

Name of meeting: Cabinet
Date: 18 June 2019
Title of report: Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan

Purpose of report

To provide Cabinet with an overview of the new Communities Partnership Plan for Kirklees and the key priorities to make Kirklees safer and more cohesive.

To seek approval by Full Council as a key policy forming the Council's Policy Framework (under Article 4 of the Constitution).

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes If yes give the reason why Affects all electoral wards.
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Yes If yes also give date it was registered This is a key decision that was registered on 21/01/2019
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes If no give the reason why not
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Rachel Spencer-Henshall : 11 February 2019
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance	Eamonn Croston – 11 February 2019
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning	Julie Muscroft – 11 February 2019
Cabinet member portfolio	Give name of Portfolio Holder Cllr Naheed Mather

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

Have you considered GDPR? There is no personal data contained within this report

1. **Summary**

The Communities Partnership Plan (previously the Community Safety Partnership Plan) sets out the key priorities for partners to collaboratively deliver to make Kirklees Safer.

In addition to the Statutory duties under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act (and subsequent legislation), the Partnership Plan is one of the plans / strategies that forms the Council's Policy Framework (under Article 4 of the Constitution).

The Communities Partnership Plan has been developed in consultation with the Communities Partnership and Overview and Scrutiny Committee but there is a formal requirement for the plan to be approved by Full Council as a key policy.

The purpose of the Plan going to Cabinet and subsequently Full Council is that the plan be included as a key policy under the Council's Policy Framework (under Article 4 of the Constitution).

2. **Information required to take a decision**

The Communities Partnership Plan is produced on a 3 yearly basis to co-ordinate partnership working to make Kirklees communities safer and more cohesive.

The new Partnership Plan is informed by intelligence contained in the Strategic Intelligence Assessment (previously presented to panel) and contains the following 4 outcome themes;

- Reducing crime
- Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour
- Protecting People from Serious Harm
- Improving Place

The Partnership Plan provides an overview of the key issues to be addressed in each of these areas, what will be delivered, and how effectiveness will be measured.

The Partnership Plan also reaffirms the Safer Kirklees approach (with its focus on prevention and early resolution of issues) and outlines the new governance arrangements in place as a result of the development of the Communities Board.

The Council is one of the Responsible Authorities with a statutory duty under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act (and subsequent legislation) to develop and deliver a Partnership Plan to make Kirklees safer and more cohesive.

The Partnership Plan is one of the plans / strategies that forms the Council's Policy Framework (under Article 4 of the Constitution) and approval is sought by Full Council to include it as a key policy.

3. **Implications for the Council**

3.1 **Working with People**

It is essential that the priorities within the Partnership Plan reflect and resonate with those of local people. The Partnership Plan was developed and jointly

launched in partnership with the 3rd Sector Leaders Group in recognition of the critical role that communities play in creating safe and cohesive communities.

To coincide with the launch of the Partnership Plan, the scope of the Community Safety Partnership was broadened to encompass engagement, cohesion and integration work co-ordinated through a Communities Board with two strategic aims (1) People in Kirklees live in cohesive communities, feel safe and are safe/protected from harm and (2) People in Kirklees experience a high quality, clean, sustainable and green environment.

3.2 Working with Partners

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and other subsequent legislation places a statutory duty on community safety partners (such as the Local Authority, Police, Fire & Rescue Services, Housing, Health and Offender Management Services) to develop and deliver a strategic plan which tackles shared issues affecting quality of life for residents.

It is essential that there is excellent collaboration between the 3 Boards (Communities Partnership and the Safeguarding Boards for Adults and Children) responsible for making people safe and protecting them from harm. A recent strategic workshop of these 3 Boards considered how current cross-board working could be enhanced to deliver co-ordinated interventions to protect people from serious harm.

At a wider level, it is critical that there effective relationships and strategic alignment with the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan produced by the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire.

3.3 Place Based Working

In addition to the partnership work for each of the 4 themes in the partnership plan, it is vital that there is effective work in place with partners, stakeholders - in particular elected members as leading / advocating on behalf of the communities within their Wards and the intelligence and insight they hold to the complex and varied issues specific to neighbourhoods and communities across Kirklees. This approach compliments Council ambitions around Place Based Working which recognises that one size doesn't fit all and enables the Council and partners to work with local people to design, develop and deliver support and services to address what is important for the local space – both physically and socially.

3.4 Improving outcomes for children

The Partnership Plan works on the principle that the best way to tackle community safety issues is to address them at the earliest opportunity – ideally by preventing them in the first place. The Partnership Plan recognises that children and young people are often at risk of experiencing community safety issues - therefore it is critical that risks are reduced and protective (including family / community assets) factors are harnessed to deliver better and more sustained outcomes.

3.5 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

Not Applicable

4. Consultees and their opinions

The Plan has been developed in Consultation with the Kirklees Communities Partnership Board and has been presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee to identify areas of focus for the Committee.

5. Next steps and timelines

The Communities Partnership Plan sets out the vision for safe and cohesive communities and key outcome themes for partners up to 2021.

Multi-agency groups are in place to develop partnership interventions, delivery of which is overseen by both the Communities Partnership Board (which has cross party representation and is chaired by the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Environment) and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the Communities Partnership Plan be approved by Full Council as a key policy forming the Council's Policy Framework (under Article 4 of the Constitution).

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

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8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Copy of the Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan

10. Service Director responsible

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