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Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020-2023

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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020 – 2023 **(2021 Refresh**) . This document is a three year rolling plan which outlines how we are going to collectively tackle community safety issues in the Tamworth borough, how we have achieved against the outcomes set in the previous years and what we will prioritise this year.

All the priorities require a robust multi-agency response, but because they are important for residents and communities, achieving them will have a positive impact on people's quality of life.

The Partnership continues to work together to reduce crime and ASB to improve public perception, wellbeing and community safety in Tamworth

This plan is the annual update 2021 recognising the significant impact on our communities of the COVID-19 pandemic .

2. BACKGROUND

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 changed the way crime and anti-social behaviour were to be tackled. It recognised that in order to be effective, agencies needed to work together to address the issues collectively. Each local area formed a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) which are now called Community Safety Partnerships.

A comprehensive Community Safety Strategic Assessment is undertaken in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent every three years and an annual update is undertaken in the remaining two years. Additionally this process is undertaken in each district / borough Authority.

As a result of the Covid pandemic, the data in the 2020 annual Community Safety Strategic Assessment refresh report is highly irregular, and that observations and analysis should be considered in the context of the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on 'normal' day-to-day life. Restrictions imposed as part of the government approach to controlling the Coronavirus pandemic have resulted in significant reductions in recorded crime and disorder from mid-March 2020 onwards

The full Strategic Assessment methodology includes the use of a risk scoring matrix called MoRiLE (a technique for Managing Risk in Law Enforcement that ranks crime and disorder issues based on threat risk and harm to individuals, communities and organisations) It differs in that it ranks priorities/themes based on threat risk and harm as opposed to relying mainly on volume of crime figures.

Data from a wide range of sources was analysed to show how the CSP compares with other areas for the priority crime types and how volumes and rates have changed over time and how they vary by ward. Information from research was used to describe any notable risk factors and victim and offender characteristics as well as approaches to partnership working.

The priorities are then ranked against a number of factors, including volume, trend over time, residents' perceptions and how much it was felt that the partnership can influence. This was then reviewed by our stakeholders and finally the top ranked priorities were analysed in depth, to help guide practitioners in formulating actions that they feel will have an impact on each priority

The Tamworth Community Safety Partnership is made up of Responsible Authorities (those bodies for whom membership of the CSP is a statutory obligation) and voluntary members.

Our statutory partners are:

- Tamworth Borough Council
- Staffordshire County Council
- Staffordshire Police
- Staffordshire Commissioners Office
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service (FARS)
- National Probation Service
- Staffordshire & West Midlands Community Rehabilitation Company
- South East Staffs and Seisdon Penisula Clinical Commissioning Group – Primary Care Network
- Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Support Staffordshire
- SCVYS

In addition to our statutory partners we also work with a large number of voluntary and private sector partners as well as community groups to collectively implement and deliver initiatives that will help keep the Tamworth borough a safe place to live, work and visit.

3. Achievements in 2020

3.1.Anti-Social Behaviour

- A programme of positive all year round diversionary activities with Sporting Communities funded in partnership through the Locality Deal Fund and Building Resilient Families and Communities (BRFC), Earned Autonomy Funding continued with limited face to face activity as restrictions permitted and move to online provision
- Renewal of Borough Wide Dog Control and Alcohol Restriction Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)
- Workshops delivered online to schools in conjunction with Fire And Rescue Service Safe and Sound programme around internet safety and bullying*
- Summer holiday positive diversionary activities (Covid restricted) delivered 14,000 hours of activities through the Staffordshire Commissioners Office Space summer activity diversionary
- The Noise App introduced for reporting of neighbour noise concerns

Lead Partners: Tamworth Borough Council/Staffordshire Police

**Face to face school sessions postponed at this time*

Direction of travel: Steady reduction in Reported ASB(-9%) to the Tamworth Policing Team over 12 months ending December 2020
Reports to the Council remain consistant with small rise in noise complaints (Covid related)

3.2.Burglaries (Car Key)

- Ongoing Police partnership work across forces with significant arrests and progress made

Direction of travel: Reduction in domestic related crime ALL of -1% to January 2021 (1,171 from 1,180)

3.3.County Lines

- The Sapling Project commissioned and developing (BRFC funded with additional support from LDF) to support young people 7-12 years at risk of exclusion
- The Vulnerable Adolescent Support Programme commissioned to work with young people at risk of criminal exploitation by Staffs CC
- Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) panels established with Staffs CC
- Police Actions to identify risk areas and young people through the Inspire to Change programme Ongoing actions as part of patrol strategies

Lead Partner: Staffordshire Police/Staffordshire County Council

Direction of travel: Significant work continues across all partners to reduce the risk of criminal exploitation in Tamworth through early intervention

3.4.Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment

- Ongoing development of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) meetings reducing risk of domestic homicide and protecting the most vulnerable
- Continued development of work with NEW ERA for Independent Domestic Violence Advisors and Early Intervention Services county wide (funded through the Staffordshire Commissioner and Staffordshire County Council)
- Promotion and support for domestic abuse campaigns with partners
- Work with Staffordshire County Council to secure funding arangements for safe accommodation in Tamworth and Lichfield to ensure compliance under the provisions of the forthcoming Domestic Abuse Act – Funding of £196,000 secured
- Ongoing Police work to ensure service of Domestic Violence Prevention Notices for perpetrators and ensure safeguarding of victims

Lead Partner: Staffordshire Police/Staffordshire County Council

Direction of travel: Small increase in Police Reported Domestic Abuse (+6%) over 12 months ending December 2020

Increase in referral to Support Services by 33%

3.5.Violence – Public Place

- Ongoing development of Tamworth Borough Council CCTV under shared agreement with West Midlands Combined Authority
- Police link established at Burton Police Station
- Successful partnership response to Black Lives Matter protests
- Ongoing work to identify drug activity and offenders with significant progress made

Lead Partner: Staffordshire Police

Direction of travel: As a result of the Covid pandemic Public Space Violence has declined in Tamworth (-48%) to February 2021 (344 incidents down from 656)

All Crime – reduction by 22% to February 2021

3.6.Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (inc Drugs)

- Ongoing development of Tamworth daily vulnerability and weekly vulnerability multi-agency partnership meetings to co-ordinate approach and problem solving for identified vulnerable people with 85 cases discussed since April 2020
- Development of the Tamworth Volunteer Partnership group to respond to the pandemic supported by all partners resulting in a £100,000 National lottery grant to provide Covid Support
- Befriending service established for vulnerable people in Tamworth in partnership with Community Together CIC
- Support for our most vulnerable tenants during the pandemic
- Ongoing work to ensure the all homeless people were housed during the pandemic and work with Heart of Tamworth and the Starfish project to extend support during the pandemic
- Retention on Dementia Friendly Community Status
- Delivery of £9000 worth of Councillor Community grants in Tamworth for a range of projects
- Ongoing support for the Tamworth Advice Centre generalist advice and debt service who moved support on-line
- Commisioning of Communities Against Crimes of Hate to support people affected by hate crime
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service Safe and Well Checks on vulnerable people continued (where Covid guidelines permitted

Lead Partners: Tamworth Borough Council/Staffordshire County Council/Staffordshire Fire and Rescue

Direction of travel: Emerging themes from the Covid pandemic indicate concerns around social isolation, financial strain and mental health

4. PRIORITIES 2020-23

UPDATE 2021

Our priorities (alphabetically listed below) have been identified from the following strategic sources which should be read in conjunction with this document:-

- Community Safegy Strategic Assessment 2020
- Staffordshire County Council Early Help Strategy
- Staffordshire Commissioner's Office Safer Fairer United Communities 2017-20
- Staffordshire County Council Community Safety Agreement

Each priority has equal importance to the Partnership and will be overseen by a strategic lead who will be responsible for developing the CSP's response for their priority area, developing delivery plans, working with other priority leads on cross-cutting areas of work and monitoring performance against outcomes.

To reduce levels of crime and improve community safety in Tamworth the partnership must target efforts in a holistic way to those who suffer most inequality and who demonstrate the highest levels of vulnerability or threat.

The Partnership continues to be funded through the Staffordshire Commisioner's Office (Police, Fire and Rescue, Crime) Locality Deal Fund. Commitment for 2021/22 is £64,143.75.

The Partnerships Co-ordination Group will be responsible for monitoring the emerging issues and the delivery of actions. The plan will also be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Further funding streams are available for statutory and volunteer organisations and the Partnership will actively encourage and support bids which meet priority outcomes.

The Partnership Co-ordination Group has the responsibility for developing and delivering the tactical aspects of the plan.

Outcomes against the plan will be reported to the Tamworth Strategic Partnership Board by the Assistant Director Partnerships and Tamworth Police Chief Inspector.

The Tamworth Borough Council Chief Executive Officer will act as Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and the Infrastruture Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee will oversee scrutiny of the plan.

Public Consultation*

Feeling the Difference is a long standing public opinion survey giving residents of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent an opportunity to give their views on their local area as a place to live, their safety and wellbeing, policing and other local services.

A high proportion of residents are satisfied with Tamworth as an area to live (93%) and the large majority are satisfied with their quality of life (92%).
Around half (46%) of residents appear to be satisfied with the level of police presence in the local area, while overall feelings of safety in Tamworth are high; local residents report that they feel very safe in Tamworth during the day (98%) and the very large majority also feel safe after dark (85%)

***Tamworth Borough Council has established a programme of Citizens engagement in February 2021**

Agreed priorities (listed alphabetically):-

Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2021
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) **Car Key Burglary and Vehicle Theft** **Community Cohesion and Tackling Extremism (NEW)** **County Lines** **Domestic Abuse and Stalking & Harassment** **Public Place and Serious Violence (including Knife Crime)** **Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (including Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health)**

Analysis of the data shows that priorities are often inter-related and all partners will continue to develop and share priority data sets that will help to inform Community Safety, Early Help and Placed Based Approach action plans.

The Community Safety Strategic Assessment also recommended the following areas for ongoing consideration within the priority areas:-

- Repeat and Persistant Offending
- Modern Slavery
- Fire and Risk of Fire
- Business Crime

There is a need for this plan to be a flexible and dynamic document. We will use real-time data to re-assess the proposed actions and complete the measures of success column, this will enable us to be focused on the most pressing issues and ensure we can set achievable targets that make the required impact. These will be set by partners forming specific working groups and producing tactical plans to agree the way forward.

4.1 Anti Social Behaviour [1]

- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification and support of vulnerable and repeat victims of ASB
- Promote, arrange and support positive diversionary activity for young people
- Take a partnership approach to the use of appropriate enforcement powers
- Support and develop partnership targeted seasonal education and awareness campaigns
- Engage fully in county wide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Tamworth
- Support initiatives to tackle school absence and ASB

[1] People, Nuisance, Environmental

4.2 Car Burglary and Vehicle Theft

- Support and develop partnership targeted education, awareness and crime reduction campaigns
- Work in partnership to identify perpetrators and disrupt activity

4.3 Community Cohesion and Tackling Extremism[2]

- Engage fully in development of county wide strategies and policies
- Promote awareness of hate crime
- Support voluntary and other community groups responding to Covid recovery
- Continue to respond to community issues promoting or condoning any extremist ideology[3]

4.4 County Lines

- Support and develop partnership targeted education, awareness and crime reduction campaigns
- Develop support in partnership for vulnerable young people through schools and colleges
- Develop links and projects County wide services to identify young people at risk of criminal exploitation

4.5 Domestic Abuse and Stalking & Harassment

- Support and develop partnership targeted education and awareness campaigns
- Support commissioned Domestic Abuse support services and identify additional funding opportunities (to include COVID-19 recovery) where appropriate
- Support and develop the local MARAC process to reduce risk for victims and families
- Engage fully in county wide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Tamworth (with due regard to Domestic Abuse bill 2020)

4.6 Public Place Violence (including Knife Crime)

- Promote and engage communities to report crime issues of concern via all appropriate channels
- Support and develop partnership targeted education, awareness and crime reduction campaigns
- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification and support of vulnerable and repeat victims of crime
- Engage fully in county wide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Tamworth
- Reduced placement of vulnerable people into sensitive locations through development of the Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership

4.7 Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (including Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health)

- Use a partnership approach to ensure vulnerable children, families and adults are identified at the earliest opportunity

[2] Priority moved up from Additional Challenge to become strategic priority

[3] Includes right wing and islamophobic ideology

- Support and engage with the the Staffordshire Building Resilient Families and Communities (BRFC/Troubled Families) Outcomes Planning Tamworth around priority areas for children and families
- Support and develop a partnership approach to countywide and national strategies around vulnerable people, mental health and contextual safeguarding
- Promote and develop links with relevant preventative and treatment providers
- Support and assist voluntary and other community groups to identify commissioning and funding opportunities to develop resilient communities (including Covid-19 recovery)

5. Links to other strategies

Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021-24

Police and Crime Plan

Staffordshire Managing Offenders 2018-21

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Plan

Staffordshire Families Strategic Partnership 2018-2028

6. Underlying Principles

The identified priorities will have a number of underlying principles to ensure that we embed our approach to delivery of the strategy.:

- 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.

It is also important to recognise the theme of serious and organised criminality that runs through all these priorities, as well as the work that has been and will continue to be done to develop the partnership response to this.

7. How we will deliver

In order to measure success, the CSP will develop operational plans and performance indicators for each priority and monitor on a regular basis. Priority leads will report on progress to the Tamworth Strategic Partnership and publicly through the Council's Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee.

The strategy is refreshed annually through reviewing information set out in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment which ensures that current issues are taken into account and used to direct the CSP's strategy and actions to ensure that it remains current and reactive to emerging threats.