

Thursday, 23 March 2023

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary sector, Town Centre, Evening economy & Community Safety / Assistant Director - Partnerships

Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2023-2026

Exempt Information

None

Purpose

To consider the draft 2023-26 Community Safety Partnership Plan and progress update on the 2020-23 work plans

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The Committee note the content of the report in terms of progress made on the Community Safety Plan 2020-23 (2022 Update)
2. The Committee consider the draft Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2023-26 providing any feedback that will assist the Partnership to deliver on its priorities.
3. The Committee support endorsement of the 2023-2026 plan by Cabinet on 27th April 2023 for publication and return to the Staffordshire Commissioners Office

Executive Summary

A full comprehensive Community Safety Strategic Assessment is commissioned by the Staffordshire Commissioners Office for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent every three years, with an annual interim update in the remaining two years. This process is also undertaken for each district / borough Authority.

The Infrastructure Safety and Growth Committee endorsed the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan 2020-2023 (2022 refresh) in March 2022. The final year of the current plan.

An update report against actions over the last year is provided on the priority areas identified for 2020-2023 at **Appendix 1**.

2023-2026 Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan

The full 2022 Tamworth Community Strategic Assessment has provided a review and analysis of current crime and community safety issues across the Borough to enable the production of the Tamworth Community Safety plan 2023-2026. It is attached as **Appendix 2**.

The updated three-year rolling plan (updated annually) outlines how partners are going to collectively tackle community safety issues in the Tamworth borough and outlines priorities moving forward. 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 draft 2023-2026 plan is attached as **Appendix 3**.

Tamworth Borough Council is the lead partner, but the plan is agreed by all partners and Partnership continues to work together to reduce crime and ASB to improve public perception, wellbeing and community safety in Tamworth.

2023-2026 Priorities

Using partnership data and the updated full Tamworth Strategic Partnership Assessment 2022, the following key partner priorities have been identified:

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB is defined as:

- conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person,
- conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person’s occupation of residential premises, or
- conduct capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person.

Domestic Abuse (Including stalking and harassment)

Domestic abuse is defined as:

Behaviour of a person (“A”) towards another person (“B”) is “domestic abuse” if:

A and B are each aged 16 or over and are “personally connected” to each other **AND** the behaviour is abusive.

Behaviour is “abusive” if it consists of any of the following—

- physical or sexual abuse
- violent or threatening behaviour
- controlling or coercive behaviour
- economic abuse ¹
- psychological, emotional or other abuse
- and it does not matter whether the behaviour consists of a single incident or a course of conduct.

¹ “Economic abuse” means any behaviour that has a substantial adverse effect on a victims ability to (a) acquire, use or maintain money or other property, or (b) obtain goods or services

Community Cohesion

Community cohesion describes the ability of all communities to function and grow in harmony together rather than conflict. It can therefore be used as a measure of how well different minority and majority communities develop and relate to each other.

This priority will include seeking to prevent radicalisation, extremism and hate crime.

Drugs Crime and Related Harm

To seek to prevent harm from the supply and sale of illegal substances, including the criminal exploitation of young people (County Lines) and other vulnerable people at risk

Serious and Public Place Violence

(to include Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG))

Vehicle Crime

The theft of and theft from vehicles

Vulnerable Persons

To seek to prevent harm to persons at risk of criminal exploitation or becoming victims due to mental health, social isolation, financial exclusion, homelessness or other external concerns and influences

Working together, the Partnership have produced a work plan (attached as **Appendix 4**) which will be reviewed on a quarterly basis with several underlying principles to ensure that we embed our approach to delivery of the plan:

- Prevention wherever possible
- Early intervention to prevent issues escalating, reducing harm to individuals and ensuring that they receive help and support as early as possible
- Targeting prolific offenders
- Targeting resources to hotspot areas
- Supporting victims
- Increasing public confidence

The workplan underpins the day-to-day activity and case management across all priorities including (but not restricted to):

- Weekly vulnerability meetings to address a multi-agency approach to complex cases.
- Weekly ASB meeting to manage and assess emerging issues, hotspots, enforcement, and reactive interventions.
- Daily update briefings of emerging issues
- Management of high risk domestic abuse cases through the MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) process on a weekly basis

- Oversight of related Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)
- Monitoring of and allocation of Locality Deal Fund (LDF)
- Officer attendance and contribution to Staffordshire Commissioners Office strategic and tactical meetings around community safety priority
- Attendance at the Staffordshire Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) panel
- Attendance and engagement with the Staffordshire PREVENT board, Domestic Abuse Commissioning and Development Board, Violence Reduction Alliance, Safer and Stronger Committee to ensure collaborative pan-Staffordshire approach to priorities
- Regular team and partnership meetings and forums
- Voluntary Sector engagement and signposting
- Engagement events and communications

The Community Safety Plan will be overseen by the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership board.

Scrutiny will remain with the Infrastructure, Safety and Growth committee on matters of community safety.

Options Considered

The Council has a statutory obligation in partnership with identified statutory partners to produce a Community Safety plan.

Resource Implications

Funding sources are primarily through the Locality Deal Fund.

In 2021, the Staffordshire Commissioners Office committed £61,394 per year for CSP projects in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 (the term of the Staffordshire Commissioner).

A further £10,000 was committed in 2022/23 for ASB Early Intervention. The spend and proposed spending plan is attached as **Appendix 5**. The spend is overseen by the Community Safety Partnership Group.

The CSP Plan will be delivered within existing Partnerships, Neighbourhoods and Environmental Health teams together with the statutory partners.

Legal/Risk Implications Background

All legal risks covered by legislation and agreed process.

Equalities Implications

All activities give due consideration to the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy – Making Equality Real in Tamworth (MERIT)

Environment and Sustainability Implications (including climate change)

The CSP plan will be reviewed on annual basis by annual refresh of the Community Safety Strategic assessment (refresh 2023/24).

The work plan will be reviewed on a quarterly basis or as necessary on a reactive basis.

Background Information

All information contained within the report.

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Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Report against 2020-23 Priorities (2022 refresh)
- Appendix 2 – Tamworth Community Strategic Assessment 2022
- Appendix 3 – Draft Community Safety Plan 2023-2026
- Appendix 4 – Draft workplan April – June 2023
- Appendix 5 – Locality Deal Fund Plan

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