

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Safe Durham Partnership Plan Refresh 2016/19

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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the draft refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2016/19 (Appendix 2). A presentation covering the key issues in the Strategic Assessment and an overview of the Plan will be given by the Community Safety Manager and Community Safety Co-ordinator.

Background

2. The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 require that Durham County Council, along with the other responsible authorities (Durham Constabulary, Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group, North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service and the Durham, Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company), 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. This is a protectively marked document that is not made available publicly. The Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) has agreed the SDP Strategic Assessment 2015.
4. 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.

Current Position

5. The refresh of the Partnership Plan 2016/19 describes the progress and achievements of the Safe Durham Partnership and updates on progress in 2015/16. It describes how it will deliver sustainable improvements by working in partnership. The Plan describes why each objective has been prioritised, the key challenges to meeting each objective, an understanding of how the objectives will be delivered and how we will know if we have been successful.

6. The strategic objectives in the Partnership Plan 2016/19 have been agreed as:

- **Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour**
- **Protect Vulnerable People from Harm**
- **Reducing Re-Offending**
- **Alcohol and Substance Misuse Harm Reduction**
- **Embed the Think Family Approach**
- **Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism**
- **Implement Measures to Promote a Safe Environment**

7. There are a number of objectives which are shared with other partnerships, e.g. Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm is shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board and Embed Think Family is shared with the Children and Families Partnership.

8. A consultation event was held on 4 November at the Health and Wellbeing Board Big Tent Event to inform the development of the Plan. A further consultation process with partners, Area Action Partnerships and Overview and Scrutiny is taking place between January and February 2016.

Refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan (SDPP)

9. The refresh of the SDPP 2016/19 includes updates on policy drivers, consultation feedback and evidence from the Strategic Assessment.

10. The SDP's vision is for a county "where every adult and child will be, and will feel, safe". Working in partnership is essential to achieving our vision.

Strategic Objectives & Outcomes

11. Following a presentation of the draft Council Plan 2016/19 at the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5 January 2016, a recommendation was made by the Chief Fire Officer to include a new outcome in the Council Plan which also impacts on the Safe Durham Partnership Plan. This outcome is 'Improved Safety in the Home.'

12. Further consultation has taken place and it has been agreed that a broader Strategic Objective of 'Implement Measures to Promote a Safe Environment' is adopted by the Safe Durham Partnership in order to align with the Council Plan. This would encompass the new outcome detailed above, as well as 'Develop a Safer Road Environment' and a new outcome of 'An Improved Understanding of Open Water Safety.' These outcomes all require a multi-agency response.

13. Appendix 3 of the report shows the amendments to the Strategic Objectives and Outcomes.

Next Steps

14. Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to note the following key dates for the development of the refresh of the SDPP 2016/19:

- Safe Durham Partnership Board will receive a copy of the SDPP 2016/19 on 29th March 2016 to sign off.
- Durham County Council Cabinet will receive a copy of the SDPP 2016-19 on 15th June 2016.

Recommendations and reasons

15. Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

Provide comments on the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2016-19.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

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.

Risk

No adverse implications.

Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty

An impact assessment in relation to Equality and Diversity implications is being undertaken on the refreshed 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 when the Plan has been agreed.

Legal Implications

No adverse implications. The responsible authorities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, have a statutory duty to produce a Partnership Plan in line with The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.