

Name of meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Date: 28th June 2022

Title of report: The Communities Partnership Plan

Purpose of report: For Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to:

1. Note the contents of the Communities Partnership Plan as recommended by Communities Board
2. Comment and advise on:
 - a) the Council's adoption of the Communities Partnership Plan as part of the Article 4 Policy Framework (to be decided at Full Council);
 - b) the Council's subsequent implementation of the Communities Partnership Plan (if adopted); and
 - c) scrutiny's role in monitoring the implementation of the CP Plan (if adopted).

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 Communities Partnership Plan is an Article 4 Strategy the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee are asked to comment of the Plan. KND to be issued.
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Service Director Jill Greenfield 13.06.22 Strategic Director Mel Meggs 13.06.22 Eamonn Croston, Service Director for Finance: 14.06.22 John Chapman, Head of Legal Services: 14.06.2022
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Carole Pattison

Electoral wards affected: ALL

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes, no relevant information is contained in the plan

1. Summary

Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on a named 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 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***.

The 2018-2021 Communities Partnership Plan is due to expire, with a new Plan developed using insight, data and analysis from the most recent Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment (PSIA). The PSIA and emerging priorities was discussed by Scrutiny previously on 19th November 2022 to inform the development of the plan.

Priority areas are

- Reducing violence and tackling exploitation and abuse which includes serious violence, violence against women and girls, organised crime and safe town centres
- Reducing ASB and Neighbourhood Crime which includes personal and environmental ASB, vehicle crime, burglary and criminal damage
- Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities which includes Tackling Hate Crime, safeguarding people from radicalisation, asylum, migration and integration, inclusion and belonging
- Risk which includes reducing reoffending, substance misuse, road safety and water safety.

The vast majority of the priorities are evidence based using data and insight from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment. On occasion, we also address issues where it is public concern that underpins its inclusion, such as road safety or where we identify emerging issues as a result of the pandemic or cost of living. The Delivery Plan priorities are reviewed annually after a review of progress and intelligence.

2. Information required to take a decision

A decision is not required, but comment from the Overview and Management Scrutiny Committee on the final version of the plan and priorities is welcomed. The

Communities Partnership Plan has been approved by the Communities Partnership Board and will be submitted to Full Council, following Cabinet in July.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

The Communities Partnership Plan will continue to put the victims and witnesses of crime and disorder at the heart of our approach, we want to be better at capturing the lived experience of our most vulnerable residents, alongside our evidence and insight data, to inform future service delivery and ensure we are putting our resources in the right places.

We acknowledge that supporting the victims and witness of crime and disorder, including repeat victims, cuts across all aspects of any Community Safety Plan, and we will continue to work closely with colleagues in Police, Adult and Children's safeguarding and the voluntary sector to ensure our most vulnerable individuals and communities are supported.

Our restorative approach of working 'with' local people and elected members to solve problems at the earliest possible opportunity underpins our overarching work around prevention and early intervention, building on the positives within communities.

We will be using the emerging Inclusive Communities Framework to underpin our approach to working alongside communities to address the priorities within the four strategic priorities of Violence and Exploitation, Neighbourhood Crime, Building Resilience and Risk. Prevention remains at the heart of the partnership approach and where issues do occur, intervening and working with victims and communities at the earliest opportunity.

3.2 Working with Partners

The Pandemic has further embedded working practices and relationships with key partners across the system as well as improving relationships with other partners fundamental in tackling crime and disorder, such as Public Health. The Communities Partnership Plan will continue to build upon these relationships, utilising approaches from Public Health to tackle issues around crime and disorder, for example, adopting a Public Health approach to serious violence. Partnership is core to the delivery of the priorities within the plan.

The Kirklees Communities Board aims to have greater clarity and focus on its priorities in the coming year, providing a greater platform for strategic collaboration and interconnectivity that will reduce duplication and make best use of our resources. The cross-cutting nature of crime, disorder and community resilience means that collaboration with other Boards is essential in achieving successful outcomes. Issues such as Exploitation and Youth Violence are priorities for both the Communities Board and the Children's Partnership therefore continuing to build collaboration and identifying shared outcomes and approaches is essential to our success moving forward.

a. Place Based Working

The Partnership, for a number of years has recognised and responded to the diverse geography of Kirklees and as such organised itself into a Place based four-district model. This model was significant in our response to Covid19 and the development of the Covid response hubs. These hubs have increased the commitment and engagement across the partnership and will continue to evolve to support the delivery of the new Partnership Plan as our working practices adjust following our ongoing response and recovery from Covid19. Our approach to tackling violence has utilised our place-based approach, using data and intelligence to highlight key areas for engagement and activity. Through the development and delivery of local action plans, areas will see enhanced service delivery to tackle the current issue and to prevent future issues. Our response to challenges in neighbourhoods is now focused and coordinated at a place level, aligning with Place Standard delivery plans as appropriate.

b. Climate Change and Air Quality

As part of our commitment to climate change and air quality Safer Kirklees continue to use electric vehicles which enables our Community and Environmental Support Officers to travel across the district in an environmentally friendly way.

Covid19 has changed the way in which the partnership meets operationally and strategically with virtual meetings reducing travel across Kirklees and West Yorkshire. Virtual working has resulted in a significant decrease in the use of paper and reduced environmental impact of travel for partnership meetings with most if not all meetings being paper free. The Partnership does however still acknowledge the need and benefit of meeting face to face, especially with local communities, residents and the most vulnerable and continues to increase its visibility post restrictions to a pre pandemic level. Safer Kirklees staff remained on the front line with communities throughout.

c. Improving outcomes for children

The strategic themes within the Partnership Plan all have an impact upon children and young people who are a part of our communities in Kirklees. We have made significant investment in children and young people in our approach to Domestic Abuse and our work to reduce violence in under 25s in partnership with the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit, which should reduce the numbers of young people becoming involved in/or the victim of serious crime. The Partnership are engaging in new and emerging issues such as water safety where we will look to reduce this risk at the earliest opportunity through education, prevention and early intervention.

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

The Partnership in exercising its requirements under Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 should prepare an annual PSIA and prepare and implement a Community Safety Plan.

In 2022, the partnership will be required to prepare and implement a strategy to tackle serious violence with the expected introduction of a new statutory duty.

The Legal challenges and demands associated with tackling our most prolific ASB offenders continues to be time consuming and costly.

The CPP has been developed in collaboration with our partners involved in Communities Board and the range of subgroups. The subgroups involve a wide range of partners including the Police, Health, childrens and adults services, voluntary and community sector, FE and HE sector, education colleagues, Fire Service. The CPP is informed by regular working with ward councillors. The Mayors Office, including the Violence Reduction Unit have engaged with the development process.

4. Next steps and timelines

The Partnership Plan has been approved by Communities Board (June 14th) and is to be presented to Cabinet in July, and then to Full Council in August 2022 (Dates TBC)

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

That Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee:

- Note the contents of the Communities Partnership Plan (CPP) as recommended by Communities Board
- Comment and advise on:
 - a) the Council's adoption of the CPP as part of the Article 4 Policy Framework (to be decided at Full Council);
 - and
 - b) scrutiny's role in monitoring the implementation of the CPP (if adopted).

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

Scrutiny is asked to note the report and give views on adoption.

7. Contact officer

Jo Richmond, Head of Service, Communities
Lee Hamilton/Chris Walsh Safer Kirklees

8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

The Partnership Strategic Assessment and emerging themes for the Plan was discussed by Scrutiny on November 9th 2021 and comments responded to within this version.

The unformatted version of the Communities Partnership Plan and measures are attached.

Link to West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan: [The Police and Crime Plan - West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/the-police-and-crime-plan)

Link to Safer Kirklees (SIA not yet updated to 2021 version): [Safer Kirklees | Kirklees Council](#)

9. Service Director responsible

Jill Greenfield Service Director for Access and Communities