

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

REPORT OF CHIEF INSPECTOR JAMES DUNN, WEST MERCIA POLICE

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

1.1. To present the Safer Telford and Wrekin Strategy 2021-24.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. For the Board to note the Strategy and its for priorities for 2021-24 and the contribution they will make to the Health & Wellbeing Board's strategy priorities and the wider determinants of health.

3. IMPACT OF ACTION

3.1. The strategy will drive key outcomes that will impact on the wider determinants of health. Contribute to the Health & Wellbeing board priorities, in particular, to improve wellbeing and mental health.

4. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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| COMMUNITY IMPACT | Do these proposals contribute to specific Co-Operative Council priority objective(s)? | |
| | Yes | All priorities. |
| | Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people? | |
| | Yes | All communities |
| TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE | N/A | |
| FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT | Yes | As noted within Appendix 1 there are a number of investments that have been made by the Council to support the priorities outlined within the Safer Telford & Wrekin |

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| | | Strategy. These investments are included within the Councils medium term Service & Financial Planning strategy. TAS 21.09.2021 |
| LEGAL ISSUES | No | There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The legal framework for CSPs is set out below. The strategy forms part of the Council's policy framework as set out in Schedule 3 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000. (RP – 20/09/21) |
| OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES | Yes | Opportunities to make a positive difference to all communities and to protect vulnerable groups. |
| IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS | No | Borough-wide impact |

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5. INFORMATION

5.1. The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation, requires partners that are identified as 'responsible authorities' to work together as a Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The CSP has a statutory responsibility to agree a strategy to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, prevent the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and prevent re-offending. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership acts as the borough's CSP.

5.2. Membership of the Partnership is:

- West Mercia Police
- Telford & Wrekin Council
- Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group
- Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service
- National Probation Service*
- West Mercia Youth Justice Service
- West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

5.3. With its statutory focus, the Partnership has a core role in addressing wider determinants of health – a diverse range of social, economic and environmental factors which impact on people's health.

5.4. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership Strategy (see Appendix One) sets out the specific focus of the partnership for the next three years through three priorities. The priorities have been identified through the development of a core evidence base that has explored police and partner data and intelligence and to consider key local policy drivers. The priorities are:

- **Building Safer Stronger Communities** – locality working in high harm neighbourhoods. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership has used data and intelligence to identify the three localities with the highest vulnerability to crime and anti-social behaviour. This took into account the volume of crimes and the severity of the impact of the crime on the victim and the community. The 3 high vulnerability areas are:
 - Sutton Hill, Brookside and Woodside
 - Dawley and Malinslee
 - Arlestone

The Building Safer Stronger Communities Board is responsible for delivering the Partnership's objectives in these areas.

- **Child Exploitation** – whilst the incidence of exploitation in the borough is low the impact on victims and the potential for harm is severe. It remains an under reported crime and due to its nature, an individual may be a victim on more than one occasion.
- **Domestic Abuse** has a very real impact on the lives of the direct victim and wider family members – it is recognised as once a number of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) that can limit the chances for children

5.5. For each priority, the Strategy identifies key objectives to drive action and improved outcomes.

5.6. Child exploitation and domestic abuse are priorities that are shared with the Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding recognising that there are multiple dimensions to the actions to improve outcomes including disrupting and preventing activity, addressing offending, and, most importantly, protecting and supporting victims and survivors. Through this cross partnership approach, the priorities are aligned with other key strategies that drive and shape partnership working.

5.7. In addition to these specific priorities, the Partnership will continue to monitor crime patterns and trends to identify issues that require a partnership response. The data has shown that crime patterns have been affected by the Covid-19

pandemic and it will be particularly important to ensure that as restrictions are lifted, any emerging issues are identified and a co-ordinated response is agreed.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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