to 'outcomes' or additional 'outcomes' added following these engagement activities. This includes consultation with this Overview and Committee on the key issues in the strategic assessment.

Recommendations

11. It is recommended that the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- (i) Note the process for the refresh of the Partnership Plan 2015/18;
 - (ii) Note that the strategic objectives in the Safe Durham Partnership Plan have been reaffirmed as being the priorities for 2015/18;
 - (iii) Note that the 'outcomes' in the Safe Durham Partnership Plan detailed in paragraph 3 may be subject to change as a result of the consultation process; and
 - (iv) Receive a report on the strategic assessment in January 2015 as part of the consultation process.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – Information within this report relates to reducing crime and disorder and contributes to the Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – A consultation process will be undertaken as part of the refresh.

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – The Safe Durham Partnership is required by statute to develop an annual Strategic Assessment and develop and implement a Partnership Plan.