

North East Derbyshire District Council

Communities Scrutiny Committee

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Community Safety Partnership Plan - 2023

Report of the Community Safety Partnership

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To receive the Community Safety Overview and Partnership Plan for 2023/2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the Community Safety Overview and Partnership Plan for 2023/2024.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: All of the Community Safety Partnership strategic members.</p>

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background**

- 1 There is a statutory Requirement for Community Safety to bring the Partnership Plan to Scrutiny on a yearly basis.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The 2023-2024 priorities for North East Derbyshire are, in no particular order:

Acquisitive Crime
Anti-Social Behaviour / Public Order
Domestic Abuse / Sexual Violence
Fire safety in community
Offender Management
Organised Crime Groups

Safeguarding
Substance Misuse
Terrorism and Domestic Extremism.

- 2.2 In general the public still prioritise and are concerned about traditional crime types and behaviours e.g. burglary, thefts of and from vehicles and anti-social behaviour. They also considered that sexual violence (rape and sexual assault) was an issue, although in reality these occur less frequently, but do harm the victims disproportionately both in the short and long term.
- 2.3 It has been agreed that the police will be the lead on the development of further information around Cyber Crime and Economic Crime as there is little expertise within the partnership to take this forward. However, it has also been agreed that partnership working in relation to prevention between the Police and a number of Derbyshire County Council Departments including Trading Standards, Adult Care and Community Safety will be included from the outset around Cyber Crime & Economic Crime.

The main current national issues affecting CSPs are:

- 2.4 The lockdowns imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020 impacted on the levels of crime and disorder recorded by the Police during those periods. Although the impact of the pandemic has dissipated since the lifting of restrictions, the historical levels affected by the lockdowns continue to affect trend and forecast data. This impact therefore needs to be considered when writing and understanding this report and the partnership plan.
- 2.5 The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 introduced a Serious Violence Duty to require all local authorities, the police, fire and rescue authorities, specified criminal justice agencies and health authorities to work together to formulate an evidence based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence in their local area, and then produce and implement a strategy detailing how they will respond to those particular issues.
- 2.6 The emerging 'cost of living crisis' is expected to have an impact on crime and disorder levels. The volume of theft offences is expected to increase as thieves become more prolific to maintain their lifestyle. Although violence overall is less affected by times of recession, underlying this is an expected increase in domestic abuse as economic abuse becomes more prevalent, particularly in already abusive relationships.

Within the financial year 2022-2023 there has been 2 Community Triggers applications, of these:

- Both met the Community Trigger threshold;
- 2.7 The independent Chairs of the reviews found that there were no learning lessons / outcomes or actions with any of the work / case progression that the Partners had undertaken, prior to the Community Trigger being sought. Actions plans were developed, and both Community Triggers were left open to work with / make suitable

referrals to support agencies for the victims, and take enforcement action / monitor the cases through the bi-monthly ASB Partnership TASKING meetings.

- 2.8 As well as or own Community Triggers I have been the Independent Chair for a Community Trigger that Bolsover has recently had.

Areas of work for the CSP

- 2.9 **Thematic Groups** – DCC have developed thematic groups covering all aspects of Community Safety. The following are the ones that have been developed. These groups are in their infancy with Terms of Reference and membership being developed, they have been labour intensive so far but worthwhile.

The ones in **BOLD** are the ones that NED sits on.

Prevent

Domestic & Sexual Abuse

Serious Violence

Violence Against Women and Girls

Serious Organised Crime & Exploitation

Neighbourhood Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

Resettlement, Cohesion & Integration

Online Harm

- 2.10 **PREVENT** – Working well within the Strategic Groups and Task and Finish Groups. NEDDC now have developed a Counter Terrorism Local Plan as well as a Situational Risk Assessment. We are looking to do Cllr training from the summer onwards.
- 2.11 **Target Hardening Project** – this has been ongoing and well established for the past 15 years. We offer hardware for victims (of crime, ASB or people with vulnerabilities). We offer all manner of kit to make people feel safe within their own homes. We have continued this throughout the last 2 years. We see / provide target hardening for about 350 to 400 people per year.
- 2.12 Also match funded a Smartwater project with the Section Inspector – currently ongoing but we have delivered and installed over 90 Smartwater kits to the Dronfield area. We delivered these towards the end of 2022 in areas of Dronfield where there had been significant spikes in domestic burglary.
- 2.13 **Communications** – we work closely with our Communications Team to get messages out with any new and emerging trends.
- 2.14 **Mediation** - We offer mediation to neighbour disputes. These have increased massively over the pandemic with people being at home more. If we can get people to engage in the process of mediation we have had 100% success rate. Over the past year we have undertaken 2 mediations.
- 2.15 **Wildlife Cams** – We have recently gone into partnership with DFRS to purchase 10 wildlife cams, these are covert cameras (but no need for RIPA as we do erect signage) we have started looking at this with regards to ASB and Deliberate Fires/Arson we have had on our district.

- 2.16 These have been very valuable and assisted in convicting someone for stalking and harassment. They are very well used by all partners, their deployment is discussed and decided through the bi-monthly ASB meeting.
- 2.17 Do it online – this is a facility whereby residents of NED can report things through to us for investigation and support – we have dealt with over 120 of these in the past year, it can be labour intensive but very useful to see what issues are out there on our district.
- 2.18 Extreme Wheels – We continue to invest in Extreme Wheels as our main divisionary tool across our district. This past year we have worked in Dronfield and Clay Cross (both inside and outside) and we are currently working to develop the turnaround project (days of activity for those most disaffected and at risk of causing ASB) this project has been possible because of the Home Office Safer Streets Round 4 monies.
- 2.19 Extreme Wheels are fully integrated into our ASB and Policing structures and provide intelligence on some of the more challenging young people across our district.
- 2.20 Domestic Homicide Reviews - It was decided at DCC level that all DHR's would be led at a district level by the CSP, we currently have 3 that we are involved in –
- ▶ Operation Tomcat – Pilsley DHR (assisted suicide) – no charge but the Home Office have requested a DHR. Report currently being written.
 - ▶ Operation Malbus – Killamarsh murders – trial concluded. Initial meeting held on the 24th January. Further meetings in May after Individual Management Reports (IMR's) have been written.
 - ▶ DHR – North Wingfield – no Operation name given as we are at the report writing stage. Suicide but related to Domestic Abuse so does fit the criteria for DHR.
- 2.21 Safer Streets Round 4 (Home Office Grant Funding - NED, Bolsover and Chesterfield Borough Council jointly put in a bid the SS4. This totalled £420k spanning 2022/23 and 2023/24. This has been a time consuming piece of work and is proving time consuming with the financial returns to the Home Office.
- 2.22 Tools and Powers - We have a suite of tools and powers available to us as enforcement options. We have really utilised the Community Protection Warnings, Notices and fines to enforce behaviours (out of court disposals). We are still using ABC's (acceptable behaviour contracts) on those young people under the age of 16.

This past year we have successfully obtained in partnership:

- ▶ Community Protection Warnings – 18 (April 2022 to current)
- ▶ Community Protection Notices – 3(April 2022 to current)

- ▶ Fixed Penalty Notices – 0 (April 2022 to current)
- ▶ We have also served a number of Closure Warnings regarding anti-social behaviour in and around properties (this is tenure blind and linked the ASB).

2.23 ASB Awareness week

- ▶ W/C 3rd July 2023. This is looking like an annual event and we will be involved within this process. We are currently planning this year’s ASB week. We are looking to put some events on and celebrate the fact that only 1 in 8 ASB calls for service are about under 18’s.

2.24 Partnership Plan

- ▶ Each year CSP has to develop and write a plan of activities that the CSP and partners will undertake for the following year – this is published on the 1st April each year. This is now live and available to view at the below address: <https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/community/community-safety-partnership/an-overview>

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 There is a Statutory requirement for the Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider community safety.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 None

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
	https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/community/community-safety-partnership/an-overview
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	