



To: Scrutiny Coordination Committee

Date: 18th December 2024

Subject: Results of Crime survey and partner consultation for the development Community Safety Partnership Plan.

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide an update on the consultation process to develop the Community Safety Partnership Plan and to enable Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee to contribute to the consultation and shape the final plan.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are recommended to:

- 1) Consider the consultation questions provided at Appendix 3;
- 2) Identify responses to the consultation.
- 3) Note that all Members will be provided with an opportunity to respond and contribute to the consultation process, and
- 4) Note that Cabinet will consider the draft report at their meeting on the 18th March 2025.

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council along with the Police have a joint responsibility for preventing and reducing crime and disorder within their area. They are “Responsible Authorities” and have a duty to cooperate through “Community Safety Partnership” (CSP).
- 3.2 CSPs are required to develop an overarching Community Safety Partnership Plan under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The plan provides an overview of the work and priority areas that fall under the responsibility of the CSP. The plan is intended to focus upon those issues of most concern to residents, that cause the most harm to communities and require a coordinated approach to deliver lasting change.
- 3.3 The plan will be informed by:
- the views of stakeholders, including those who have been affected by crime and/or accessing services;

- analysis of the problem, drawing on data and information from a breadth of partners;
- evidence of “what works” in tackling crime and disorder; and
- the views of professionals and stakeholders working locally.

- 3.4 A list of stakeholders invited to participate can be found at Appendix 2.
- 3.5 On the 9th July 2024, Cabinet considered the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the need to create a Community Safety Partnership Plan. Cabinet authorised a 12-week public consultation beginning on the 10th July 2024 to the 2nd October 2024.
- 3.6 Workshops have also been held by sub-groups of the Police Crime Board to obtain the views of partners and other stakeholders.
- 3.7 Coventry Community Safety Partnership collaborates with the West Midlands Police Crime Commissioner. The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is finalising the Police Crime Commissioner’s Plan for the region and the priorities of that plan will be considered in the consultation. A summary of the OPCC priorities can be found in Appendix 1.

4 Initial findings of the Public Consultation

- 4.1 A total of 696 responses were received from the Council’s consultation (Crime Survey). One of the main emerging themes is that residents generally felt safer during the daytime than at night in Coventry.
- 4.2 Other emerging key issues are concerns with Environmental ASB (fly tipping), Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Vehicle Crime and Drug offences.

5 Partnership Consultation

- 5.1 Workshops were undertaken with stakeholders and various partners (Appendix 2) who reviewed the findings of the Strategic Assessment and gave their professional perspective on what considerations should be in the Community Safety Partnership Plan.
- 5.2 These workshops were organised in the theme of Place, Victim and Offender.
- 5.3 Some of the key themes emerging from these workshops included lack of resources being a challenge and the need to support vulnerable people and protect them from exploitation. The partners felt improvements could be made by improving multi-agency networks, engaging with communities and making it easier to report crime. They also felt that there was a need to provide more information on success stories.

6 Key Themes

- 6.1 Good practice guidance recommends that Community Safety Partnerships consider various aspects of crime. The primary elements of a crime include the victim, offender, and location. Analysing crime from this perspective assists partners in pooling resources to set priorities and allocate resources effectively to reduce crime and disorder in their area. The plan therefore addresses three key themes:
- The reduction of Offending, Re-Offending and Serious Organised Crime:

- Public Place Safety and Reassurance; and
- Tackling Exploitation and Protecting Victims of Crime.

6.2 Under these themes we will develop a range of priorities, based on the feedback from the consultation.

7 Next Steps

7.1 Feedback from the Scrutiny Coordination Committee and the consultation exercise will be used to develop the plan. A survey has also been developed for members to complete so that the results can be integrated into the plan. The full set of results and recommendations for the plan will be submitted to Cabinet on the 18th March 2025.

8 Health Inequalities Impact

8.1 A draft Health Inequalities Impact was created as part of the consultation process. This will be updated and will be included in the final report presented to Cabinet on the 18th of March 2025.

Appendix 1: OPCC priorities

Appendix 2: Stakeholders

Appendix 3: Survey for Members

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