

Tamworth Community Safety Operations Group Terms of Reference June 2024

Purpose

The Community Safety Operations Group is a Task Group of Tamworth Strategic Partnership.

The Terms of Reference and membership of the task group are agreed by the Tamworth Strategic Partnership at the first meeting of each new municipal year.

The Community Safety Operations Group will assist and advise the TSP in relation to community safety issues across the borough and undertake the statutory role of the community safety partnership as the Responsible Authorities Group, required by legislation (see appendix 1).

Aims:

- Work with partners to maintain the borough as a safe place.
- To improve the quality of life of local people by providing a safe place to live and work.
- To adopt a multi-agency partnership approach to delivery and lead agency for each initiative.

Functions:

1. To assess local community safety issues, prepare an outcome focused community safety partnership plan setting out the priorities outlined in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and planned responses to address these issues
2. Recommend a rolling three year Community Safety plan for approval to the TSP and the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee, with annual refresh
3. To monitor actions taken to implement the Community Safety Partnership Plan via a quarterly report and provide updates, as appropriate, to the TSP
4. To act as an advisory body for community safety issues on behalf of the TSP
5. To monitor spend against the Staffordshire Commissioners' Locality Deal Fund and other delegated community safety funding
6. To oversee a range of community safety event and education campaigns
7. To provide, as appropriate, updates to the countywide Safer Stronger Committee and Staffordshire Commissioners Strategic Forum and other strategic meetings and consider recommendations arising from those meetings.

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Membership:

The Task Group will comprise the following representation:

1. Portfolio Holder Tamworth Borough Council (?SCC Councillor)
2. Staffordshire Police
3. National Probation Service
4. Staffordshire ICB
5. Tamworth Fire and Rescue Borough Commander
6. Assistant Director Partnerships, Tamworth Borough Council
7. Tamworth Borough Council Safer Communities and Homes Manager
8. Tamworth Borough Council ASB Manager
9. Tamworth Borough Council Environmental Health
10. WMCA CCTV representatives
11. Representatives of commissioned community safety services/organisations
eg New Era, Harmony, USAH
12. Staffordshire County Council Youth Offending Team
13. Delegated voluntary sector organisation (as necessary)

Other representatives may be invited to attend the Partnership on an adhoc basis at the discretion of the Chair.

Chairman:

The Chairman of the Community Safety Operations Group will be nominated by the members of the Group and be designated as Chair of the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership (see Appendix 1) for purposes of legislation.

Operation:

The Task Group shall exist to advise the TSP. It has no formal decision making powers.

The Task Group will:

- Develop a work programme and receive verbal/brief written updates as appropriate
- Record actions and report back to the TSP
- Draft reports prepared for the TSP will be considered by the Community Safety Task Group in advance when available
- The Task Group can, should it so wish, respond to an officer report and submit its own report to the TSP
- The Task Group will meet up to 3 times a year and meetings will be held during the day.
- The Task Group will remain aware of the work streams of the Wellbeing Partnership to ensure appropriate linkages and manage overlap.

Responsibilities of Attendees:

Ensure all papers are read in advance.

Provide a consistent representative from each organisation.

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Appendix 1 – Community Safety Partnerships

Safer Communities Partnerships are an important feature of the network of partnerships that help to tackle crime and disorder.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 created a flexible framework for partnership working. This includes two inter-related duties to co-operate which set out a clear aim for partnership working across partners involved in community safety and criminal justice.

The community safety duty specifies that a Police Crime Commissioner and the responsible authorities on a SCP must co-operate and take account of one another's priorities. There are five 'responsible authorities' that must work together by law to reduce crime in the local authority area and these are:

- Local Authority
- Police
- Fire and Rescue
- Probation
- Integrated Care Boards (ICB)

These responsible authorities are under a statutory obligation to work together to:

- Reduce reoffending
- Tackle crime and disorder;
- Tackle anti-social behaviour;
- Tackle alcohol and substance misuse;
- Tackle any other behaviour which has a negative effect on the local environment.

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