

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23 March 2016



The City Safety Group

Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive and Oliver Sherratt, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Committee with information in advance of a presentation from Oliver Sherratt, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services on activity undertaken by the City Safety Group.

Background

2. The City Safety Group comprises of Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary, Durham University, Durham Students' Union, Durham Cathedral and the County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service. Chaired by Oliver Sherratt, the group was set up in February 2015 to enable all the agencies involved to work even more closely to improve safety in the city, including riverside safety.
3. The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a presentation from Terry Collins (former Chair of the City Safety Group) at its meeting on 22 September 2015. At that meeting it was agreed that a further update report would be presented at a future meeting of the Committee.
4. Since the previous update report was received, all infrastructure improvements have been completed. This presentation will provide Members with an overview of the work undertaken and how this has been successfully delivered.

Recommendation

5. Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

None

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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 – None

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None