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**To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Subject: Update on work of Community Safety Partnership via Coventry Police & Crime Board**

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## **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To provide an annual overview of performance in relation to crime and nuisance levels in Coventry, between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Appendix 1 refers.
- 1.2 To update members on the findings of this year's strategic assessment; which has determined the priorities and work of the Community Safety Partnership for 2014-15; overseen by the Coventry Police & Crime Board. Appendix 2 refers.
- 1.3 To seek comments on the draft Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2014-15. Appendix 3 refers.

## **2 Recommendations**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the findings of the latest Strategic Assessment and endorse the subsequent priorities for inclusion in the Coventry Police, Crime and Community Safety plan 2014-15.
- 2.2 Make any further recommendations about how Officers from the Council and partner organisations can work together better on common effects of substance misuse, poor mental health and lifestyle including unemployment, poor attendance and achievement in schools, safeguarding children and adults.

## **3 Information/Background**

- 3.1 Responding to Community Safety issues is a statutory requirement of a number of agencies including the Local Authority. These agencies have responsible authority status with which they must do everything they reasonably can to prevent and detect crime and disorder and prevent re-offending. There is a collective requirement for them to do this by working together in partnership. In Coventry this is achieved through a Community Safety Partnership made up of members of each of the Responsible Authorities and Community Representatives that have formed a Coventry Police & Crime Board to provide governance to this work.

- 3.2 Each year the Partnership is required to carry out a joint partnership strategic assessment of threat and risk to the City in terms of Crime, nuisance and disorder. This analytical assessment provides the evidence of the City's priority crimes and any trends and patterns with which to plan collective action to address such.
- 3.3 The assessment should have a significant focus on the causes and drivers of the various crime and nuisance categories that affect our City. This focus then enables the Community Safety Partnership to link in with a other partnerships in the City to achieve greater reductions in other areas of work that are affected by the same causes, i.e. high unemployment, dependency on benefits, low education attainment, poor health and well-being.
- 3.4 The latest strategic assessment has identified issues that have been identified in previous assessments and therefore provides the evidence and reinforces the need to prioritise such, including Domestic and Sexual Violence and abuse, Anti-social behaviour including public place environmental crime and nuisance, Hate Crime and Burglary. However this year there is an additional focus on sexual exploitation and vulnerability that is increasing the risk of people becoming victims of those crimes. Therefore as a partnership our overarching aim will be to minimise risk of harm and protect vulnerable people which is detailed in the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2014-15. Appendix 3 refers.
- 3.5 Additionally the Partnership has consulted with members of the public through various mechanisms including; Police & Crime Commissioner survey, Police "feeling the difference survey, ward forums and safer neighbourhood groups. These consultations identified public place nuisance and environmental issues including fly tipping, graffiti and vandalism as priorities for communities. These issues have also been included in the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan.

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