

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 21 September 2017
Report Subject	Community Safety Partnership Annual Report
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Members with an overview of the Community Safety Partnership's activities and progress. The Committee fulfils the role of the Statutory Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee for Flintshire so is the recipient of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To note and support the contents of the report.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	BACKGROUND OF THE FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
1.01	The Flintshire Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this Committee on an annual basis to provide an overview of activities undertaken over the previous twelve months. This ensures that the Partnership meets its obligations under sections 19 and 20 of the Police & Criminal Justice Act 2006.
1.02	Flintshire County Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder

	Act 1998, and the subsequent amendments by the Police and Justice Act 2006, to work in partnership with the police, health service, probation and fire service as a community safety agenda partnership.
1.03	There has been a partnership in existence in Flintshire since 1999. To support the partnership, the County is served by a small team of local authority and police officers who work on shared priorities including domestic abuse, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour, along with the Neighbourhood Wardens.
1.04	In recent years the drive to rationalise the cost and bureaucracy of partnerships has led to significant changes in the Flintshire Community Safety Partnership's governance structure. In April 2013 the Partnership merged with the Local Service Board (which has since become the Public Service Board). This has had minimal impact on the operational delivery structure; however at a strategic level it has meant a greater consistency of approach. The statutory duties of the Community Safety Partnership continue to be fulfilled.
1.05	Considerable progress has also been made in the way community safety partnerships across the region have worked together. The establishment of the North Wales Safer Communities Board (SCB) in July 2012 has been the most significant development. This Board represents a partnership between all the statutory authorities across the region (as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998), along with the voluntary sector. The overall aim of the Board is to introduce greater consistency in this area of work, whilst allowing opportunities to share expertise and work more effectively and efficiently.
1.06	The Flintshire Community Safety Partnership has set up a more specialist and operational People Are Safe Board to oversee partnership work. The Board has a detailed Plan with priorities and outcomes supported by performance measures with regular reporting.
1.07	The Plan reflects the recommendations contained within the regional Strategic Assessment, and also takes into account the Police and Crime Plan and the work of the Substance Misuse Area Planning Board. The SCB at a regional level concentrates on common regional issues such as counter terrorism, re-offending, and hidden crimes (as identified in the Strategic Assessment). A copy of the latest SCB Plan accompanies this report.
1.08	<p>The Flintshire People are Safe Board has the following priorities outlined below, and reports to both the PSB and SCB at regular intervals.</p> <p>1. Prevent Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce victim based crime ▪ Reduce ASB ▪ Increase the reporting of Hate Crime ▪ Support vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime ▪ Reduce repeat incidents of victim based crime and ASB for victims and perpetrators ▪ Work with MARAC to reduce the levels of repeat high risk victims of Domestic Abuse ▪ Deal effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase the confidence in reporting Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence ▪ Increase awareness amongst young people of domestic abuse and sexual violence <p>2. Reduce harm and the risk of harm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce substance misuse ▪ Reduce drug and alcohol use ▪ Community Tension Monitoring <p>3. Deliver an Effective Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce reoffending ▪ Understand and address migration impacts on the community safety agenda.
1.09	<p>Some of the key activities that have been identified to support these priorities are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the PCC’s ‘victim hub’ to ensure an enhanced service to victims of crime. • Maintain the multi-agency intelligence led approach to tackle ASB through monthly tasking and ad hoc professionals meetings. • Raise awareness of violence against women by supporting the International White Ribbon Campaign on a local and regional level. • Implementation of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) National Training Framework. • Establish a virtual network to disseminate information and advice on substance misuse appropriately. • Look at how OWL can use other forms of social media to reach the wider community. • Implementation of recommendations emerging from the Harm Reduction and Drug Poisoning Review Group. • Implementation of alcohol brief intervention training as per the alcohol demand reduction work stream. • Target repeat offenders (adults) via an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) process. Identifying those who cause the most harm (prolific offenders) and addressing their re-offending behaviour. • Targeting young offenders to reduce offending and re-offending by implementing the Flintshire Youth Justice Service Plan.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None as a result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
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3.01	None as a result of this report.
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4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None as a result of this report.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	North Wales Safer Communities Board Plan, 2017-2021.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Contact Officer: Sian Jones, Community and Business Protection Manager Telephone: 01352 702132 E-mail: sian-jones@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p><u>MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference)</u></p> <p>A MARAC, or multi-agency risk assessment conference, is a meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases between representatives of local police, probation, health, child protection, housing practitioners, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors.</p> <p>After sharing all relevant information about a victim, representatives discuss options for increasing safety for the victim and turn these options into a co-ordinated action plan. The primary focus of the MARAC is to safeguard the adult victim.</p>
7.02	<p><u>National Training Framework</u></p> <p>The National Training Framework for violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence outlines the Welsh Government's requirements for training on these subjects across the public service and specialist third sector.</p> <p>The Framework is made up of six levels. Officers employed by the 'responsible authorities' (as defined by statute) will be required to undertake training in relation to domestic abuse and sexual violence.</p>
7.03	<p><u>Public Services Board (PSB)</u></p> <p>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 established statutory PSBs, which replaces the voluntary Local Service Boards in each local authority area. The role of the board is to:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area • set objectives that are designed to maximise the PSBs contribution to the well-being goals. <p>Each PSB must prepare and publish a plan setting out its objectives and the steps it will take to meet them. This is called a Local Well-being Plan. It must state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • why the PSB feels their objectives will contribute within their local area to achieving the well-being goals • how it has had regard to the assessment of Local Well-being in setting its objectives and steps to take.
7.04	<p><u>Safer Communities Board (SCB)</u></p> <p>The aim of the Safer Communities Board (SCB) is to provide strategic direction for the exercise of the Community Safety and Youth Justice functions across the region. The SCB promotes consistency of policy objectives, and the shared use of expertise and resources across the region.</p> <p>The objectives of the SCB include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing bureaucracy and formality through streamlining strategic and operational functions. • Identifying shared and/or common priorities • Acting as a lobbying group to influence the Welsh Government, Home Office and Local Policing Body. • Establishing a common and consistent framework for strategic, tactical and operational delivery at regional, sub-regional and local levels. • Facilitating and encouraging regional working in the interests of public value. <p>Providing a more efficient and consistent service in contributing to reducing crime and disorder and improving the criminal justice services in North Wales.</p>