



To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 19th April 2023

Subject: Coventry Community Safety Plan

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 Members requested details of the Coventry Community Safety Plan, which was approved by the Coventry Police and Crime Board and explains how the partnership will address the priorities highlighted in the annual strategic assessment.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee
- 1) Note the content and actions in the Community Safety Plan designed to address community safety issues in the city, and
 - 2) Make recommendations as appropriate to the Cabinet Member (Policing and Equalities), who is the Coventry Police and Crime Board (the PCB) chairperson.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are the statutory body that bring together local partners to solve shared issues around: Crime and Disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug and Alcohol misuse, and Reoffending. The CSP in Coventry meets as the Police and Crime Board (PCB).
- 3.2 Each year, CSPs are required to undertake strategic assessments to help to inform their priorities. The root causes of crime and disorder are complex and multi-faceted, but local partners are well placed to respond and continue to work hard to understand how to make real and lasting impacts.
- 3.3 The strategic assessment is created, on behalf of the CSP, by West Midland Police analysts. The document consists and is informed by, both local data, contributions from the local CSP members and from a public survey, where members of the public are asked for their views on community safety in the city.
- 3.4 Whilst the strategic assessment is looking back at data and events in the previous year, it is also a predictive tool and is used to anticipate future issues in the city. This information is used by the PCB to set priorities and actions for the partnership as we seek to improve community safety in the city, in its widest sense.

4 Police and Crime Board Priorities

- 4.1 The responsibility for delivering these strategic priorities (see Appendix 1) ultimately lies with the PCB, although these are allocated and managed by the sub-groups, which support the Board. The chairperson for each sub-group is a PCB member and is answerable to the Board for the priorities that fall in their specific areas. Some of the priorities are 'cross-cutting' and collective ownership is taken for these issues.
- 4.2 The sub-groups that support the PCB and are responsible for managing, delivering and monitoring the actions are summarised below:

- City Tasking: This group covers public place-based issues, safety and reassurance
 - Harm and Abuse Reduction Partnership: This group responds to and seeks to reduce a range of vulnerabilities/issues which range from domestic abuse, sexual violence, hate crime, modern day slavery etc.
 - Reducing Re-Offending Group: Reducing reoffending and the resulting harm, integrated offender management and tackling serious and organised crime.
 - Prevent: respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it; prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.
- 4.3 The PCB meet on a quarterly basis and the document that details performance against the qualitative and quantitative is circulated to PCB members. Specific reporting is limited to 'exceptions' i.e. under, or over performance, although PCB members are able to ask specific questions relating to any part of the Coventry Community Safety Plan.
- 4.4 There is further scrutiny of the plan by the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, who has a representative on the Coventry PCB.

Appendix 1: PCB Priorities 2023

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