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**INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND GROWTH
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

13 March 2024

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee will be held in **Town Hall, Market Street, Tamworth on Thursday, 21st March, 2024 at 6.00 pm.** Members of the Committee are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

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NON CONFIDENTIAL

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of Members' interests (personal and/or personal and prejudicial) in any matters which are to be considered at this meeting.

When Members are declaring a personal interest or personal and prejudicial interest in respect of which they have dispensation, they should specify the nature of such interest. Members should leave the room if they have a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of which they do not have a dispensation.

4 Update from the Chair

5 Responses to Reports of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Committee

Update on responses received to Reports of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Committee:

6 Consideration of Matters referred to the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Committee from Cabinet or Council (Pages 11 - 12)

7 Dual Stream Recycling Quarterly Update (Pages 13 - 24)

(Report of the Operations Manager, Joint Waste Service)

8 Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan Update 2024 (Pages 25 - 64)

(Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health and Community Partnerships/Assistant Director, Partnerships)

9 Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Annual Report (To Follow)

(Report of the Chair of Infrastructure, Safety and growth Scrutiny Committee)

10 Forward Plan

(Discussion item – link to Forward Plan is attached)

[Forward plan - 1st March 2024 - 30th June 2024 :: Tamworth Borough Council](#)

11 Working Group Updates

To receive updates from any Working Groups

12 Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee Work Plan (Pages 65 - 68)

(Update and discussion on the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Work Plan)

13 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider excluding the Press and Public from the meeting by passing the following resolution:-

“That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meeting and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, and Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public”

14 24-hour CCTV Monitoring Shared Service Agreement (Pages 69 - 96)

(Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health and Community Partnerships and the Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods)

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To Councillors: C Dean, B Clarke, R Claymore, J Harper, J Jones, B Price, R Pritchard, L Smith and P Turner

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND
GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor C Dean (Chair), Councillors B Clarke, R Claymore,
J Harper, B Price, R Pritchard, L Smith and P Turner

CABINET: Councillor Samuel Smith

The following officers were present: Richard Powell (Planning Policy and Delivery Team Leader), Laura Massey (Planning, Policy & Delivery Officer), Leanne Costello (Senior Scrutiny and Democratic Services Officer) and Tracey Smith (Democratic Services Assistant)

74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Jones.

75 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th January 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor L Smith)

76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

77 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

There was none.

**78 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY &
GROWTH COMMITTEE**

The Chair update the Committee that they attended Cabinet on the 1st February 2024 to present the recommendation made by the Committee on the 17th January, around ending plastic pollution, to look at the feasibility of a trial to strategically site some dual use bins around the town with ongoing

communications to explain and encourage the correct use This was approved. It was be diarised on the workplan to get an update on this.

They also attended Cabinet to share the three recommendations made by the Committee around the Future High Street Fund Project, after consideration of the recommendations it was agreed that a written response would be provided. Once this is received it would be shared with Members. It has been agreed that the Chair can attend the Board Meetings as a non-voting Member.

79 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY & GROWTH COMMITTEE FROM CABINET OR COUNCIL

There were none.

80 UPDATE ON FIRE SAFETY ACROSS COUNCIL ASSETS

The Chair introduced the report of the Assistant Director, Assets to provide an update on the Council's approach to fire safety across its assets. The Assistant Director was unable to attend but the Committee were asked if there any questions that they would like taking away for the Officers. The Chair had a question around the legal/risk implications but would contact the Officer about this.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

Note and endorsed the contents of the report.

(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor L Smith)

81 LOCAL PLAN PROGRESSION OPTIONS

The Chair welcomed the Portfolio holder for Housing and Planning, Councillor S Smith, the Planning Policy and Delivery Team Leader, Richard Powell and the Planning Policy and Delivery Officer Laura Massey. The Portfolio Holder introduced the report to seek Committee endorsement of the recommendations to be made to Cabinet for approval for the revised approach to the delivery of a new local plan for Tamworth resulting from Government's proposed changes to the planning system, and for the publication of associated documents and highlighted the following before handing over to the Officers –

- The new system referred to in the report relates to the new rules in place for the local plan which is part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill
- The current local plan was adopted in 2016 and covers the period up to March 2031.
- In 2018 the Government introduced legislation which requires all local plans to be reviewed every 5 years.

- In 2020 Tamworth Borough Council took a review of their local plan and determined that a new local plan was required.
- The current timelines stands as - the 'issues and options' consultation was undertaken about a year ago. The 'preferred options' consultation would be due at the beginning of this year which will be discussed as part of the options.
- The submission date for the draft local plan is currently at the end of 2025.
- The current transitional arrangements however require the submission to be by June 2025 with the plan being adopted by the end of December of 2026 so our current timeline, means our plan would be submitted after the submission deadline.

The Planning Policy Team Leader summarised the five option that were Identified in the plan noting that option 4, to update the existing plan now and do a new plan under the new system later, was the preferred option of the local Plan Working Group.

Upon further investigation Officers believed that this would require a similar amount of work as creating a new plan, and the updated plan would only have approximately six years left (National Policy states that new local plans should have at least 15 years to run at the point of adoption) and therefore that this was not the best option.

Option 5 was now considered the best option. This option was to get a new plan in place under the current arrangements by condensing the timetable by omitting a non-statutory stage of the process to submit the plan by the June 2025 deadline. Legal advice had been sought and this is not unlawful, however there was a small risk of challenge from the plan not being 'positively prepared' but that this unlikely. The Planning Inspectorate also advised that omitting the step would not be an issue as long as the Council is clear that they are not including this stage. It was highlighted that there was a possibility of the Government pushing back deadlines which may give them time for further consultation.

The Committee made the following comments/observations and asked the following questions:

1. What does the consultation period that is being omitted look like?
The Officer confirmed that there are two statutory stages of consultation, the first stages is the 'issues and options' stage and outlines what the plan might include. The second stage is sharing of the draft plan. The stage which is being omitted is the 'preferred options' stage, where the Council's preferred approach is put out for consultation for 6 weeks for comments. However, due to limited available options, the Councils plan was already quite focussed at the 'issues and options' stage.
2. Are there any guidelines from the Government on expected timescales?
It was confirmed that they are expecting more information over the course of the year but no specific dates.
3. Clarification over the resources table on Page 28 and noting that the reports states that the team has limited capacity, whether there was any plan in place if there were any resource issues?

Officers confirmed that this is the percentage of Officers time that is stated in the report is the time that it is expected that they would be working on the project. It is not 100% due to other commitments outside of the project. The limited resources referred to permanent staff and there is currently also a temporary member of staff in place until June 2025. It was also noted that by removing the preferred options part of the process this would help with workloads. There would also be consultants used to support the project where required.

4. Whether the cost of consultants had been worked out?

The Officer highlighted that the report showed an estimate cost of approximately £375,000 for the project and that there £215,759 in reserve from previous years underspend, but that a policy change may be required for 2025/2026 to cover this.

5. Assuming Cabinet approval is given when would work start?

Officers confirmed that they were already working on evidence gathering for the project.

RESOLVED that Committee endorsed the two following recommendations to Cabinet to :

1. Approve the revised approach to the development of the new local plan for Tamworth; and
2. Approve the publication of the updated Local Development Scheme and Statement of Community Involvement.

(Moved by Councillor L Smith and seconded by Councillor B Clarke)

82 FORWARD PLAN

There were no new items identified.

83 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Migrant Travelling Community.

There was no update to share however the Chair congratulated Officers on how recent travellers within Tamworth had been dealt with

Facilities for HGV Drivers.

Councillor Price apologised that due to illness he had not picked this up and noted that due to Committee changes there were now only two Members on the group. Councillor Pritchard volunteered to join this group.

84 INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY & GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting was on the 21st March 2024 and advised the Committee that it was proposed that the next update of the Future High Street Fund be removed from the agenda as it was being considered by all Members at Full Council on the 27th February. The Committee agreed. The chair confirmed that they were expecting a Community Safety Partnership update, a CCTV update and the Dual Stream recycling Service Update.

It was highlighted to the Committee that the scoping form for the Bulky Waste item had been shared and that any comments could be emailed to add to the form with a view to this being added to the workplan.

It was requested that the Committee look at whether they could add any item to the workplan around Potholes and trees in the Borough and that representatives from County be invited on these issues. The Chair highlighted that Corporate Scrutiny had requested an update from Officers within the Council on trees within the Borough and that these could possibly be looked at together. It was agreed that a scoping document would be circulated for these items for more information before Officers were invited.

Chair

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Matters referred to Scrutiny from Cabinet or Council

Exempt Information

None.

Executive Summary

The following Committee has referred the following matter to Scrutiny:

Committee	Matter referred	Scrutiny Committee
Council (28.02.23)	Improving Water Quality Within Rivers in Tamworth	Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny

Exempt Information

None.

Purpose

To follow up on the resolutions made by Full Council as below –

Background

The following Motion was submitted for consideration at Full Council on the 28th February 2023:

According to a map produced by The Rivers Trust using the latest available public data, there has been hundreds of hours of raw sewage discharge in Tamworth during 2021.

These discharges are across multiple sites in the borough, and we are sure that residents will be shocked to find raw sewage is being dumped in local rivers in the 21st century. Residents should have access to clean rivers and open water and we very much support the steps the government is taking towards a ‘polluter pays’ principle when it comes to tackling river pollution.

It was resolved that Council

1. Agreed to call on Severn Trent Water to undertake urgent action to prevent further raw sewage discharge into our local rivers in the short, medium and long term.
2. ask scrutiny to look into this matter and engage with local partners, environmental bodies and utility providers to develop a broader approach to improving water quality in rivers in Tamworth; and
3. support the Government’s new initiative to use money from fines for water pollution to benefit the nature environment and call for some of this to be used to improve Tamworth's environment. Letter to the relevant minister would seem appropriate?

Executive Summary

The Rivers Trust are the umbrella organisation for 65 member Rivers Trusts across Britain, northern Ireland and Ireland.

The Trust release The State of our Rivers Report 2024 which can be viewed here –

[State of our Rivers Report 2024 | The Rivers Trust](#)

Based on data from 2022 Sewage map, 0% of England's Rivers are classed as having a good or high overall health status.

23% are classed as in poor or bad overall status.

77% are classed as moderate.

85 % of river stretches fall below good ecological standards – only 15 % achieve good or above ecological health status.

62% achieve a moderate status

With 23% falling into either poor or bad status.

The Trent Rivers Trust work within the Trent catchment to ensure that rivers are valued by everyone and provides information on local rivers

[A big stink: Sewage in the Trent and tributaries - Trent Rivers Trust](#)

Options Considered

Information for Committee only at this stage to consider how to proceed following the referral from Full Council

INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY AND GROWTH COMMITTEE

21st March 2024

Report of the Operations Manager

Operations Service Performance Update and Data

Background

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on Joint Waste Service Operations.

A breakdown of the Joint Waste Service (JWS) performance data is attached as Appendix A and the trends are discussed:

Operational Performance

Performance across the Joint Waste Service remains good. All collection rounds are being completed on time, with very few exceptions because of operational issue such as a breakdown or a road closure.

There was an average of 370 missed bins per month so far this year versus an average of 326 in the previous year. Since a record low figure in November, we have risen slightly, but constantly work to address.

An average of 2 complaints per month this year were received versus an average of 2.4 in the corresponding period the previous year.

The service has had a very good year in 2023 in terms of stats, so our challenge is to maintain the trends, finding improvements were possible.

Resident Participation

Resident participation in the recycling service remains very high with most properties presenting both a bin for the glass, cans and plastic and a bag for paper and card every fortnight. This presentation rate is between 98 and 99%.

In 2023 (calendar year), 44085 residents signed up to the Garden Waste Service. 35% of the total were Tamworth residents, with 65% being Lichfield residents. This is unsurprising due to the urban nature of Tamworth.

To date in 2024, 29000 residents have signed up for the Garden Waste scheme.

Residents now have the option to sign up to the Garden Waste Service using either direct debit or traditional card payment. This increases customer choice, and around 8% of residents have chosen direct debit as their preferred payment option.

The number of contaminated bins reported for the year so far as fallen to an average of 1279 per month versus an average of 1488 for the corresponding year. We did have a blip in January. We don't specifically know the full reason but have worked with the teams and February 2024 was our lowest figure to date at 967 contaminated bins. However, this may not be all positive, as is it reduced bins or our teams not reporting? The recycling officers and crews continue to work with residents to minimise this number.

The quality of the material produced by the JWS is high since the service change. Since the change to dual stream only 1 load has been rejected at the Materials Recycling centre. For Qtr. 3 23/24 contamination rates of DMR (Plastic, cans, and glass) was 2.89%, a slight decrease from 3.14% last quarter. Fibre was reported at 0% contamination.

Tonnage performance

The tonnage of both residual, organic and recycling waste is stable as indicated on the graphs in appendix 1.

Christmas saw the expected surge in recycling tonnage. In the two busiest weeks we averaged 164 tonnes of DMR and 252 tonnes of fibre per week. This is a 54% and 47% increase versus our average tonnage for DMR and fibre. It highlights the hard work of the team as the peak period passed without any major issues.

After the growth in residual waste tonnage over the Covid period, figures have settled down to an average 3128 tonnes per month so far, this financial year, versus 3051 tonnes in 22/23 and 3468 tonnes in 21/22. This is relevant as reducing residual tonnage is beneficial to all and is an action area.

The current recycling rate looks positive at 43.51% for the JWS, and 38.61% for TBC. However, this is only Q1 to Q3 figures and the % is likely to fall across Q4 as Garden Waste tonnage decreases through the winter months.

Recycling Rate: JWS & TBC	21/22	22/23	23/24 (Qtr1&2)
JWS	43.4%	40.59%	43.51%
TBC	39.75%	35.72%	38.61%

In the financial year so far, the JWS has collected an average of 1240 tonnes per month of dry recycling versus 1266 tonnes per month in the previous year. This follows a national trend of a steady decline in dry recycling and is an area which is being worked on.

Unfortunately, the trend across Staffordshire authorities is of recycling rates falling.

The current DRY recycling rate looks low at 21.09% for the JWS, and 21.41% for TBC. However, this is only Q1 to Q3 figures and the % will rise across Q4 due to expected lower Garden Waste tonnage.

Dry Recycling Rate: JWS & TBC	21/22	22/23	23/24 (Qtr1&3)
JWS	25.56%	26.01%	21.41%
TBC	28.04%	26.43%	21.09%

The total tonnage of dry recyclate collected from the kerbside in 2022/23 has fallen 18% compared to 21/22. A total of 15,213 tonnes was collected in 2022/23 and 18,395 tonnes the previous year. The reduction is significant but does coincide with the country coming out of lockdown and we are now experiencing a cost-of-living crisis. There has also been a 10% reduction in residual tonnages over the same period.

A substantial residents engagement campaign will be launched before spring which aims to improve performance by explaining the benefits of recycling correctly, for both the community and the environment. It is being offered to all Staffordshire Authorities foc, and the aim is to licence the product to Councils around the country. Sponsorship from partners in the private sector has funded the campaign.

Financial Performance

Budget monitoring indicates the JWS is on track versus budget for 2023/24. At period 8 the anticipated outturn is a £40k overspend for the JWS, this is approximately £16k for TBC. This is against an expenditure of £9 million, with net expenditure of £3.3 million.

For comparison there was a £194,990 overspend on the Joint Waste Service budget in 2022/23. Whilst income levels were strong, there were significant increases in driver pay, agency rates, additional infrastructure on the Recycling Service and fuel. New property growth in both Tamworth and Lichfield has also had an impact on the budget. The overspend has been funded from the Joint Waste Service Reserve with Tamworth’s share being £79,770.

Joint Waste Service Projects

Several important projects have completed, are currently underway or will be completed over the next few months. These include:

- Direct debits for Garden Waste subscriptions (COMPLETED)
- Completion of the migration of flats and HMOs onto the new dual stream recycling service (COMPLETED and being monitored)
- Options appraisal for the proposed mandatory weekly collection of food waste (high level appraisal completed – information to be shared with JWB). COMPLETED
Intention is to arrange Member Group including LDC & TBC to review options (options may be limited due to Government policy).

- Fleet review and procurement (in progress – tender out in April(?))
 - Cost increases will occur.
- Appraisal for moving fleet to alternative fuel (in progress)
- Launch of new recycling campaign (launch by Spring)
- Completion of the round review (to be revisited early 2024)
 - A number of rounds have been amalgamated, leading to a potential £50k saving per annum without an adverse effect on service level.
- Review of the commercial waste service

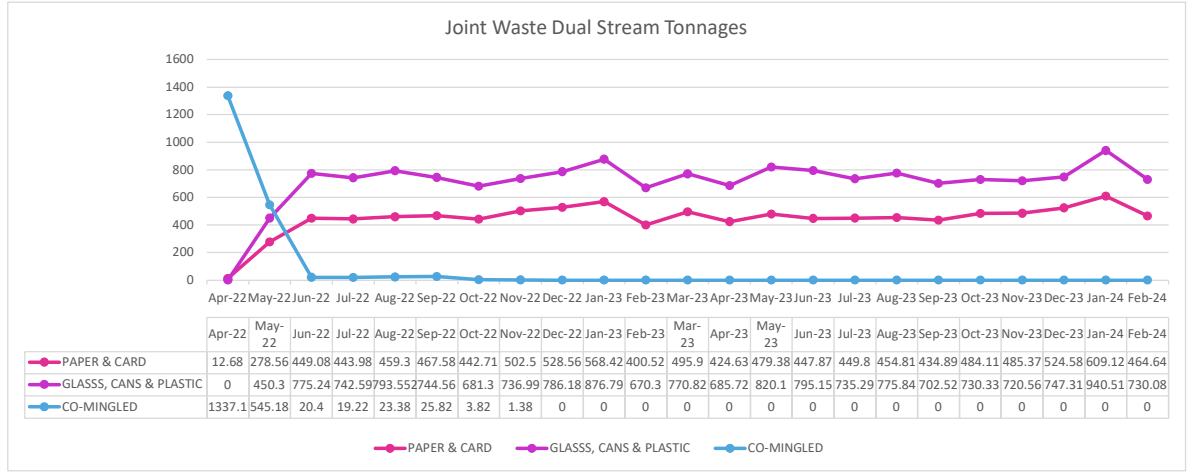
Regular updates on the progress of each of these projects will be reported to the Committee.

Recommendation

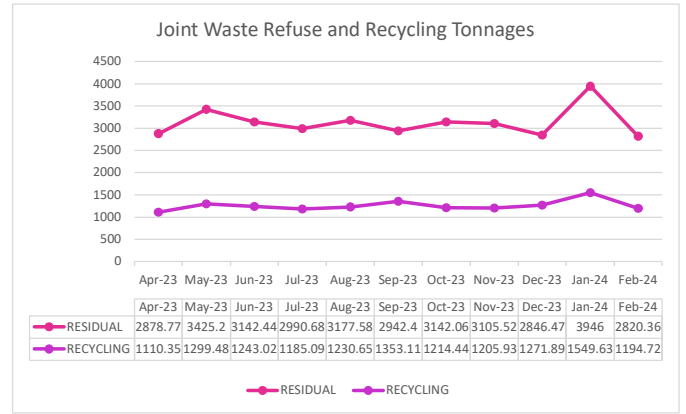
That the Committee:

- 1. Note the update on the performance of the Operational Service**

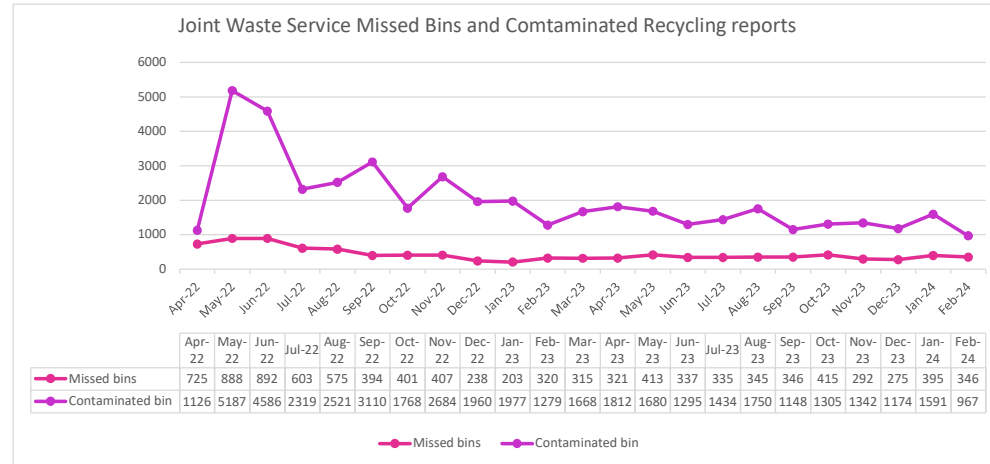
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PAPER & CARD	12.68	278.56	449.08	443.98	459.3	467.58	442.71	502.5	528.56	568.42	400.52	495.9	424.63	479.38	447.87	449.8	454.81	434.89	484.11	485.37	524.58	609.12	464.64	
GLASS, CANS & PLASTIC	0	450.3	775.24	742.59	793.552	744.56	681.3	736.99	786.18	876.79	670.3	770.82	685.72	820.1	795.15	735.29	775.84	702.52	730.33	720.56	747.31	940.51	730.08	
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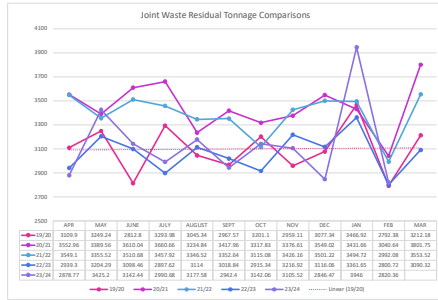
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RECYCLING	1110.35	1299.48	1243.02	1185.09	1230.65	1353.11	1214.44	1205.93	1271.89	1549.63	1194.72



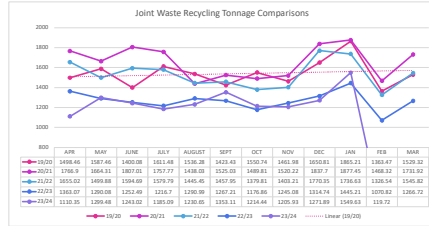
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Missed bins	725	888	892	603	575	394	401	407	238	203	320	315	321	413	337	335	345	346	415	292	275	395	346
Contaminated bin	1126	5187	4586	2319	2521	3110	1768	2684	1960	1977	1279	1668	1812	1680	1295	1434	1750	1148	1305	1342	1174	1591	967



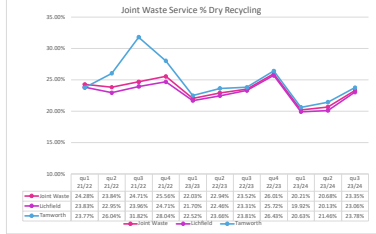
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19/20	3109.9	3249.24	2812.8	3293.98	3245.34	2967.57	3201.1	2959.11	3077.34	3466.92	2792.38	3212.18
20/21	3532.96	3389.56	3610.04	3660.66	3234.84	3417.96	3117.83	3176.63	3349.02	3431.66	3045.64	3801.75
21/22	3549.1	3355.52	3510.68	3457.92	3346.52	3352.64	3115.08	3426.16	3501.22	3494.72	2992.08	3553.52
22/23	2939.3	3204.29	3098.46	2897.62	3114	3018.84	2915.34	3216.92	3116.06	3361.65	2800.72	3090.32
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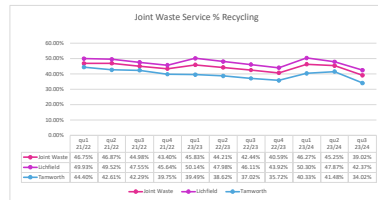
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19/20	1498.46	1587.46	1400.08	1611.48	1536.28	1423.43	1550.74	1461.98	1650.81	1865.21	1363.47	1529.32
20/21	1766.9	1664.31	1807.01	1757.77	1488.63	1525.03	1489.81	1500.22	1837.7	1871.45	1468.32	1731.92
21/22	1655.02	1499.88	1594.69	1579.79	1445.45	1457.95	1379.81	1403.21	1770.35	1736.63	1326.54	1545.82
22/23	1163.07	1290.08	1252.49	1216.87	1290.99	1287.21	1174.86	1205.08	1184.74	1445.21	1076.92	1246.72
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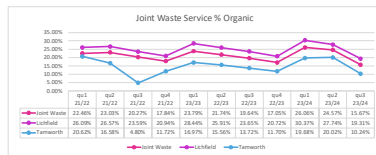
% Dry Recycling	21/22	20/21	19/20	22/23	23/24
Joint Waste	24.28%	23.84%	24.71%	23.36%	22.03%
Lichfield	23.83%	22.95%	23.96%	24.71%	21.70%
Tamworth	23.77%	26.04%	31.82%	28.04%	22.52%



% Recycling	21/22	20/21	19/20	22/23	23/24
Joint Waste	46.75%	46.87%	44.98%	43.40%	45.83%
Lichfield	49.33%	49.52%	47.55%	46.64%	50.14%
Tamworth	44.40%	42.61%	42.29%	39.75%	39.49%



% Organic	21/22	20/21	19/20	22/23	23/24
Joint Waste	22.66%	21.03%	20.27%	17.84%	23.79%
Lichfield	26.09%	26.57%	23.59%	20.94%	28.44%
Tamworth	20.62%	16.58%	4.80%	11.72%	16.97%



Dry Recycling kg per household

	qu1 21/22	qu2 21/22	qu3 21/22	qu4 21/22	qu1 22/23	qu2 22/23	qu3 22/23	qu4 22/23	qu1 23/24	qu2 23/24	qu3 23/24
JWS	59.01	55.71	56.57	57.27	47.86	46.07	45.46	47.17	44.83	43.34	44.9
Lichfield	59.21	55.53	57.55	55.55	48.15	46.48	45.92	46.95	45.24	42.67	45.55
Tamworth	58.75	55.96	55.24	59.65	47.46	45.5	44.82	47.48	44.25	44.27	43.73

Refuse kg per household

	qu1 21/22	qu2 21/22	qu3 21/22	qu4 21/22	qu1 22/23	qu2 22/23	qu3 22/23	qu4 22/23	qu1 23/24	qu2 23/24	qu3 23/24
JWS	129.42	126.2	125.78	124.76	120.81	118.66	121.85	122.23	119.19	114.74	117.25
Lichfield	124.39	127.95	124.75	124.16	110.6	112.44	114.17	116.02	122.88	110.47	113.81
Tamworth	136.39	123.8	124.83	125.58	127.5	119.91	124.95	123.17	128.03	120.71	122.05

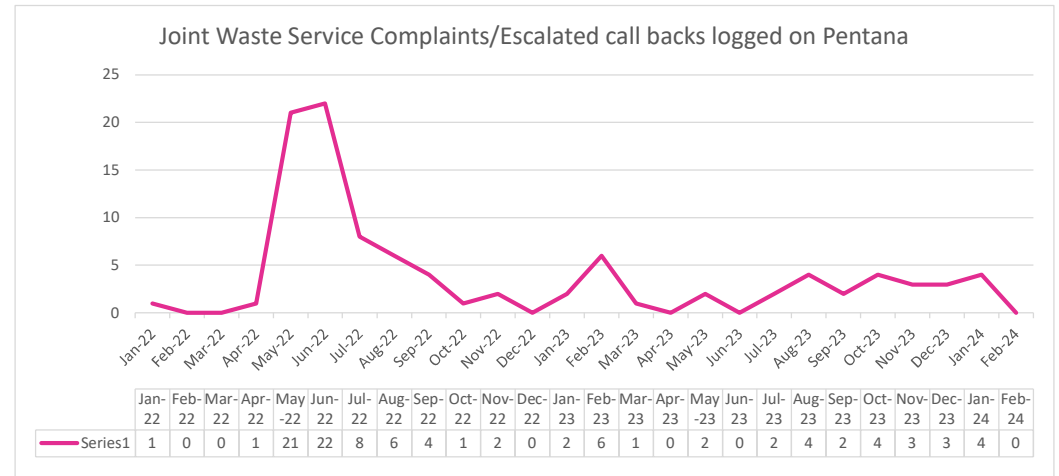
Organic kg per household

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JWS	54.6	56.2	29.8	18.99	51.67	39.2	29.18	15.12	57.83	51.5	30.13
Lichfield	64.82	68.02	36.76	23.45	63.03	31.51	36.89	19.49	68.98	58.79	38.13
Tamworth	40.42	39.8	20.06	12.82	35.77	26.94	18.44	9.02	42.22	41.3	108.95

complaints/Escalated call backs

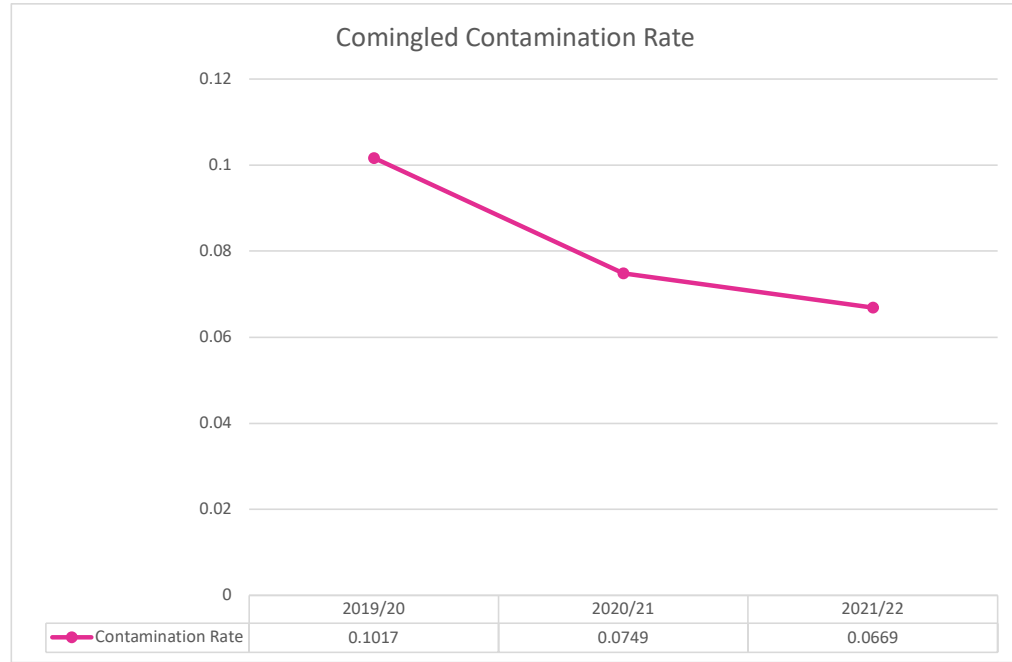
Complaints/Escalated call backs

Jan-22	1
Feb-22	0
Mar-22	0
Apr-22	1
May-22	21
Jun-22	22
Jul-22	8
Aug-22	6
Sep-22	4
Oct-22	1
Nov-22	2
Dec-22	0
Jan-23	2
Feb-23	6
Mar-23	1
Apr-23	0
May-23	2
Jun-23	0
Jul-23	2
Aug-23	4
Sep-23	2
Oct-23	4
Nov-23	3
Dec-23	3
Jan-24	4
Feb-24	0



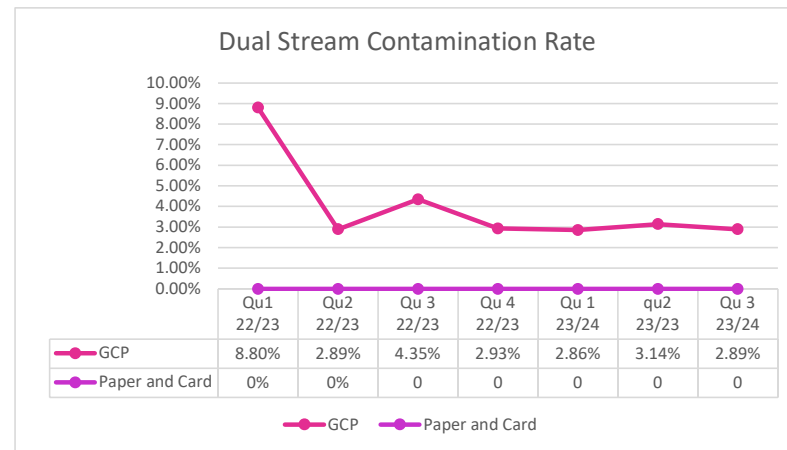
Textiles/waste in Co-mingled

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Contamination Rate	10.17%	7.49%	6.69%



Textiles/Waste in Recycling

	Qu1 22/23	Qu2 22/23	Qu 3 22/23	Qu 4 22/23	Qu 1 23/24	qu2 23/23	Qu 3 23/24
GCP	8.80%	2.89%	4.35%	2.93%	2.86%	3.14%	2.89%
Paper and Card	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0



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Thursday, 21 March 2024

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health and Community Partnerships /
Assistant Director - Partnerships**

Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan Update 2024

Exempt Information

N/A

Purpose

To consider the 2024 annual refresh of the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2023-2026, priorities, and action plan.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. Endorse the 2024 annual refresh of the Community Safety plan and related actions.

Executive Summary

The Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2023-2026 is a three-year rolling plan which outlines how partners are going to collectively tackle community safety issues across Tamworth borough.

Cabinet endorsed the 3-year plan in 2023 and approved that the annual refresh and updated be considered by IS&G Scrutiny Committee for endorsement and publication, with the full plan (2023-26) only requiring further Cabinet endorsement if there are significant changes to the priorities. Attached as Appendix 1.

The IS&G Scrutiny Committee remain the agreed scrutiny under the Council's constitution for the Community Safety Partnership. This provides the opportunity for Scrutiny to continue to have more detailed oversight from Tamworth Police, the Assistant Director Partnerships, Portfolio Holder Environmental Health and Community Partnerships and the Staffordshire Commissioners Office on an agreed bi- annual basis.

The priorities set for 2023 were:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**
- **Community Cohesion (including preventing radicalisation, exploitation and hate crime)**
- **Domestic Abuse (including stalking and harassment)**
- **Drug Related Crime and Harm (including the prevention of exploitation of young people – County Lines)**
- **Public Place and Serious Violence (including Violence, Abuse and Intimidation of Women and Girls -VAIWG)**
- **Vehicle Crime**
- **Vulnerable Persons (the prevention of harm to persons at risk of criminal exploitation or becoming victims of crime)**

The 2024 refresh highlights what has been achieved against the outcomes set in the previous year and to outline priorities moving forward identified in the Community Safety Strategic assessment. There has been delay in the CSSA this year (commissioned by the Staffordshire Commissioner for Police Fire and Crime), however it is confirmed that priorities remain the same for 2024.

The local plans are supported and informed by the Staffordshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2026 (Attached as Appendix 2)

Locality Deal Funding

The Staffordshire Commissioners Office (SCO) confirmed the Tamworth LDF allocation from April 20221 to March 2025 was £61,394 per year to support in order to:-

- support the development / commissioning of discreet schemes to address local priorities, as highlighted in the strategic assessment (using an updated agreed formula); and
- support the development / commissioning of joint initiatives to address shared priorities where this is appropriate / advantageous, as identified via the strategic assessment and the Strategic Community Safety Forum.

This allocation was made available throughout the current Commissioners term (3 years), as is reliant on the CSPs providing assurance over their capacity to manage the funding, submitting an outline spend to the Commissioner at the beginning of each financial year for sign off and a brief evaluation report at the end of each financial year.

In addition, £10,000 was made available for 2022/23 and 2023/24 to support more dynamic, local problem solving of antisocial behaviour (ASB) issues, with projects identified and agreed through local tasking processes.

Main supported project outlined below: -

Project	Description	Funding pa until March 2025
ASB Youth Engagement Worker	In post 2023 working within the Staffordshire Youth Offending team	£30,000
Betterway Recovery	On 6th September 2023 they celebrated 1 year operating in Tamworth. They are now delivering 4 support groups over 3 days per week including an evening group every Thursday from 5pm - 8pm with a support group 6pm - 7.15pm, which will be held at Offa house.	£10,000
Fun Club Hub	Tamworth club has gone from strength to strength they now have over 40 new members and held a Summer space scheme which was well attended. So far over 25 sessions, they have supported 372 Young People that have attended (NB: These may be the same young people attending the 25 sessions and not 372 individuals)	£10,000
Tamworth Street Angels	The group continue to provide support and assistance to the night time economy providing assistance to ensure safe passage home, flip flops, foil blankets and water. They are active members of the Responsible Bodies Group	£2,000
Contribution to Senior Licencing Officer	Closer partnership working with CSP and Responsible Bodies Group	£5,000

Agreed partnership activity (multi agency)	Campaigns, promotional items, knife bins, school talks, ASB case system, Noise App	£4,394
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In addition, projects which align with CSP priorities are or have been funded through UK Shared Prosperity and Covid Outbreak Management Fund:

PRIORITY - Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

Key headlines:

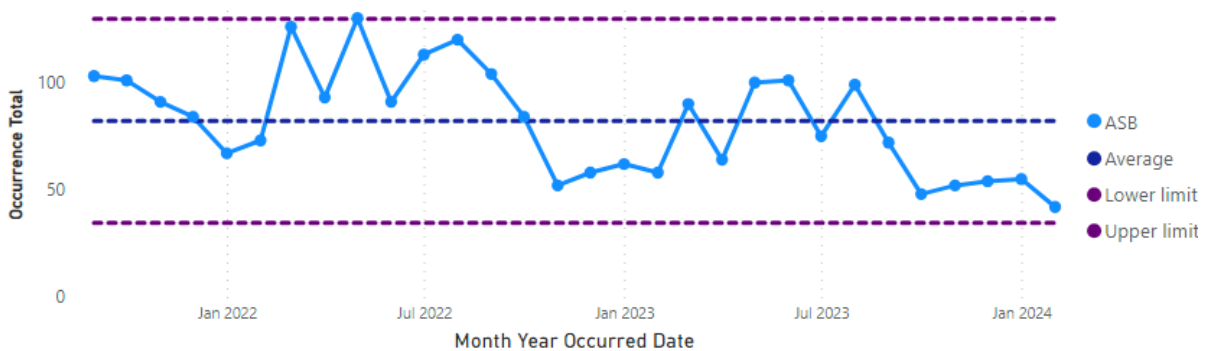
- Neighbourhood Impact Team in place
- Environmental Crime officer in post
- ASB Case review process in place
- County wide training programme in place for police and council officers
- Litter and fly tipping fines increase in line with Government ASB Action Plan
- ASB recording module purchased linked to Assure project
- Fun Club Hub commissioning, youth diversionary activity all year
- Youth ASB Engagement Worker in post
- Deployable overt CCTV cameras purchased through successful grant funding
- Staffordshire Commissioner’s Space positive summer diversionary activities <https://staffordshirespace.uk/> to prevent youth related ASB

SPACE 2023 Tamworth

- 952 young people engaged
- 795 Targeted cohorts
- 1704 attendance
- 6472 Hours of engagement
- 5 providers
- Tamworth LPT saw a decrease of youth related ASB from 20 incidents the previous year to 11 (pre-pandemic 34 incidents)

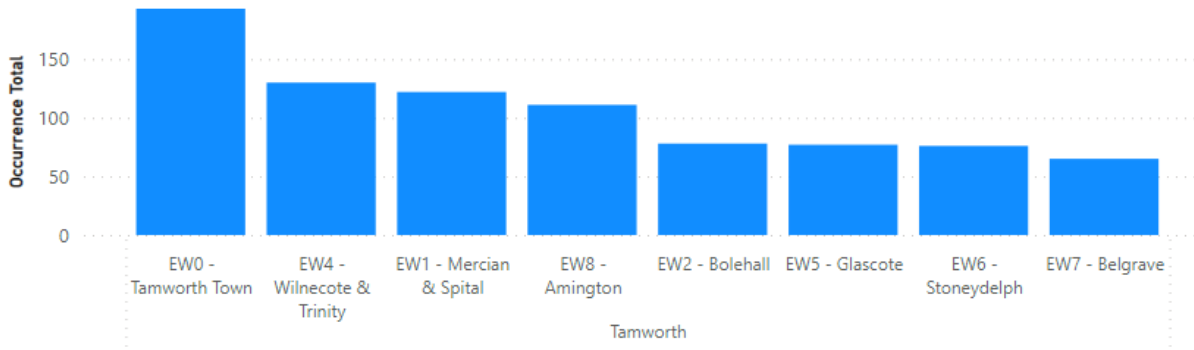
Police ASB

ASB Control Chart

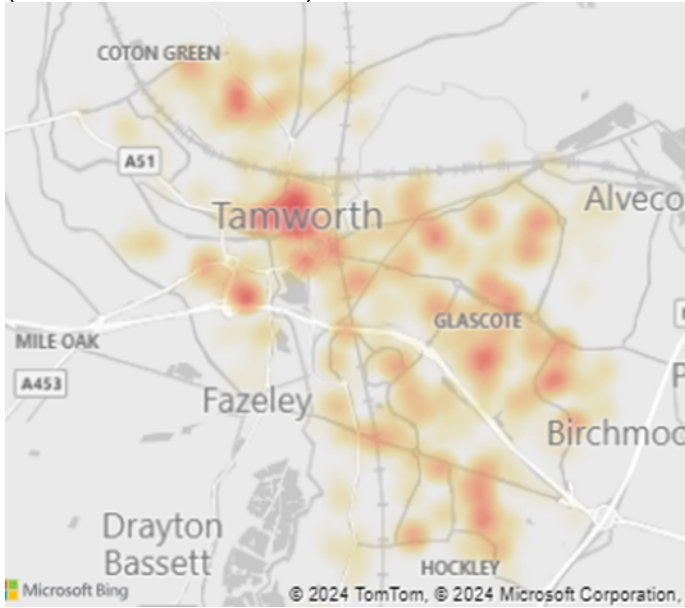


Steady decline in ASB over 3 years. Predictive models suggest this is likely to remain steady with all other factors remaining the same.

ASB Volumes by LPT, drill down to Neighbourhood Management and RIA



ASB splits across the Borough (past 12 months to February 2024) reflects expectation. A reasonable proportion of the Town Centre ASB will be Night Time Economy related (Tamworth town centre).



Partnership Enforcement:

Community Protection Notice Warnings	60
Community Protection Notices	19
Prosecutions	5
Litter fines issued	2
Flytip fines issued	3
Public Space Protection orders	2 renewed
Dispersal orders	0
Closure notices	0
Notice seeking possession (housing)	5
Injunctions	3
Good Neighbour Agreements	21
Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC)	8

CASE STUDY

X has been well known to Police and Council officers for many years, with various attempts to resolve the issue through single agency interventions. The behaviour manifested itself with repeat calls, low level anti-social behaviour, theft, and abuse of the public and neighbours.

The case was discussed fully with a multi-agency meeting to take a problem solving approach. The Council took the lead in issuing Community Protection Notices and pursued prosecution. The Police then completed a requested for Criminal Behaviour Order on the back of a prosecution. The order has resulted in X being removed from Tamworth with appropriate support and the concerns resolved.

PRIORITY - Community Cohesion

- Strategic approach to persons seeking asylum and dispersed accommodation including FAQs and regular strategic and support meetings
- Funding for wraparound asylum seeker support secured and projects commissioned
- Armed Forces covenant plan in place
- Holocaust memorial events and school participation in creating green memorials
- Prevent plan in place and full engagement with County Council
- Uniting Staffordshire Against Crimes of Hate (USAH) commissioned and embedded
- Developing an approach to the travelling community including protocols and FAQs for the public
- Toolbox talks with Streetscene staff to recognise extremist signs and symbols for reporting purposes
- UKSPF multi-cultural event at Heart of Tamworth
- UKSPF Community Champion Scheme
- Prevent training embedded as part of staff induction and job related enhanced training

PRIORITY - Domestic Abuse (including stalking and harassment)

- Updated county wide Domestic Abuse commissioned service through the Staffordshire Commissioners Office via NEW ERA
- Front line staff trained and updated
- Target hardening process in place
- Multi agency attendance at MARAC meetings
- Home office funding grant to Pathway to support out of hours support at Tamworth Refuge
- Domestic Abuse Communication group in place for joined up campaigns.

New Era Victim Service

The new contract arrangements for the New Era service commenced on 1st October 2023. Achievements of the last five-year period of the contract show 21,365 referrals and enquiries with 14807 individual supported in service. For Tamworth:

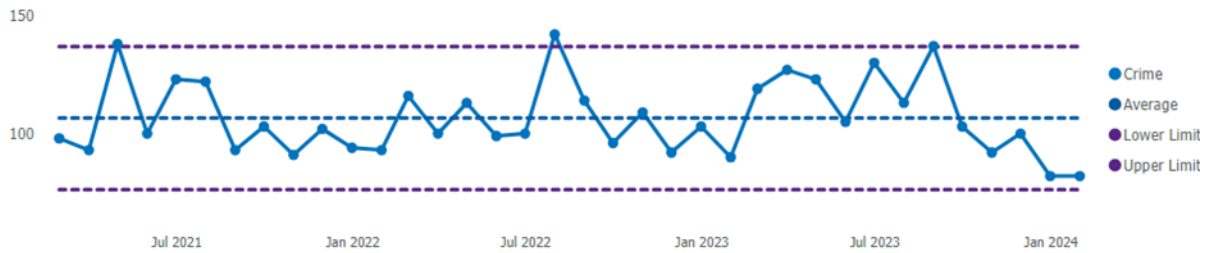
- Supported Victims 1392 9% of all supported
- Perpetrator Service 47 8% of all supported

During Q3 2023/4 (commencement of the new contract) 131 referrals were made for Tamworth (of which 24 were children) and 216 individuals are currently supported.

Demand for services pan-Staffordshire has increased and is expected to grow.

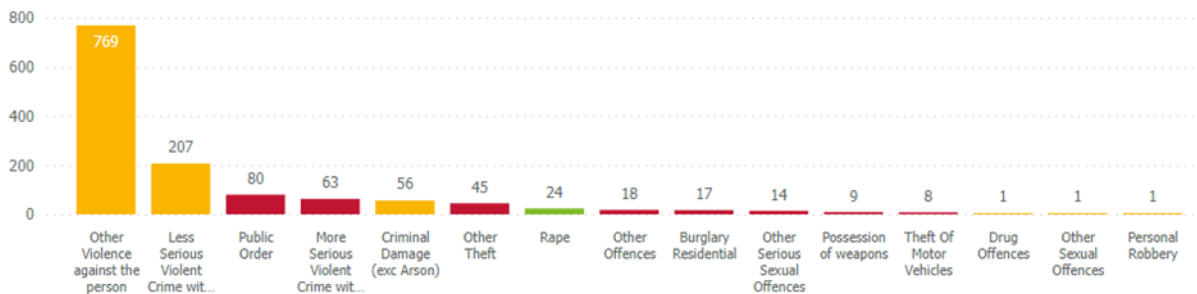
Police Reported Domestic Abuse

Crime Volume SPC Chart



Overall, a 3% increase in last 12 months which is not considered significant. This is against relatively low levels (in the previous 12 months Tamworth was the only LPT to see a slight reduction in DV). Increase in reporting due to national and local campaigns raising awareness can be expected and encouraged to protect vulnerable victims.

Crimes by Offence Group



The only statistical increases in Domestic violence are in red above.

Public order increase is 11% and likely to be a crime recording if officers are pursuing a victimless prosecution for example.

More serious violence increase is +88% which sounds concerning but this is due to new offence recording of non-fatal strangulation which fits in this category and used to be recorded as common assault (less serious violence).

For information, other violence (largest by volume) is predominantly stalking/harassment. There is a low threshold for recording these – only 2 incidents amount to a course of conduct.

PRIORITY Drug Related Crime and Harm (including the prevention of exploitation of young people – County Lines)

- Process for drug/substance issues in housing
- Information about support services in place
- Higher level police operations resulting in significant custodial and community impact
- Office of Police and Crime Commissioner commissioned services in schools (Catch 22)
- Attendance staff and County Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) meetings
- Police school visits

CASE STUDY

Information around concerns about drug dealing were raised at residents' meetings and via local councillors which at the time had not been formally reported.

Working with PCSOs and housing teams requests were made to ensure that every concern was reported to obtain evidence for appropriate actions.

Subsequent work, evidence gathering and proactive use of enforcement has finally resulted in prosecution and eviction of family, giving wider reassurance to the community.

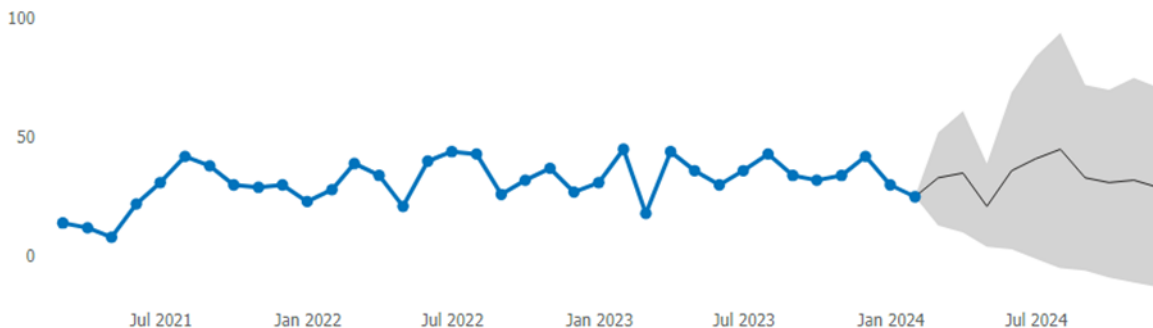
PRIORITY - Public Place and Serious Violence (including Violence, Abuse and Intimidation of Women and Girls -VAIWG)

- Serious Violence duty in place
- Responsible Bodies Group in place
- Joint licenced premises visits Council/Police
- Support for Street Angels (£2,000 grant per year until March 2025)
- Safer Nights multi-agency support projects – 3 events in 2023
- Ask Angela promoted in licenced premises
- Pubwatch scheme in place through PABCIS
- Knife crime awareness talks in 5 schools
- 3 knife bins in place across Tamworth

Police Data

Public space violence can be hard to determine statistically, however data from the town centre nights time economy is below:-

Occurrence Volume Chart

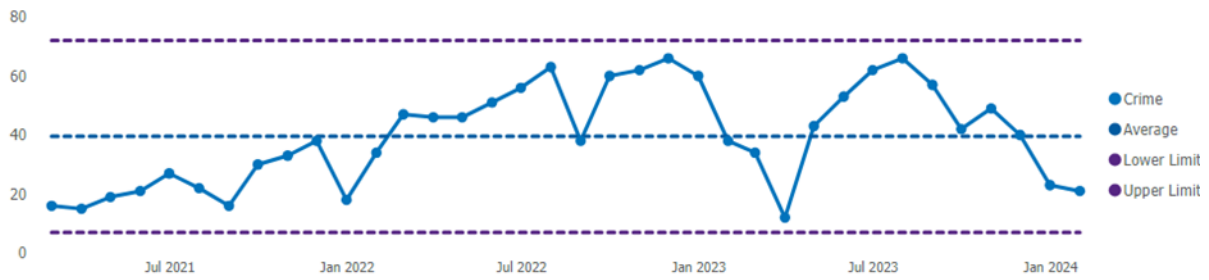


PRIORITY - Vehicle Crime

- Motorbike information and actions
- Community safety promotional items (including Faraday pouches)
- Nuisance Vehicle Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) renewed
- Successful arrests during the year
- Operation BORMUS – regional operations to deter and detect high value vehicle theft
- Police surgeries

Police Data Vehicle Crime (Including theft of, theft from and vehicle interference.)

Crime Volume SPC Chart



Overall	-20%
Theft of MV	-34%
Theft from MV	-16%
Vehicle interference	-8%

PRIORITY - Vulnerable Persons (the prevention of harm to persons at risk of criminal exploitation or becoming victims of crime)

- Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership has been reviewed and is the prime multi agency meeting for agencies to come together to problem solve persons at risks who require more intensive intervention. Weekly meetings continue to be held with good attendance from partners for effective actions and interventions.

April 2023 - December 2023 TVP cases

Reason for referral	Number
Housing	5
Anti Social Behaviour	1
Domestic abuse	3
Mental Health concern	2
Vulnerable person (multiple issues)	1
Community concerns	1
TOTAL	13

- Attendance at MACE panel
- Commissioning of FunClub Hub
- 8 formal interventions with young people
- Wellbeing Partnership engaged and meeting
- Prevent duty and plan in place and approved
- Support for Betterway Recovery

CASE STUDY – BETTER WAY RECOVERY

On 6th September 2023 they celebrated 1 year operating in Tamworth. They are now delivering 4 support groups over 3 days per week including an evening group every Thursday from 5pm - 8pm with a support group 6pm - 7.15pm, which will be held at Offa house.

There are now 5 peer mentor volunteers in Tamworth, and 2 more being DBS checked who have both got over 6 months abstinence since coming to Better Way.

The group continues to work extremely well with Staffordshire County Council addiction services to deliver the best wraparound service possible for people in Tamworth.

Output / Outcomes	Progress update from 01 November 2022 – 30 September 2023
Centre Opening Days - Tamworth	4
Number of Recovery Seekers Supported	109
Solution Focussed Groups	4
Outreach Visits to the Vulnerable	40
Multi-agency support meetings for the benefit of Tamworth Recovery Seekers	44
Partnership meetings to raise awareness with key partners to discuss our service and how we may link to support Recovery Seekers	12

- Support continued for the Dementia Friendly Communities group and Dementia Action week activities planned and undertaken (13-19 May 2024)
- Social Value programme through EQUANS and Wates
- Homelessness Hub commissioned
- Tamworth Advice Centre (Debt and Generalist advice)
- Grant funding for Dilemma to support for families and friends of loved ones with gambling and other addiction
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Home First Risk Visits (Safe and Well) visits – 2316 between January and December 2023
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Safe and Sound week reached 1156 Year 5/6 school pupils in Tamworth which included fire safety, water safety, what to do in an emergency, dementia friends and 'being a good citizen.'
<https://learnliveuk.com/safesound/>

CASE STUDY – VULNERABLE PERSON

James, a 79 year old gentleman, came to the attention of the Tamworth Fire and Rescue Service Prevent team following a referral form the West Midlands Ambulance Service. This was due to him living in a small flat that was heavily cluttered and the occupier presented mobility issues claiming there was no smoke detection.

A Safe and Well Visit was conducted in the Home. The initial concerns regarding the clutter had been somewhat addressed by James`s daughter however advice and tips were given to reduce trip hazards in the home along with Fire Safety. What became apparent during the visit was that James was scared and worried about using his appliances due to the increase cost in energy bills so was putting his health at risk by not eating hot meals nor heating his home appropriately this was also having an impact on his mental wellbeing.

Due to the Partnership links we have within Tamworth we made a referral to Communities together CIC, this is to see what support can be given and ensure he is receiving everything he is entitled to so he can heat his home and cook meals.

Referrals also made to Tele Care to provide James with a Falls Pendant alarm should he fall he is now able to press a button or the pendant will automatically call for help.

James is now receiving Support, able to heat his home and it was left with his daughter to get in touch if anything else further was needed.

Future Plans

Further activity is outlined in the Community Safety Plan work plan and annual refresh to include:

- Review of strategic thematic meetings
- Problem solving approach to Vulnerability Partnership/ASB Coordination Group
- COMF/UKSPF projects
- Partnership events programme
- SFRS Safe and Sound Week 9th-25th April 2024
- Continued work on priorities as outlined in this report

The updated work plan is attached as Appendix 3.

All work streams continue to have a robust work plan with a number of underlying principles to ensure that we embed our approach to delivery of the plan:-

- Prevention wherever possible
- Early intervention
- Targeting prolific offenders
- Targeting resources to hotspot areas
- Supporting victims
- Increasing public confidence

Through early intervention the CSP will prevent issues escalating, reducing harm to individuals, and ensuring that they receive help and support as early as possible.

The Community Safety Plan will be continue to be overseen by the Tamworth Partnership Coordination Group and scrutiny will remain with the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Committee.

Options Considered

None – a Community Safety Plan is a legal requirement to prevent crime and disorder.

Resource Implications

Work of the Community Safety Partnership is supported by the Partnerships team, Police, Fire, Staffordshire County Council and voluntary sector partners.

Funding to support Community Safety priorities is made (although not limited to):

- Locality Deal Fund £61,394 per year – to March 2025
- Small crime initiatives GY1601 - £11,000
- VCSE grants - £1,000 grants per Councillor and £15,590 for wider grants from April 2024
- UKSPF/COMF – grant income on a variety of projects
- TBC grant funding - £5,000 Samaritans Tamworth Branch
- Tamworth Advice Centre (financial and debt support) - £82,000 (£20,000 Housing Solutions and £30,000 Housing support) & £9,000 outreach
- £11,000 until March 2025 – CT CIC rental space for community groups (including Betterway)

Legal/Risk Implications Background

All covered in the report

Equalities Implications

As per the Tamworth Borough Council Making Equality Real in Tamworth (MERIT)

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – CSP Plan

Appendix 2 – Staffordshire Community Safety Agreement

Appendix 3 – Updated work plan

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TAMWORTH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN

2023-2026



Tamworth

Community Safety Partnership

Introduction by Chair of the Community Safety Partnership

By working together to reduce crime and ASB, our vision is to improve public perception, wellbeing and community safety in Tamworth.

All partners are very much aware of the stark links between the impact of criminal activity and a whole range of socio-economic factors. We are wholeheartedly committed to doing everything we can to tackle these issues to ensure that all people living in, working in or visiting Tamworth live good lives and meet their aspirations.

The Partnership will take a strategic approach to ensuring that our crime reduction and community safety work supports our priorities.

We will connect our approach with other areas of work to tackle the causes of crime and the factors which enable crime to flourish.

This includes:

- Prevention of crime wherever possible
- Early intervention and supporting those most vulnerable
- Targeting prolific offenders
- Targeting resources to hotspot areas
- Supporting victims
- Increasing public confidence and perception

Andrew Barratt, Chief Executive, Tamworth Borough Council

What is Tamworth Community Safety Partnership?

Tamworth Community Safety Partnership is a collection of statutory agencies working together to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour across the town.

The partnership goes further than this and includes a wide range of committed organisations, local charities, businesses, residents and community groups who work independently and together to make Tamworth a safer and stronger place.

This partnership is overseen by the Community Safety Partnership Board which is made up of the statutory partners:

- Tamworth Borough Council
- Tamworth Local Policing Team
- Staffordshire Fire & Rescue,
- Staffordshire County Council

- Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board
- Midland's Partnership Foundation Trust
- National Probation Service.

The Partnership is also supported through the collaborative work with commissioned and voluntary services including:

- Support Staffordshire
- Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS)
- New Era Domestic Abuse service
- Harmony ASB
- Uniting Staffordshire Against Crimes of Hate (USAH)
- Community Together CIC
- Heart of Tamworth
- Better Way Recovery
- Fun Club
- Beat the Cold
- Citizens Advice Mid Mercia
- Tamworth Street Angels
- Pathway

The wider role that the community and voluntary sector groups in Tamworth play in the delivery community safety outcomes is extremely important.

The main role of the partnership is to actively lead on the development and delivery of strategic approaches to a range of priority crime and community safety issues. The priorities for 2023-2026 are set out on the next page of this plan.

Delivery

The Community Safety Partnership Board will appoint theme leads from the partnership who will oversee delivery of work within that work area. Real-time data will be used to re-assess the proposed actions and report on the measures of success and ensure we can set achievable targets that make the required impact.

Theme leads will lead the collaboration and delivery of work in these areas and will report back to the Board on outcomes and performance.

An annual review and refresh will take place by the Tamworth Borough Council Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee who will independently scrutinise the work of the partnership.

The Partnership continues to be funded through the Staffordshire Commissioner's Office (Police, Fire and Rescue, Crime) Locality Deal Fund. Commitment for 2023/24 and 2024/25 is £61, 394 per year.

OUR PRIORITIES 2023-2026

The 2022 Tamworth Community Safety Strategic Assessment has identified the following areas as priority work areas for 2023-2026. These priorities remain the same for 2024.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Community Cohesion¹
(including preventing radicalisation, exploitation and hate crime)

Domestic Abuse
(Including stalking and harassment)

Drug Related Crime and Harm
(including the prevention of exploitation of young people – County Lines)

Public Place and Serious Violence
(including Violence, Abuse and Intimidation Of Women and Girls – VAIWG)

Vehicle Crime

Vulnerable Persons
(the prevention of harm to persons at risk of criminal exploitation or becoming victims of crime)

Our priorities are linked to:

[Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024](#)

[Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-2024](#)

[Staffordshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021-2024](#)

[Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Serious Violence Strategy](#)

[Staffordshire Safeguarding Board](#)

[Staffordshire Police Violence Abuse and Intimidation Against Women and Girls Strategy](#)

¹ There is common vision and a sense of belonging for all communities; The diversity of people's different backgrounds and circumstances are appreciated and positively valued; Those from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities; and, Strong and positive relationships are being developed between people from different backgrounds in the workplace, in schools and within neighbourhoods

OUR KEY TARGETS

- More positive outcomes for victims
- Increased positive promotion of actions and communications across all areas
- Reduction of repeat callers across all agencies
- Improvement of identification, monitoring and resolution of problems
- Increased use of proportionate intervention powers
- Improved perception and feelings of safety

ACHIEVEMENTS 2023/24

ASB Community Safety Partnership

Working Group established

72 First stage Letters Issued
39 Community Protection Warnings
11 Good Neighbour Agreement contracts

15 Community Protection Notice
6 Cannabis Letters
15 Multi-Agency Meetings (with parents)



ASB Youth Engagement Worker in post

FUN CLUB – 372 young people engaged



Delivery of Positive Diversionary Activity

Summer Space Scheme 2023

HAF activities

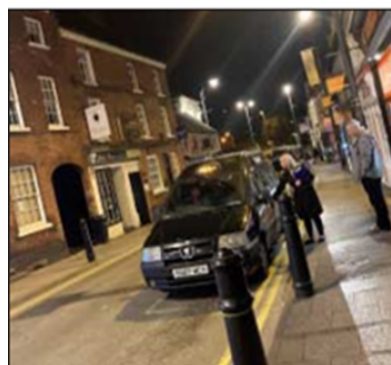
Holiday Schemes

1309 young people engaged on Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Safe and Sound Week



Tamworth Nightlife

Safer Nights Operations and Licensing Inspections & grant support for Street Angels



Mental Health Support

Samaritans Outreach Work

You are not alone, even on the darkest day



Community Together Telephone Befriending Lines



WARM spaces TAMWORTH

FREE
HOT OR COLD
DRINKS &
LIGHT BITES
AVAILABLE

WHERE	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
Castle Hill 200 New St, Tamworth, B77 7LE	Hot meals at the Hub 10.30am - 2.30pm	Hot meals at the Hub 10.30am - 2.30pm	Hot meals at the Hub 10.30am - 2.30pm	Hot meals at the Hub 10.30am - 2.30pm	Hot meals at the Hub 10.30am - 2.30pm	
Charities Choices 100 Community Centre, Park Lane, B77 7JA						Hot & Eat Events 10.30am - 2.30pm
18 Parkfield, 18 Parkfield, Tamworth, B77 7AT	Domestic Care 10.00am - 12.00pm Open to all, supported by a carer	Talk Group 10.00am - 12.00pm 1422 192		Hope Project 11.00am - 1.00pm 0145 411 111		Limpsick Wals Club 6.15pm - 7.45pm 0145 411 111
Manna House 122 Bevan St, Tamworth, B77 7AT	LIGHTHOUSE STARTING IN JANUARY Open to all, supported by a carer	Community Coffee Group 10.00am - 1.00pm	Community Coffee Group 10.00am - 1.00pm			Craft Morning 10.00am - 1.00pm 0145 411 111
St Paul's Church 150 Bevan St, Tamworth, B77 7AT				Thursday Coffee Club 1.00pm - 3.00pm		Limpsick Youth Age 6.15pm - 7.45pm 0145 411 111 Limpsick Youth Age 8.00pm - 9.30pm 0145 411 111
St Philip's Church 150 Bevan St, Tamworth, B77 7AT			Warm Place of Welcome TBC		Warm Place of Welcome TBC	
Tamworth Adambury Rooms 150 Bevan St, Tamworth, B77 7AT	Monday TV / Singing Night 10.00am - 1.00pm 0145 411 111	Tamworth Adambury Rooms 20TH & 21ST DECEMBER Crafting for children & families - TIME TBC 10.00am - 1.00pm		Limpsick Tamworth's Centre 10.00am - 1.00pm 0145 411 111		GLIMMYS until end of March Winter Warmth Community Project providing for a free Christmas card with a voucher of £10.

Provided by MPFT in partnership with Tamworth Elm Church, Manna House and Tamworth Borough Council



Changes
(Mental Health Support)
awarded the Queen's Voluntary
Service Award



Community Safety Partnership Campaigns

We're dementia friendly in Tamworth

Dementia Friends Alliance works to continue Memory Cafes and participate in Dementia Friends Week



Water Safety Campaign



White Ribbon Campaign & United Nations Orange The World





Dispersal grant funding to support positive activities and housing advice

Homes for Ukraine Scheme

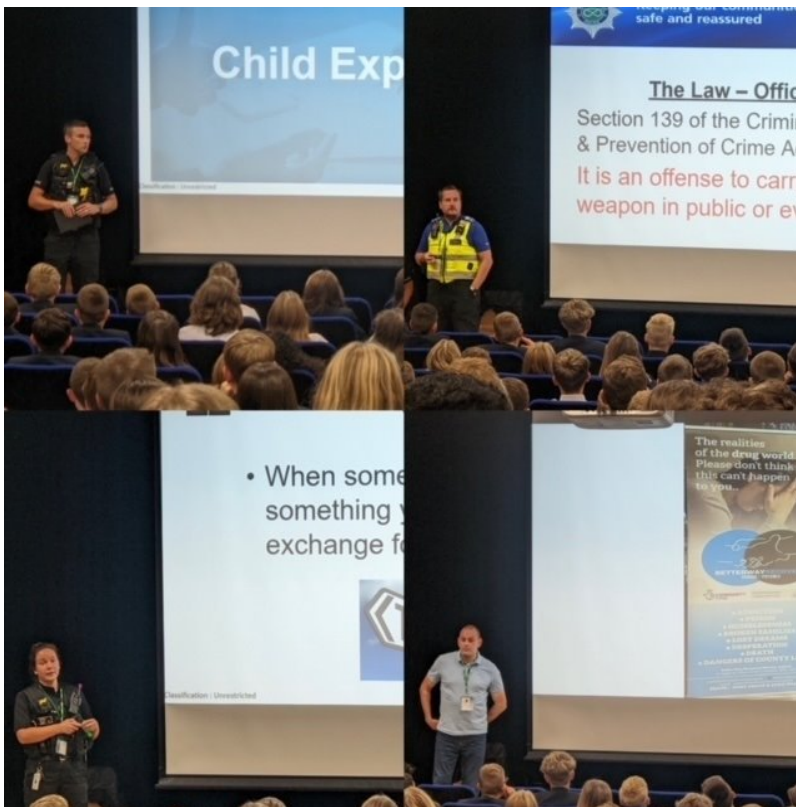
Support continues with 34 families offering homes in Tamworth



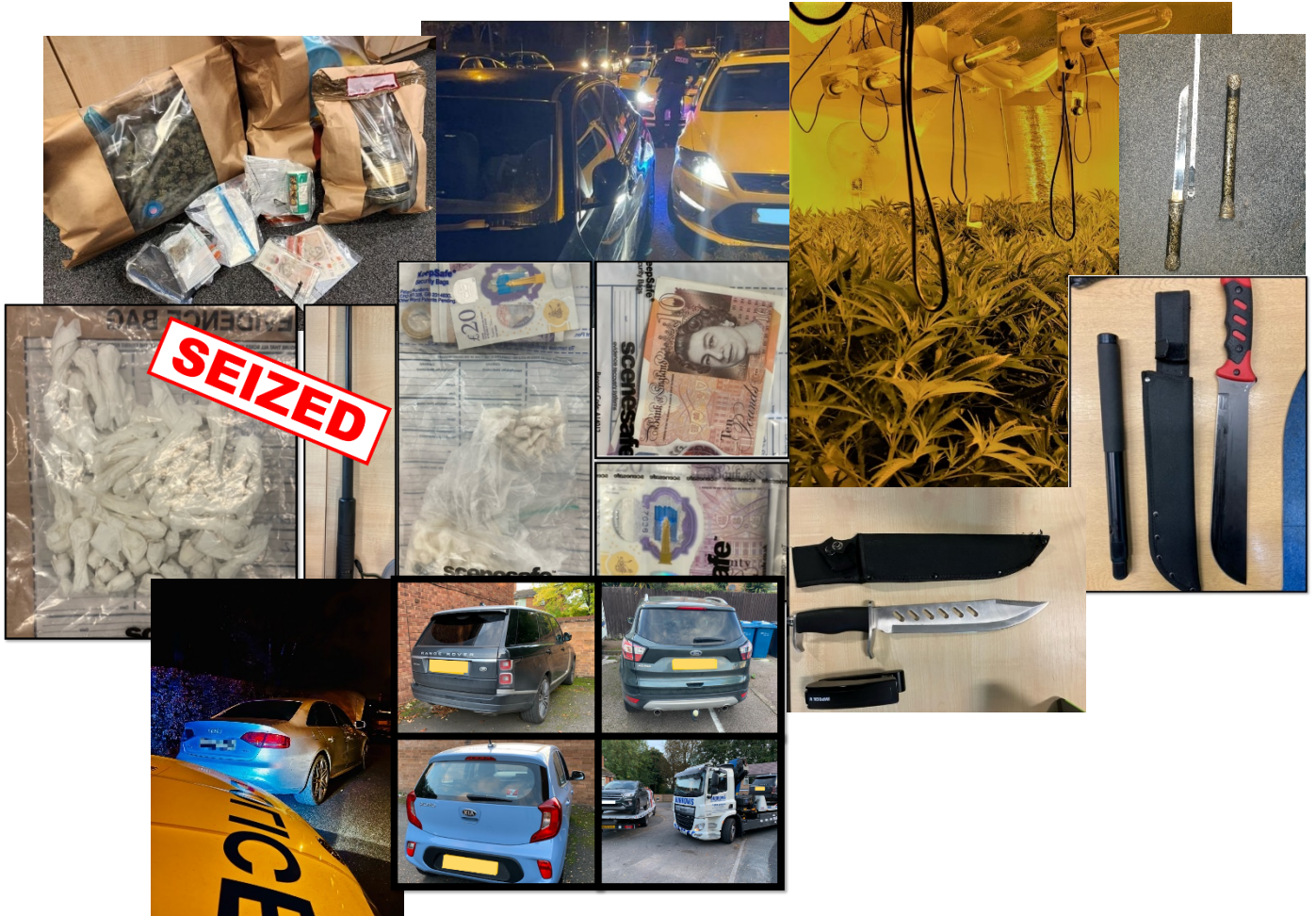
Integration of asylum seekers



County Lines / Criminal Exploitation / Drug Education



County Lines (Drugs/Criminal Exploitation)/ Operation Bormus



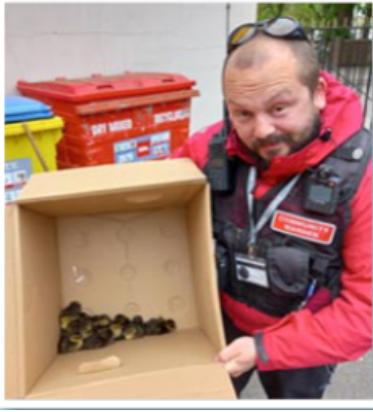
Cleaner Tamworth
Litter pickers



Winter Relief project
(Homelessness at Heart of Tamworth)

Homeless Hub Commissioned
(Citizens Advice Mid Mercia/CT CIC/No 8)





HOW TO REPORT

Tamworth Borough Council 01827 709709 (Homelessness Option 9)

999 Emergency or non emergency 101

Report on line [Staffordshire Police](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk) www.staffordshire.police.uk

[Hate Crime](#) – Uniting Staffordshire Against Crimes of Hate (USAH) – 0330 0881 339

[Harmony](#) ASB Support Service – 0808 1689 111

[Domestic Abuse](#) – New Era 0300 303 3778

[Community Together CIC](#) Befriending Line – 0808 175 4041

Mental Health Crisis Line 0808 196 3002

Tamworth Advice Centre 0808 278 7972

Home Energy Advice Tamworth (HEAT) 0800 043 2815

[Staffordshire Connects](#) (a directory of all the Help and support in your community)

Safeguarding: report it - Don't wait until you are certain. Concerns of immediate harm must be reported to the police on 999 or 101.

Once you have reported to the police contact Staffordshire County Council's First Response Service. Tel: 0300 111 8007 opt 1.

Child; If you have welfare concerns about a child or young person but believe them not to be at immediate harm, contact Staffordshire County Council's First Response Service. Tel: 0300 111 8007 opt 1 or complete the Report a concern online form - Staffordshire County Council. Staffordshire Police. Tel: 101. Ask for M.A.S.H. (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)

Adult; If you have concerns for an adult. Tel 0345 604 2719. Email: VAStaffordshire@staffordshire.gov.uk

A trained member of staff will be available to help you between 8:30am - 5:00pm, Monday-Thursday (excluding Bank Holidays) and 8:30am - 4:30pm Fridays.

To report a concern outside of these hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Service. Tel: 0845 6042886. Text: 0845 6042886

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Staffordshire Community Safety Agreement 2023 – 2026

Forward

As Chair of the Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership, I am pleased to present the latest Staffordshire Community Safety Agreement (CSA).

The Community Safety landscape is ever changing and the problems we face are becoming increasingly more complex. We will continue to work with partners to address the priority issues identified within the agreement and recognise that success can only be achieved with the support of all the partners around the table.



Councillor Victoria Wilson,
Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture

1 Introduction

1.1 The Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the key community safety priorities for Staffordshire. The CSA is reviewed and refreshed every three years.

1.2 The CSA is mandatory for two tier authorities such as Staffordshire and helps us to meet our statutory duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006) in which responsible authorities are required to consider crime and disorder in the delivery of all their duties.

1.3 Its membership reflects this with all statutorily required partners (including Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioners Office, Staffordshire County Council, Staffordshire District and Borough Councils, Fire & Rescue Authority, Probation and Health) represented, in addition to other agencies who contribute to developing stronger, safer, and more resilient communities.

1.4 This agreement aims to develop a more joined-up approach to public service delivery, to enable more effective and co-ordinated strategic planning across partner agencies and to ensure sustainable and lasting improvements in delivering outcomes. It recognises that community safety issues do not always respect district boundaries, and that coordination of effort can lead to economies of scale, joined up working, and more effective outcomes.

1.5 Whilst Stoke-on-Trent City Council does not form part of this agreement, it undertakes a similar process. Where appropriate Staffordshire County Council works with Stoke-on-Trent City Council to tackle common priorities.

2 Legislation

The following Chapter outlines the key pieces of legislation and statutory duties that direct the work of the Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership.

2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation the responsible authorities, referred to as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), were required to carry out three yearly audits and to implement crime reduction strategies.

2.2 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to replace Police Authorities in England and Wales. This brought a requirement for the PCC to have regard to the priorities of the responsible authorities making up the CSPs and for those authorities to have regard to the police and crime objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan. The legislation also brought with it a mutual duty for the PCC and the responsible authorities to act in co-operation with each other in exercising their respective functions.

2.3 The requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) came into effect on 13th April 2011 as a result of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). The process is managed, coordinated centrally by the Staffordshire Community Safety Team on behalf of the District and Borough CSPs.

2.4 The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 received Royal Assent on 29th April 2021. The DA Commissioner has powers to compel public bodies to cooperate with her office and make recommendations for public bodies to respond to within 56 days.

2.5 Part 4 of the DA Act requires Tier 1 authorities to; create a Local Partnership Board with responsibility for conducting a needs assessment, complete a Domestic Abuse Strategy on safe accommodation and undertake commissioning activity in relation to accommodation-based services.

2.6 **Serious Violence** created a new duty on organisations to collaborate, where possible through existing partnership structures, to prevent and reduce serious violence. In addition, there was an intention to amend the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure serious violence is an explicit priority for Community Safety Partnerships, in recognition of the significant role of CSPs. The new duties have been progressed through Parliament as part of the 'Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill,' which received Royal Assent on 28th April 2022.

2.7 **Fire Safety: The Fire Safety Act 2021** received Royal Assent on 29th April 2021. The Act was introduced to clarify who is responsible for managing and reducing fire risks in different parts of multi-occupational residential buildings to prevent future tragedies, such as the Grenfell Tower. In addition, the Government is also looking to introduce a Building Safety Bill which would give

residents and homeowners more rights, powers, and protections – making homes across the country safer.

Key Changes to the Community Safety Landscape

3.1 Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had an unprecedented global and local impact. While restrictions have been lifted for some time now, a vaccine has been deployed, and both transmission and severity of Covid have reduced, the country is in a stage of recovery and the impact of the pandemic is still being felt. The pandemic has changed the way that partners are able to deliver services, with the working practices of many organisations changing. Community safety partners will continue to respond to the needs of the community and adapt their services and priorities as necessary,

3.2 Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is an umbrella term used to cover a wide range of abuses against women and girls such as domestic homicide, domestic abuse, sexual assault etc. While men and boys also suffer from many of these forms of abuse, they disproportionately affect women. The Home Office has published a Strategy on Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls following several recent high-profile cases.

3.3 UK Strategies to Tackle Drugs and Crime: Since our last community Safety Agreement, the Home Office published the Beating Crime Plan ‘Fewer victims, peaceful neighbourhoods, safe country.’ The Government has invested in several programmes and funding schemes to help strengthen the ability to tackle these issues, including Safer Streets Fund, Violence Reduction Units, Supporting Families Fund, and tackling drugs supply and county lines.

3.4 In December 2021 the Government published ‘From Harm to Hope’ a 10-year drugs plan. The plan is the first Drugs Strategy which commits the whole Government along with public services to work together and share responsibility for creating a safer, healthier, and more productive society. The main aims are to break drug supply chains; deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system; and reduce the demand for drugs through changing attitudes in society.

3.5 War in Ukraine: The Russian invasion of Ukraine has so far led to at least 2.5 million people fleeing the country with EU officials predicting up to five million refugees. The UK alongside other countries across Europe and the rest of the world in terms of supporting the migration of refugees, Staffordshire has welcomed Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war. It is important to be aware of any changes in community tensions, such as protests or demonstrations and impacts on community relations.

3.6 Migration and Resettlement: At a national level, in 2021 the Government published a New Plan for Immigration (NPI) and Nationality and Borders Act 2022. The UK currently runs a number of resettlement schemes and Staffordshire is a participant of these e.g., the Afghan resettlement scheme. Some migrants who arrive in the UK are ‘unaccompanied asylum seeking children’ (UASC) and as such are placed in the care of the local authority. There is a possibility of both pro and anti-migrant related tensions occurring in Staffordshire.

3.7 Protect Duty - The Protect Duty will require owners and operators of public spaces and venues to put in place measures to keep the public safe from a terrorist attack. The Draft Bill was published on 2 May 2023 and reflects lessons learned following the terrorist attacks and is known as Martyn's Law.

4 Governance

4.1 The Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership, known as the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group (SSCSG) is responsible for the delivery of the Staffordshire Community Safety Agreement priorities, with membership taken from senior officers across the responsible authorities (see below), local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Chairs the County Council portfolio holder together with non-statutory other agencies who contribute to the Partnership

4.2 The Responsible Authorities are: Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire District & Borough Councils, Staffordshire County Council, Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service, NHS, and the Probation Service.

4.3 Partners aim to effectively and efficiently deliver the priorities outlined in this agreement and to comply with statutory responsibilities.

5. County Priorities

5.1 The priorities within this Community Safety Agreement have been identified using the findings of the Staffordshire Community Safety Strategic Assessment and the 8 District and Borough Strategic Assessments. These assessments drew upon data held by partners and included emerging issues with input from a wide range of stakeholders, including District Community Safety Partnerships. The Staffordshire Community Safety Strategic Assessment is attached as an appendix to this CSA.

5.2 The areas identified as Local Community Safety County Wide Priorities are as follows: -

- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**
- **Community Cohesion & Tackling Extremism**
- **Domestic Abuse**
- **Drug Supply & County Line**
- **Fraud**
- **Serious Violence and Violence against Women and Girls**
- **Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons (incl. Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health) and Child Exploitation**

5.3 The following areas identified in the strategic assessment affect some District/Borough Community Safety Partnerships significantly more than others. These will form part of the appropriate District/Borough partnership plans and as such will not be included in the county wide priorities.

- **Modern Slavery**
- **Vehicle Crime**
- **Rural Crime**

6 Priorities by Locality

6.1 A considerable piece of work has been undertaken by the Knowledge Hub at Staffordshire Police in order to identify localities within Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent which would benefit the most from a strong partnership focus, in order to address long-standing challenges and vulnerabilities.

6.2 Areas have been identified through a combination of different elements of local area data (including crime, ASB and police intelligence and insight) covering multiple years, including pre-pandemic. Assessment of areas has considered levels of crime and disorder over time and the overall levels of vulnerability and risk in each area.

6.3 Due to levels of crime, disorder, vulnerability, and risk, some areas are considered a high priority at a force-wide level and are included below. Other areas experience challenges which are a priority for their local Safety Partnership area and will therefore be included in local District/Borough plans where appropriate.

6.4 Areas which are identified at a force-wide level as a priority reflect those selected by Staffordshire Police as in need of a 'Precision Policing' / Precision Community Safety approach. These are areas in the following Districts and Boroughs, East Staffordshire, Cannock, Stafford, and Newcastle-under-Lyme.

East Staffordshire	Priority Type	Rationale for selection
Burton Town & Uxbridge Burton Urban Winshill & Stapenhill	High – force-wide	As one of the largest urban areas in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, these neighbourhoods have experienced a number of challenges relating to crime and vulnerability over a period of time.

Stafford	Priority Type	Rationale for selection
Stafford Town Stafford South	High force-wide	The most central part of the force experiences some high levels of crime and vulnerability – particularly around the town centre and some vulnerable communities in the immediate vicinity.

Newcastle-under-Lyme	Priority Type	Rationale for selection
Newcastle Town	High force-wide	Similarly, to other town centre areas, the neighbourhood experiences a disproportionate volume of crime (including some which is high risk) in addition to public space ASB.

Cannock Chase	Priority Type	Rationale for selection
Cannock South & West Cannock East & North	High force-wide	These neighbourhoods experience some high levels of crime and vulnerability – particularly around the town centre and some vulnerable residential areas, which rank amongst the 30% most deprived nationally.

7 Staffordshire Community Safety Agreement Priorities 2023-2026 Mapping

7.1 Several of the identified priorities already have existing multi-agency partnership arrangements in place that are ensuring a coordinated approach across organisations at a strategic level. There is no desire to duplicate work where governance arrangements are in place with appropriate strategic direction, a performance framework and good partnership attendance and engagement.

7.2 Where priorities already have existing partnership arrangements in place to facilitate and enable delivery, regular updates and assurances will be provided to the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group via a named lead.

7.3 For clarification purposes, for priorities in 7.2, the Lead Officer named in the table below is the member of the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group who provides the regular updates to the SSCSG meeting.

7.4 The themes coloured yellow in the table below indicate those priorities where the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group will be responsible for monitoring performance against the delivery of the partnership priority.

Theme	Governance arrangements	Officer responsible for provision of performance updates to the SSCSG
Domestic Abuse	Domestic Abuse Commissioning and Development Board	Alice Walters Staffordshire County Council –
Tackling Extremism & Community Cohesion	Prevent - Staffordshire Prevent Board – CONTEST Board	Prevent – Fiona Chapman Staffordshire County Council
Tackling Extremism & Community Cohesion	Community Cohesion - Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group	Community Cohesion– Sandra Payne - Support Staffordshire
ASB	Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group	Staffordshire Police Elliott Sharrard-Williams

	(ASB Partnership Task and Finish group reporting into the Community Safety Strategic Forum)	
Serious Violence and Violence against Women and Girls	The Violence Reduction Executive Board	Joint - Elliott Sharrard-Williams Staffordshire Police – Naomi Smith- SCO
Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons (incl. Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health) and Child Exploitation	Drug and Alcohol Executive Board/ Health and Wellbeing Board Child Exploitation Task Group/ Children’s Safeguarding Board	Tony Bullock- Staffordshire County Council Simon Scott-Staffordshire County Council
Fraud	Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group	Elliott Sharrard-Williams- Staffordshire Police
Drug Supply and County Lines	There is a national approach to this work via the National Crime agency, with local strategic ownership sitting at Detective Chief Superintendent level. This work is police led and partners are engaged as appropriate.	Reporting of activity has not been included in this CSA, ad-hoc reporting if as required by Elliott Sharrard-Williams
LOCALITY Priorities 1. East Staffs 2. Stafford 3. Newcastle 4. Cannock	Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group	District/Borough CSP Lead and Staffordshire Police Elliott Sharrard-Williams

8 Performance

8.1 Successful interventions against the priorities will result in a reduction in overall crime across Staffordshire. At each meeting performance will be a standing agenda item to ensure appropriate focus. Lead officers for each of the priorities have the responsibility for developing, with partners, the action plans to address the countywide priorities where these are not already documented under existing governance arrangements. The leads will also act provide regular progress updates for the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group.

9. Links to Partner Plans

9.1 The priorities set out in this Community Safety Agreement link to and assist in the achievement of a number of national and local partnership plans and strategies.

9.2 Police and Crime Plans are a core planning tool for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and were introduced as a statutory requirement for all police force areas as part of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The Plan includes the PCC’s police and crime objectives for the area.

9.3 Staffordshire’s Police & Crime Commissioner Police and Crime Plan for Staffordshire 2021/2024 outlines five priorities as follows:

- A flexible and responsive service
- Support victims and witnesses
- Prevent harm and protect people.
- Reduce offending and reoffending.
- A more effective criminal justice system

9.4 Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service Safety Plan 2020-2024 outlines the following priorities:

- Prevention and early intervention
- Protecting Staffordshire and its people
- Public confidence
- Service reform

9.5 Other Plans and strategies include:

- Prevent Duty Delivery Board Action Plan
- Counter Terrorism Situational Risk Assessment
- Staffordshire and Stoke Domestic Abuse Strategy
- Local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Community Safety Plans

Appendix – Staffordshire Community Safety Strategic Assessment- Dec 2022



CSSA -
Staffordshire & Stok

TAMWORTH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2023-2026					OUTLINE WORKPLAN MARCH 2024 – OCTOBER 2024	
	Key Actions/Projects	Priority	Leads	Linked documents	Actions and Progress	RAG
1.	Review of ASB Strategic position and policies and develop robust partnership approach to Council ASB reporting processes and actions	ASB	Staffs Police/TBC	TBC ASB Policy Staffs Police ASB	Neighbourhood Impact Team in place - COMPLETE Triage assessment and work practices completed by Janine Green Consultancy and under review – plan in place for implementation TBC ASB policy due for review and to be updated with Environmental Crime Policy – on hold awaiting outcomes of Crime and Justice Bill ASB training in place for TBC/Police during 2024 – Staffs Commissioner Staffs Police to update ASB policy to be discussed through SCO ASB Group Established weekly ASB Co-ordination group in place with partners Serious Case Review process in place	
2.	Continue to develop the Environmental Crime working group	ASB	Safer Homes and Communities Manager/Partnership Support	Environmental crime Policy	Successful grant of £25,000 awarded. Deployable cameras – successful reductions in fly tip. Problem solving approach to future deployment Littercam trial due December 2023 Environmental crime fines reviewed as per Govt Action plan – complete Environmental Crime officer in place with plans to develop campaigns	
3.	Deliver diversionary activities and communications plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPACE Fun Club 	ASB/V	Staffordshire Commissioners Office/Partnerships Officer/Sports Development		Space activities completed during Summer 2023 – (SCO Funded) Fun Club Commissioned for until March 2025 to deliver youth activities in town centre and engagement around the Borough with another venue – 372 young people engaged and working with Youth ASB Engagement officer	
4.	Identify ASB hotspot areas through intelligence led reporting	ASB	Police/Partnership Support		ASB weekly meeting in place - Process to be reviewed weekly and intelligence led Central record of actions in place and ongoing. Problem solving approach	
5.	Continue work of ASB Youth Engagement Worker	ASB	Safer Homes and Communities Manager/Inspector		Worker in place July 2023 Development of plans for targeted hotspot engagement with young people and high level cases identified and referrals made. Further problem solving work to be identified 1 youth injunction applied for (hearing March 2024) Development of diversionary activity with Fun Club	

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6.	Branding and introduction of world café engagement events	ASB	Police/Partnerships		School based café meetings for community resolutions and engagement on identified community issues First event took place Summer 23 at Wilnecote High School – residents report no youth issues in the area Impact assessment and evaluation due to be completed to establish the future of this process for 2024.
7.	Continued Safe and Sound projects	ASB/V	SFRS		Safety Week for Year 5/6 pupils in Tamworth run by SFRS. Range of community safety topics 9 th -25 th April 2024 1150 young people engaged in 2023
8.	Continue approach to Asylum Seeker support dispersed accommodation	CC	Asst Director Partnerships/Community Cohesion Officer		Attendance at West Midlands and Staffs Strategic Migration Partnership meetings ongoing Fortnightly meeting established with Hotel, Serco, Migrant help, Police, housing and Fars to address any issues arising A Welfare and Advice group has been set up to run alongside the strategic group attendance is from Citizen’s Advice, JCP, Migrant Help, WEA, Maximus Dispersal funding grant received of £107,250 – spend plan in place with wraparound support via CT CIC and Staffs Chamber of Commerce Additional Housing Options Staff recruited to help support with any extra demand Housing impact currently being assessed for those with positive decisions A monitoring spreadsheet is in place with weekly contributions from Housing Options, Customer Services, Revs and Bens
9.	Develop robust partnership response to illegal encampments	CC	Asst Director Partnerships/Chief Inspector		County protocol and TBC processes in place resulting in swifter action and communications - COMPLETED FAQs completed and community letters in place Work with Warwickshire Police ongoing New guidance leaflets produced and provided to the residents of encampments Streetscene work to secure vulnerable open space Link to Councillor working group – to be confirmed

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					Review of other tools that can be used	
10.	Development of Armed Forces Covenant	CC	Community Cohesion officer		Events in place Bronze Employee Recognition in place – Silver applied for	
11.	Review PREVENT duty and actions	V/TE	Community cohesion officer	CONTEST/ Prevent work plan	Members of Staffordshire prevent board and Channel Panel when required Prevent workplan has been produced based on the new benchmarking toolkit including Appropriate level training in place for all staff, improved web filters, venue hire policies Cabinet endorsement in October 2023 – Annual report to IS&G agreed as part of annual CSP plan	
12.	Continue to work with County Domestic Abuse Services and Safe Accommodation	DA	Staffs Commissioner/Domestic Abuse Commissioning Board	County Domestic Abuse Strategy	Contract recommissioned from October 2023 – New Era New Era are represented at local groups Communications group developing. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (high risk DA) continuing Representation at County meetings and actions reflected in operational work Education for front line staff completed Target hardening processes revisited and approved MARAC in place and ongoing	
13.	Obtain White Ribbon campaign accreditation	DA	Partnerships Officer		Develop a working group and baseline information to progress – further work needed an on work plan	
14.	Drugs and young people	D	Police		Drug dogs in school programme development Concentration on intelligence led approach to County Lines exploitation Police lead wider programmes in place Housing processes in place	
15.	Implementation of Serious Violence Duty as responsible authorities	SV	Asst Director Partnerships/Chief Inspector	Serious Violence Strategy	Attendance at Serious Violence Forum and Delivery groups and plan to be produce in line with County plan Report due to Cabinet by March 2024 3 knife bins installed in Tamworth – St Edithas, Police Station and Heart of Tamworth	

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					Knife talks completed in 5 schools during summer Police actions – Operation Sceptre and Knife crime awareness week	
16.	Ensure a programme of Safer Nights events and operations are in place	SV	Senior Licencing Officer/Partnerships Officer	Serious Violence Strategy	Monthly licence premise inspections in place with EH and Police Quarterly Super Safer Nights in diary - all relevant partner engaged including FARS and Street Angels	
17.	Deliver a range of local campaigns and seminars around Community Safety priorities	ALL	Partnership team		Campaign calendar in place – links to Communication 3 local primary schools took part in creating green memorials for Holocaust Memorial Day Community Event ‘We Love Tamworth’ Sept 23 and planned 2024 Community Champions Event (UKSPF) – CT CIC Support for White Ribbon and Armed Forces plans SFRS – Safe and Sound project April 2024	
18.	Ensure Tamworth BC, relevant businesses/licenced premises have relevant processes and policies for the introduction of the PROTECT duty (Martyns Law and PALS (publicly accessible locations))	SV	Asst Director Partnerships/ Arts & Events	PROTECT Duty	Working group in place - Government confirmed duty will be passed into law this Parliament session Attendance at County Protect and Prepare Board to understand implications Development of training plans for events/venue staff underway Report on progress September 2024	
19.	Develop Town Centre VAIWG charter and understanding of VAIWG	SV	Partnerships Officer/Police/Senior Licencing Officer	Serious Violence Strategy	Work with Responsible Bodies Group and PABCIS ongoing Initiative updated such as Ask Angela and other awareness Grants awarded to Tamworth Street Angels (£2000 per year)	
20.	Develop baseline information and report for Purple Flag town centre status	SV	AD Growth & Regen/AD Partnerships		Report on baseline data and ability to apply for Purple Flag Status for town centre – to be confirmed	
21.	Vehicle crime operations	VC	Police		Operation BORMUS - County wide operation for vehicle crime and outcomes – targeted approach to offending and disruption Motorbike campaigns planned	
22.	Ensure joined up approach with MPFT services	V	MPFT		MH tenancy sustainment officer in place with information sharing by consent Helping hand café in place (CT CIC)	

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23.	Review of referral to Vulnerability Partnership	V	All		Internal process – vulnerability assessment for report of ASB/Housing conditions/criminality Weekly meetings ongoing	
24.	Establish Wellbeing Partnership & Strategy	V	All		Initial meeting in Jan24. Next meeting to look at Joint Strategic Needs Analysis and ToR.	
25.	Continued Safe and Well Checks (Home Fire Risk Visits) – onward referrals to CS partners	V	SFRS		Successful visits 2316 for 2023 – linking to Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership and other partners Ongoing	

Priority Key:

ASB – Anti Social Behaviour

CC – Community Cohesion

DA – Domestic Abuse

D – Drugs related crime

SV – Serious Violence

V – Vulnerable people

VC – Vehicle crime

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IS&G Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan				
DATE	Item	Lead Officer	Lead Member	Notes
21 Mar 24	Dual Stream (recycling service) quarterly update	Joint Waste Service	PH for Operations and Finance	
21 Mar 24	CCTV Update	AD, Neighbourhoods		
21st Mar 24	Community Safety Partnership Plan Update 2024	AD, Partnerships	PH for Environmental Health & Community Partnerships	
Items being considered for review				
Date to be confirmed	Review of Bulky Waste Service		PH for Operations and Finance	Requested 21.11.23
July 24 Date to be confirmed	Review of Heritage Engagement Coordinator Post	AD, Growth & regenerations		Request 21.11.23 to be reviewed 6 months post appointment (July 24)
TBC	Decant Policy	AD Neighbourhoods	PH for Housing and Planning	Requested 13/09/23 Review to be scheduled post implementation – date to be agreed Review to be scheduled post implementation – date to be agreed
TBC	Town Hall Proposals	AD, Assets		Awaiting update
Await WG outcome	Council Housing Repairs Policy	AD, Asset	PH for Housing and Planning	Being considered by Working group at Corporate Scrutiny
Current recurring items				
Quarterly updates	Future High Street Fund	AD Growth & Regeneration Anna Miller	Leader of the Council	
Quarterly updates	Dual Stream (recycling service) updates	Joint Waste Service	PH for Operations and Finance	
TBC -	EV Charging Update	AD Growth & Regeneration Anna Miller	PH for Housing and Planning	Update 21.11.23 – to return in approximately 6 months
TBC	Nature Recovery Declaration	AD Growth & Regeneration Anna Miller	Leader of the Council	Endorse 21.11.23 Declaration states the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee monitor the Local Nature Recovery Action Plan.
TBC	Community Safety Plan	AD, Partnerships, Jo Sands	PH for Environmental Health & Community	21.11.23 requested twice yearly updates

			Partnerships	
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Item considered/Recommendations/Further Actions					
Ref	Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations/Action required	Cabinet Meeting Date	Response received from Cabinet/Follow up action
IS&G/1	10 Oct 23	Off Street Car Parking Tariff & Structure Review	1 x exempt recommendation	09/11/23	Recommendation approved
IS&G/2	17 Jan 24	Future High Street Fund (quarterly update)	3 x exempt recommendations	25/01/24	Written update to be provided
IS&G/3	17 Jan 24	Ending plastic Pollution	Resolved by the Committee to recommend that Cabinet: Look at the feasibility of a trial to strategically site some dual use bins around the town with ongoing communications to explain and encourage the correct use.	01/06/24	Recommendation approved

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Working Groups		
Topic	Possible WG Members	Target IS&G Com meeting date
Review of policy / engagement relating to migrant travelling community (To include securing Dosthill park petition)	Cllr C Dean Cllr R Claymore Cllr L Woods	
Facilities for HGV Drivers in Tamworth	Cllr B Price Cllr T Clements Co-opt S Daniels	

Upcoming Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee Meetings
Meeting dates : 21 March 2024

Items considered by the Committee 2023/2024

Date Considered	Item	Notes
12 Jul 23	Museum Accreditation	NFA - Recommendations endorsed no further action required
13 Sep 23	PSPO – Amington	NFA - Recommendations endorsed with amendment to review one if needed
13 Sep 23	Staffs sustainability Board update	NFA - Recommendations endorsed
13 Sep 23	Local Plan Issues & Optional Consultation	NFA - Recommendations endorsed
10 Oct 23	Dual Street recycling Updated	Recommendations endorsed with amendment
10 Oct 23	FHSF Update	NFA Recommendations endorsed
10 Oct 23	Off Street Car Parking Tariff & Structure Review	Cabinet recommendation endorsed and additional recommendation from Committee
21 Nov 23	EV Charging Update	Recommendations endorsed – to remain on the workplan for future updates
21 Nov 23	Nature Recovery Declaration	Recommendations endorsed – to remain on the workplan for monitoring
21 Nov 23	Community Safety Plan and Crime figures update/ Environmental Crime policy update	Recommendations endorsed – to remain on the workplan for future updates
17 Jan 24	Dual Stream (recycling service) quarterly update	NFA - Recommendations endorsed
19 Feb 24	Local Plan Progression options	NFA - Recommendations endorsed
19 Feb 24	Fire Safety Update	NFA - Recommendations endorsed
21 Mar 24	Future High Street Fund (quarterly update)	Item removed as being discussed at Full Council in Feb 2024

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