

REPORT TITLE: Kirklees Community Safety Plan development 2026/7-29

Meeting:	Overview Scrutiny and Management Committee
Date:	27th February 2026
Cabinet Member (if applicable)	Cllr Amanda Pinnock
Key Decision Eligible for Call In	No No – scrutiny report
<p>Purpose of Report To provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high-level overview of the 2025 Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) and an outline of proposed Communities' Plan priorities for 2026/7-29. • an outline of an approach to develop the new Safer Kirklees Community Safety Plan (CSP) for 2026/7 –29 that will be written following OSMC’s feedback on headline areas to develop. <p>Appendices provide further information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines phase 1 of the SIA process • Highlights the existing CSP priorities against most recent data and insight and whether they remain a CSP priority and level of focus proposed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including high level feedback from Councillors, Officers, and Communities ○ Highlight key emerging cross cutting theme areas • Proposes potential priority key headings to focus on for 2026/7-29 • Proposes a draft approach as to how the CSP will continue to work alongside councillors • Provides a high-level next step for building on the information we now have and progressing the development of the new plan • Highlights good partnership work since the last OSMC 	
<p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. OSMC endorse the Community Safety Partnership ‘high focus priority areas’ and ‘continue to monitor work areas’ (As set out in Appendix 1) which will be shaped in the new CSP plan with clear delivery plans b. OSMC endorse the cross-cutting themes (as set out in Appendix 1) to explore further as areas to discuss with wider safeguarding partnerships. c. OSMC endorse the approach to working with councillors (As set out in Appendix 3) d. To note that the CSP will mobilise Community Safety Plan Development phase stakeholders (commencing March 2026 to end of summer 2026) e. To note that progress to strengthen place-based and Town Centre working will take place March 2026 onwards f. To note the annual Community Safety Partnership Report on progress. g. To note that the CSP will share CSP Plan with clear actions for 2026/7-29 with OSMC later in 2026 	
Resource Implications: None	

<p>Date signed off by <u>Executive Director</u> & name</p>	<p>Give name and date for Cabinet / Scrutiny reports Michelle Cross – Executive Director of Adult and Health - 03/02/26</p>
<p>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</p>	<p>Give name and date for Cabinet reports Kevin Mulvaney – Service Director of Finance - 03/02/26</p>
<p>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)?</p>	<p>Give name and date for Cabinet reports Samantha Lawton – Service Director of Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer) - 03/02/26</p>

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes

1. Executive Summary

a. Background

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act placed a statutory duty on Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to develop a strategic plan which addresses multi-agency community safety issues affecting quality of life for residents.

The SIA currently focuses on the 4 themes in the Communities Partnership Plan:

- Tackling Violence, Exploitation and Abuse
- Reducing Neighbourhood Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour
- Building Resilient & Inclusive Communities
- Reducing Risk

The original strategic themes in the Communities Partnership Plan were developed using the findings from a Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) in 2022 which brought together analysis of multi-agency intelligence from across community safety partners,

b. Strategic Intelligence Assessment 2025

The SIA development is supported by the Council’s Data and Insight Service working alongside the Communities Service and partners. The SIA should be an all-encompassing overview of what affects communities, drawing on partnership data and perceptions feedback.

As a result of this year's SIA compared to reporting to OSMC in May 2025, there are no areas of significant change based on the reported crime data available at the time of producing the report; the data used in the SIA is up to September 2025.

A significant amount of work has taken place across the Community Safety Partnership at theme level, working with officers at place and discussions with ward councillors to understand community safety at district and place-based level. This report is a high-level overview only.

Summary of the approach below:

- **Data Integration:** Collecting and analysing data from multiple sources (police, council services, health, fire, community surveys where available).
- **Risk Assessment:** Progressing evaluating crime trends, vulnerabilities, and socio-economic factors at district and ward levels has started which will be progressed further as we develop the new plan
- **Community Insight:** Incorporating feedback from citizens through discussions in communities as part of day to day working with Community Plus, Detached Youth Workers and Community Environment Support Officers, surveys (e.g. Young People's Survey)
- **Cllrs Insight:** Ward based Teams meetings took place with 22 wards engaging 47 Councillors in total with a good attendance across all political parties
- **Theme-Based Analysis:** work with each theme group to look at the current data and review the last 12 months during the first 2 weeks in January 2026 engaging with over 100 Officers from the council and Partners
- **Place Based Insight:** Sessions held with each Community Outcomes Group and Place based officer sessions dedicated to key officers in Communities and Access Services
- **Performance and KPI Review:** We have compared year-on-year data using existing partnership KPI's from the 2022 Community Safety Partnership Plan, identifying hotspots, and aligning with national duties (e.g. Serious Violence Duty, Prevent).

This work is now being built on further in theme meetings during early 2026, and at Place and will be brought together as a wider community safety partnership to support the development of the new plan.

c. SIA and Partnership Plan development 2026/7 – 29

The current community safety partnership plan has 4 overarching theme areas and 17 priorities. As part of the development of the new CSP plan working alongside partners, these areas will be reviewed to look at how and they can be brought together but only where appropriate. It is about looking at how we can work smarter and more efficiently as a partnership and make links and connections across priorities especially from a prevention and working alongside communities' perspective. For example, there are close connections and links between community impact, tensions, hate crime, migration, and inclusion - how can we work even more effectively across these key priority areas looking at the District and Place based impacts collectively.

Appendix 1 provides further detail on

- how the SIA has been reviewed
- the existing areas of the 2022 Community Safety Partnership Plan and proposed 'high priority focus' areas and work areas to 'monitor'
- identifies cross cutting themes across the key work areas of the CSP

d. Alignment with West Yorkshire Combined Authority and national policy

The Kirklees Communities Board and its Partners work closely with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), who are core members of the Communities Board, to ensure there is strategic alignment between policies and priorities and the sharing of best

practice. This includes supporting the delivery of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2025 and its associated outcomes which are strongly linked within the existing Communities plan [Police and Crime Plan on the page leaflet](#) and will align with the Communities Plan for 2026/7-29

The new policing white paper will be key to the development of the new Community Safety Plan [From local to national: a new model for policing \(accessible\) - GOV.UK.](#)

2. Information required to take a decision

This is for information and a decision on anything further that OSMC may want further information and insight on.

3. Implications for the Council

This is to support the Councils delivery of the Councils Plan working with people, and alongside our partners, and in our places to achieve our ambition.

3.1 Council Plan

The 2025 SIA has been developed taking onboard the voices and experiences of communities' helping shape the services and support we deliver and improve how we work alongside communities to prevent and resolve community issues that impact on staying safe. This insight has been collated as a result of work officers from Community Plus have undertaken over the past 12 months working to develop trusted relationships to listen to and work alongside communities. Available perception information has been used to inform the revised SIA this year.

A range of partners have been involved in the development of the SIA refresh which includes Police, Fire Service, Integrated Care Board (ICB), Probation, Victim Support and key Voluntary and Community sector organisations at a district and a Place based level, voice of Communities and Ward Councillors.

The Community Safety Partnership already works at place as a result of the Community Outcome Groups (Place based) with a strong focus on reducing Anti-Social Behaviour and Neighbourhood Crime. The Community Outcome groups in the new CSP plan will oversee the place-based delivery of the CSP on key priorities for that place, providing support and challenge, ensuring where needed we are coordinating delivery and engagement with communities at place and as needed at neighbourhood level. The aim is to move further towards early intervention and prevention as well as community response and problem-solving issues.

By refreshing and ensuring the Communities Partnership Plan is updated based on the data and insight available in the SIA, this will work to ensure that children and families under the themes of the partnership plan will be supported by the partnership to stay safe and live in cohesive communities. The work of the Communities Board will strategically align with the work and priorities of the Kirklees Children's and Adults Safeguarding Boards and where agreed work on shared priorities such as the agreed priority on Domestic Abuse, Serious Violence, Violence Against Women and Girls.

3.2 Financial Implications

A robust intelligence led community safety partnership plan with clear priorities will contribute to effective interventions and prevention activity being delivered across the partnership, reducing the overall cost of crime and wider community safety issues. The

cost of crime to victims is not only significant but can be long lasting. Any additional financial implications arising from the Community Safety Plan will be addressed in the report to Council and be considered in future budget needs.

3.3 **Legal Implications**

None

3.4 **Climate Change and Air Quality**

None

3.5 **Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) or Human Resources**

Full Integrated Impact Assessment to be completed once Community Safety Plan priorities are established.

4. **Consultation**

In developing the SIA and refresh key partners from across the Community Board partnership and Theme Groups and place-based Community Outcome Groups have been consulted. Children's and Adults Senior Leadership Team have also been consulted on the potential priorities and cross cutting themes.

5. **Engagement**

In developing the SIA and refresh of plan, key partners from across the Community Board, Community Board Theme Groups, place-based Community Outcome Groups and Ward Councillors have been engaged.

6. **Options**

The only option was to provide a review of SIA and move to develop a new Communities Partnership Plan for 2026/7-29.

6.1 **Options considered**

Going forward it is proposed we have a refreshed approach as to how we continuously review the SIA as a District and at Place working using a consistent set of performance measures per theme area, this work has progressed well and this will be embedded fully during the implementation of the new CSP plan.

6.2 **Reasons for recommended option**

The only option was to provide a full review of the SIA and to now work on developing a new Community Safety Partnership Plan

7. **Next steps and timelines**

- **February 2026** - the Community Safety Partnership 'high focus priority areas' and 'continue to monitor' work areas area agreed by OSMC – this will now be shaped in the new CSP plan with delivery plans.
- **February 2026** - cross cutting themes (to explore further) to be agreed as areas to discuss with wider safeguarding Partnerships.
- **March 2026** - share feedback from OSMC with Communities Board
- **March 2026** to late summer - Mobilise Community Safety Plan Development alongside stakeholders
- **March 2026 to end of 2026** Progress strengthening place-based and Town Centre working
- **Late 2026** – commence final governance route for decision by Council.
- **Late 2026** - share CSP Plan with clear actions for 2026/7-29

8. Contact officer
Sarah Mitchell – Head of Communities

9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

As stipulated in Article 4 of The Constitution, once developed, the new Kirklees Community Safety Plan (CSP) for 2026/7 –29 will require Council decision to adopt. As found here: [The Constitution: Part 2 - Articles of the Constitution](#)

10. Appendices

Appendix 1 provides further detail on the approach taken to develop the SIA, feedback and high-level priorities

Appendix 2 High-level data from the SIA

Appendix 3 Outlines a draft approach to working alongside councillors

Appendix 4 - Provides a high-level overview of the work of the CSP since OSMC May 2025

11. Service Director responsible
Jill Greenfield - Service Director Communities and Access Services