

Cabinet

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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 Cabinet with the refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2016-19 for approval (attached as Appendix 2).

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 Partnership Plan 2016-19 is a refresh of the previous Partnership Plan 2015-18. The next full review of the Partnership Plan will be for the period 2017-20.
4. The regulations also require that the Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) carry out an annual Strategic Assessment which informs the development of the new Plan every three years and its annual refresh.
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. A consultation workshop was held on 4th November 2015 at the Health and Wellbeing 'Big Tent' Event to inform the development of the Plan. Further consultation with partners, Area Action Partnerships and the Safer and Stronger Overview and Scrutiny Committee took place between January and February 2016 on the objectives and outcomes contained within the draft refresh of the Partnership Plan 2016-19. The Safe Durham Partnership Board signed off the Plan in May 2016.

Refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2016-19

7. The vision of the Safe Durham Partnership is for a county “**where every adult and child will be, and will feel, safe.**” Working in partnership is essential to achieving our vision.
8. The refresh of the Partnership Plan 2016-19 describes the progress and achievements of the Safe Durham Partnership since the publication of the previous Plan. 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 the Partnership will know if it has been successful.

Strategic Objectives and Outcomes Framework

9. The Strategic Objectives and Outcomes Framework for the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2016-19 is provided below:

Strategic Objective 1: Reduce anti-social behaviour

- ❖ Increase public confidence in the ability of partners to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour issues
- ❖ Reduced incidence of anti-social behaviour and low level crime

Strategic Objective 2: Protect vulnerable people from harm

- ❖ Prevent domestic abuse and sexual violence and reduce the associated harm
- ❖ Ensure that all victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence have access to the right help and support and that services are available to address their needs
- ❖ Improve the criminal justice response to tackling domestic abuse, sexual violence and sexual exploitation
- ❖ To pursue perpetrators of domestic abuse through the criminal justice system and ensure they face up to the implications of their actions
- ❖ Reduce the impact of hate crime

Strategic Objective 3: Reduce re-offending

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

Strategic Objective 4: Alcohol and substance misuse harm reduction

- ❖ Reduce the harm caused to communities by tackling alcohol-related crime and disorder and vulnerability
- ❖ Reduce the harm caused by drugs/substances – through prevention, restricting supply and building recovery

Strategic Objective 5: Embed the ‘Think Family’ approach

- ❖ The most vulnerable families are diverted from offending and anti-social behaviour

Strategic Objective 6: Counter terrorism and prevention of violent extremism

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

Strategic Objective 7: Implement measures to promote a safe environment

- ❖ Develop a safer road environment
- ❖ Improved understanding of open water safety
- ❖ Improved safety in the home

10. These strategic objectives were agreed by the Safe Durham Partnership Board in November 2015. The outcomes were agreed in May 2016 following the consultation period.
11. The Partnership Plan also contains a number of strategic actions that identify the key areas of work that the Safe Durham Partnership will focus on, linked to objectives and outcomes.

Delivery Plan

12. More detailed actions outlining the work taking place to achieve the strategic actions will be included in the Safe Durham Partnership Delivery Plan. This will include target dates to show when actions will be achieved, and will be presented to the Safe Durham Partnership Board for agreement in July 2016.
13. The Safe Durham Partnership Plan is monitored robustly and progress is reported to the Safe Durham Partnership Board on a six monthly basis. This allows partners the opportunity to challenge each other and ensure that the thematic groups are achieving their outcomes. A quarterly performance escalation report summarising the performance of each thematic group is also reported into the Board. As well as providing performance highlights, the Board also receives information on areas for improvement.
14. In addition to performance monitoring through the Safe Durham Partnership Board a subset of performance indicators from the Safe Durham Partnership Plan is reported to the County Durham Partnership, under the “Altogether Safer” theme. Safer and Stronger Overview and Scrutiny Committee are also provided a subset basket of indicators to provide them with oversight of performance.

Recommendations and reasons

15. Cabinet is recommended to:
- a. Note the contents of this report and approve the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2016-19; and
 - b. Note the Safe Durham Partnership Plan will be publicised on the County Durham Partnership website.

Background papers

None

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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. 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 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 County Council, as a responsible authority under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, has a statutory duty to produce a Partnership Plan in line with the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.