

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 11 th February 2021
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 over the past 12 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1.00	EXPLAINING 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 and 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 Partnership (CSP).
1.03	There has been a partnership in existence in Flintshire since 1999. The Partnership is supported by a small team of local authority and police officers who work on shared priorities, alongside the Neighbourhood Wardens.
1.04	Over the past decade there have been significant changes in the way the local CSP is governed. The Partnership now sits under the auspices of the Public Service Board, and discharges its duties through the People are Safe Board. The work of the board is underpinned through the implementation of a local delivery plan.
1.05	The work programme of the People Are Safe Board also reflects the recommendations contained within the regional Strategic Assessment (produced by North Wales Police), and takes into account the Police and Crime Plan and the work of the Substance Misuse Area Planning Board.
1.06	<p>Outlined below are the priorities for 2020/21, along with actions to support their implementation:</p> <p><u>Priority 1: Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence</u></p> <p>Impact</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People’s confidence to report appropriately to statutory partners is increased. 2. Increased recognition of the signs and symptoms of domestic abuse and sexual violence by public and voluntary sector agencies. 3. Improved response from public services to Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence should realise an increase in reporting, as individuals will be more confident coming forward. 4. High risk cases of domestic abuse are dealt with effectively. 5. Better sharing of intelligence across partner agencies. <p>Specific actions in 2020/21 to support this priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Progress the CSP’s second Domestic Homicide Review. 7. Raise awareness of Violence Against Women by supporting the International White Ribbon Campaign. 8. Police Officers and PCSO’s attending reports of Domestic Abuse now have body worn video recording equipment. 9. Crown Prosecution Service have access to best evidence footage from Police video evidence to assist in the prosecutions of offenders 10. Responsible Agencies (as defined by legalisation) roll out Levels 2 and 3 training of the national framework - “Ask and Act” 11. Newly set up Vulnerability and Exploitation group will assist in identifying and supporting victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

12. Target hardening and additional security by county Wardens continues to both support and safeguard victims of Domestic Abuse.

Priority 2: Protecting Vulnerable Adults

Impact

1. Vulnerable people are prevented from becoming victims of crime.
2. Substance misuse tackled collaboratively on a local and regional level.
3. Better sharing of intelligence across partner agencies.
4. Increased partnership action to tackle Organised Crime Gangs.
5. Recognition of signs and symptoms of Modern Day Slavery and increased partnership action to tackle.
6. Awareness of the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) amongst partners through the life course.
7. Committed regional partnership approach to addressing crime and disorder continued.
8. Increased partnership action to tackle Modern Day Slavery

Specific actions in 2020/21 to support this priority:

9. A 'Visible and Vulnerable' multi-agency group has been established to identify and support individuals with complex substance misuse and mental health issues.
10. Monthly Community Demand Reduction Partnership (CDRP) meetings with relevant stakeholders are convened, for the purpose of sharing information to reduce and tackle County Lines, Organised Crime Groups and Modern Slavery.
11. Continue to build upon the roll out of the Early Action Together Programme (EATP) in Flintshire, ensure learning is implemented from 'ACE TIME' training.
12. Local victims of scams are referred to the Trading Standards Investigations team by the National Scams Team for local intervention.

Priority 3: Protecting Vulnerable Young People

Impact

1. Awareness of the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) amongst partners.
2. Earlier intervention in recognition of the above.
3. Partnership action to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation.
4. Vulnerable young people prevented from becoming victims of crime.

Specific actions in 2020/21 to support this priority:

5. Youth Justice Service to explore diversionary schemes around exclusions linked to drugs / alcohol and knife related issues in dialogue with head Teachers federation.

6. Increased number of effective and quality risk management plans for individuals identified as vulnerable
7. Monthly Community demand reduction partnership (CDRP) meetings with relevant stakeholders sharing of information to reduce and tackle County Lines, Organised Crime Groups and modern Slavery.
8. Youth Justice Service scrutiny of out of court disposals now in operation
9. Continue to build upon the roll out of the Early Action Together Programme (EATP) in Flintshire, ensure learning is implemented from ACE TIME training and contribute to performance management information to ensure this is achieved.

Priority 4: Protecting Our Communities

Impact

1. Respond appropriately to intelligence gathered from our communities.
2. Identify and deter those individuals who could cause our communities the most harm.

Specific actions in 2020/21 to support this priority:

3. Integrated Offender Management (IOM) continue to work with our most prolific offenders to reduce re-offending, with Flintshire now having a dedicated probation officer.
4. People are Safe to lead on 'Protect, Prepare, Prevent, Pursue Plan' (the '4 P' Plan). This is a plan that was formulated following a needs assessment that was undertaken by North Wales Police, all other counties in the region have also developed similar plans.
5. Establishment of Substance Misuse Outreach Team to work with vulnerable individuals in our communities.
6. Understand and address community needs and tensions through all available resources, to feed into the 3 counties Community Cohesion Group.

1.08	The work that this undertaken locally is influenced and directed by regional trends and priorities. In recent years the North Wales Safer Communities Board (now known as the Safer North Wales Partnership) has facilitated a greater consistency of approach in terms of strategic and tactical working across the region.
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None as a result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None as a result of this report.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None as a result of this report.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<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>
8.02	<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>
8.03	<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.
8.04	<p><u>Safer Communities Board (now known as the Safer North Wales Partnership)</u></p> <p>The aim of the Safer North Wales Partnership is to provide strategic direction for the exercise of the Community Safety functions across the region. The Board 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>
8.05	<p><u>County Lines</u></p> <p>A law enforcement term used for the tactic Organised Crime Gangs have been using to operate their illegal business across the UK.</p>
8.06	<p><u>Onyx Team</u></p> <p>A specialist team tackling Child Sexual Exploitation.</p>