



Name of meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Date: 29th October 2020

Title of report: Strategic Intelligence Assessment & Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan – Refresh October 2020

Purpose of report: This purpose of this report is to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee with the opportunity to discuss and comment upon the refreshed 2020 Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan which outlines the key strategic priorities for the next 12 months.

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?	Not Applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u>	Yes - As the Plan is an Article 4 Strategy the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee are asked to provide comments and feedback
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Service Director Jill Greenfield 19th October 2020
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	Strategic Director Mel Meggs 19th October 2020
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Carole Pattison

Electoral wards affected: ALL

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes

1. Summary

Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislative amendments places a statutory duty on a number of responsible authorities to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder. Known as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) the act defines CSPs as “An alliance of organisations which generate strategies and policies, implement actions and interventions concerning crime and disorder within their partnership area”.

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act also places a statutory duty on CSPs to develop a strategic plan which addresses multi-agency issues affecting quality of life for residents. In Kirklees, this Plan is known as the Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan (2018-2021). To ensure the Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan is fit for purpose it should be refreshed on an annual basis using insight, data and analysis from the most recent Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment (PSIA) of which can be found at Appendix 1.

The Partnership Plan refresh has become more relevant in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the impact Coronavirus has had upon our data and intelligence, service delivery and inequalities within communities. The changing landscape of the pandemic with local and national restrictions requires the Kirklees Partnership to be agile, adapt and respond quickly within the context of addressing inequality and building resilience. The refresh this year recognises the significant challenges presented by the current Coronavirus pandemic for people, places and partners, whilst continuing to address our long term identified priorities.

The refreshed Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan can be found at Appendix 2.

2. Information required to take a decision

A decision is not required as the refreshed Partnership Plan will be presented at Cabinet (date to fix).

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

We will continue to engage local people and build relationships based on trust, working directly ‘with’ local people and communities to solve problems restoratively. Our preventative approach means we work with communities using an asset-based approach – building on the positives and strengthening communities the deeper we engage. We have seen a significant increase in successful community grants across the district for local people developing initiatives that deliver outcomes right across our theme areas. Working in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner the Community Safety Partnership has supported over 40 local community groups with grants worth over £200k through the Safer Communities Fund since September 2017.

There is no doubt that working with people during a period of local and national restrictions is proving challenging and we will continue to support community groups

to address local issues safely and adapt our working practices in line with guidance at the time.

3.2 Working with Partners

The Communities Partnership continues to build upon its effective engagement and collaborative working across the system from agencies such as the Police, Health, Council services, Housing providers, the Voluntary and Community Sector and local elected members. Our combined efforts have achieved some significant results in tackling youth anti-social behaviour and secondary fires. Through close partnership working with the Fire Service, Police, Housing, elected members, local community organisations and Safer Kirklees incidents of youth related ASB and fires have been resolved quickly and timely through the use of early intervention measures and partnership community engagement resulting in a 100% decrease in secondary fires, calls for service and no attacks on fire crews during the 2019 bonfire season. Work with partners on the ground continues within safe limits whilst coordination and strategy has mainly moved on line.

a. Place Based Working

The Partnership for a number of years recognised the diverse geography of Kirklees and as such has organised itself into a four-district model. Our data, intelligence and insight is produced at a neighbourhood level so that our resources are targeted and therefore outcomes can be delivered in a place based way that reflects the diverse geography. A recent example of this work includes the sentencing of two individuals for exploiting and stealing from vulnerable people in Batley. Place based partnership working and local insight from communities together with, the Police, Safer Kirklees, Housing and local businesses ensured that a number of vulnerable victims were identified and supported to come forward with the perpetrators being brought to justice.

b. Climate Change and Air Quality

As part of our commitment to climate change and air quality Safer Kirklees were one of the first services within the Council to use electric vehicles which enables our Community and Environmental Support Officers to travel across the district in an environmentally friendly way. In addition, research being undertaken by the University of Huddersfield to support the Partnerships Road Safety Network will draw upon psychological nudge techniques to make roads safer for vulnerable road users such as cyclists.

c. Improving outcomes for children

The strategic themes within the Partnership Plan all have an impact upon children and young people within Kirklees. This includes improving outcomes for children and young people who may find themselves as a victim of crime and or ASB or within the approach of Prevention and Early Intervention and mitigating children and young people becoming involved in risky behaviour at the earliest opportunity.

d. Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions

Over the past 12 month the Partnership has worked intensively to improve and increase its communication around the key themes within the partnership plan to highlight successful outcomes and improve perceptions. The Stay Safe this Christmas Campaign ran throughout December 2019 with the aim of reminding and educating staff and residents about staying safe during the festive period. The campaign was delivered in partnership with Pub Watch and local businesses reaching an audience of over 175k. The campaign contributed to a number of successful outcomes including reductions in theft of mobile phones, shop lifting and violent crime. This years campaign is likely to be significantly different in light of COVID.

4. Next steps and timelines

To be presented at Cabinet – Date to Fix

To be presented at the Kirklees Communities Board 4th November 2020

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee note the Strategic Intelligence Assessment and Refreshed Partnership Plan and make comments/recommendations.

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

As Chair of the Communities Board and Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspirations and Communities, Cllr Pattison commends the plan and the timely manner of the refresh in light of the Coronavirus pandemic and welcomes comments and feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

7. Contact officer

Jo Richmond, Head of Service, Communities

Lee Hamilton, Safer Kirklees Manager

Chris Walsh, Performance Manager, Communities

8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Previous Partnership Plan was presented to scrutiny in 2019

9. Service Director responsible

Mel Meggs, Director for Childrens Service