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25th March 2025

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member of Policing and Equalities – Councillor A S Khan

Director approving submission of the report:

Director of Law and Governance.

Ward(s) affected:

All

Title: Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan 2025-2028

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive summary:

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are the statutory body that bring together local partners to solve shared issues around Crime and Disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Drug and Alcohol misuse, and Reoffending.

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 Coventry Community Safety Partnership (CCSP).

The plan is intended to focus on those issues of most concern to residents, that cause the most harm to communities and require a coordinated approach to deliver lasting change.

The Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan has been informed by:

- the views of residents, 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.

To help inform the Plan a 12-week public consultation was undertaken between the 10th July 2024 and the 2nd October 2024. Workshops were held by the sub-groups of the CCSP to obtain the views of professionals and stakeholders. This report was also considered by

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the 18th December 2024. Following this, a survey was issued to Elected Members to enable them to input to the Plan. Consideration has also been given to the West Midlands Police Crime Commissioner's Priorities outlined in his 2025-2028 Plan.

The Plan is being presented to Cabinet and Council. If approval is given, the Plan will commence from the 1st April 2025.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (1) Consider the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and recommend that Council approve the proposed Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan.
- (2) Request quarterly monitoring of the Plan by the Coventry Community Safety Partnership.
- (3) Request a yearly report to update on the progress of the Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Council is recommended to:

- (1) Consider the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1999 and approve the proposed Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan.

List of Appendices included:

The following appendices are attached to the report:

Appendix 1 - West Midlands Police Commissioners Priorities
Appendix 2 - Engagement and Consultation Plan
Appendix 3 - Results of the Public Consultation
Appendix 4 - Results of Partners Workshops
Appendix 5 - Results of the Member Consultation
Appendix 6 – Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan
Appendix 7 - Plan on a Page
Appendix 8 - Equality Impact Assessment

Background papers:

9th July 2024 – Cabinet Meeting – Proposed Consultation for the Community Safety Partnership Plan.

18th December 2024 – Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee – Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Other useful documents

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

Yes – 18 December, 2024

Has it or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes- 25 March, 2025

Report title: Community Safety Partnership Plan 2025-2028

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1. Under Section 5 of 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 the “Community Safety Partnership”. In Coventry, this duty is actioned through the Coventry Community Safety Partnership (CCSP)
- 1.2. CCSP is 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 CCSP. 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.
- 1.3. The Plan will be informed by :
 - the views of residents, including those who have been affected by crime and/or accessing services;
 - information from the Strategic Assessment which analyses crime and safety issues in the community;
 - evidence of “what works” in tackling crime and disorder; and
 - the views of professionals and stakeholders working locally.
- 1.4. 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. They also authorised a 12-week public consultation beginning on 10th July 2024 to 2nd October 2024.
- 1.5. In addition to the public consultation workshops were held by the sub-groups of the CCSP to obtain the views of the professionals and stakeholders.
- 1.6. CCSP collaborates with the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner. The Commissioner is finalising the Police Crime Commissioner Plan. These priorities have been considered in the consultation and a summary of these priorities can be found in Appendix 1 of the report.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1. There are two options to consider:
 - a) Take no action.
 - b) Endorse the Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan 2025-2028.
- 2.2. The preferred option is b) and the main reasons for supporting this are as follows:

- The Plan will ensure legal compliance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- The Plan will give an accountable and coordinated response to enable the City Council and its partners to reduce crime and disorder within the city.
- The Coventry Community Safety Partnership will monitor the Plan on a quarterly basis, ensuring that partners are held accountable for reducing crime and disorder in Coventry.

3. Results of Public Consultation

- 3.1. A 12-week public consultation was conducted from 10th July 2024 to 2nd October 2024. The survey was distributed to residential groups, community partners faith forums and promoted through family hubs and community events. Appendix 2 of the report provides a summary of the engagement Plan.
- 3.2. A total of 696 responses were received from the public consultation. The results of the survey are presented in Appendix 3 of the report. The results of the survey have been used to form the Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan.

4. Partnership Consultation

- 4.1. Workshops were undertaken with stakeholders and partners. As part of the workshops partners reviewed the findings of the Strategic Assessment and gave their professional perspective on what considerations should be made in the Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan.
- 4.2. The workshops focused on Place, Victim and Offender themes. Appendix 4 of the report summarises the results, which have been considered in creating the Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan.

5. Member Consultation

- 5.1. A progress report was submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on the 18th of December 2024. The Committee noted the report and supported the recommendations. Following this meeting, a survey was sent to all Elected Members to provide them with an opportunity to contribute to the plan. The results of the survey are presented in Appendix 5. These results have been considered when creating the Community Safety Partnership Plan.

6. The Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan

- 6.1. The Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan has been provided in Appendix 6 and has been summarised in a “plan on the page” format which is available in Appendix 7. The Plan takes on three key themes:
 - The reduction of offending, preventing re-offending and serious violence.

- Public place safety and reassurance.
- Tackling exploitation and protecting victims of crime.

The priorities are grounded in a problem-oriented policing model, focusing on victim, location and offender. Each priority is closely connected, with all three influencing and supporting one another to ensure a comprehensive and effective approach to community safety.

7. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 7.1. The Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan forms part of the Policy Framework and therefore needs Council Approval. If approved by Cabinet the Plan will be reviewed by Council on the 25th March 2025.
- 7.2. If approved by Cabinet and Council, the Plan will be instigated on the 1st April 2025.

8. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance.

8.1. Financial Implications

- 8.2. To support its duty to reduce crime and disorder, the CCSP receives funding on an annual basis from the Home Office. The CCSP has received £153K for 2025/26. This fund will align with the priorities of the Community Safety Plan.

8.3. Legal Implications

Under Section 5 of 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 a Community Safety Partnership.

Community Safety Partnerships also have a legal duty to formulate a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area. This strategy is known as the Partnership Plan. Before formulating a strategy the Responsible Authorities are required to carry out a review of levels and partners of crime and disorder. This review is known as the Strategic Assessment.

9. Other implications

9.1. How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

The One Coventry Plan 2022 - 2030 takes forward the main themes agreed by the Council in recent years. It reaffirms the Council’s ambition of “Working together to improve our city and the lives of those who live, work and study here”.

This ambition is driven through three corporate priorities which directly address the needs of the city:

- Improving outcomes and tackling inequalities within our communities

- Improving the economic prosperity of the city and regions
- Tackling the causes and consequences of climate change

The primary driver for all the work carried out by the CCSP is to coordinate city and partner resources to prevent and reduce crime and ASB.

The CCSP work together to:

- Prevent offending
- Managing and changing the behaviour of offenders
- Reduce crime, the fear of crime and ASB
- Reduce the harm of illegal drugs and alcohol and support safer socialising
- Minimising the risk of harm to vulnerable people
- Supporting victims
- Protecting communities
- Protecting locations from crime and making public spaces safer.

The Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan will support the following priorities of the Regulatory Services Operational Plan.

Priority 8 - Prevent and reduce crime, disorder, ASB and environmental issues that affect the quality of life in the city.

Priority 9 - Tackling violence and abuse in all forms, including sexual assault and abuse, serious violence and domestic abuse.

How is risk being managed?

In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council is obligated to collaborate with partners to decrease crime and ASB within their jurisdiction. This plan will also ensure a coordinated approach to addressing crime and ASB, with oversight provided by the Coventry Community Safety Partnership.

9.2. What is the impact on the organisation?

The approval of the Plan will have a limited impact on the organisation. There is no human resource, financial or ICT implication as the Plan will be carried out using current resources.

9.3. Equalities / EIA?

The report makes links to the Council's Equalities and Diversity Policies. The data from the Strategic Assessment will be used to inform the Equality Impact. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and is attached at Appendix 8 of the report.

9.4. Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

The CCSP tackle place-based issues. The consultation will obtain the views on place-based ASB and the Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan will support improving this objective.

9.5. Implications for partner organisations?

CSP comprises a diverse group of partners, including West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Service, Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board, local registered social landlords and Coventry Probation Services. The Community Safety Partnership Plan will require them to work collaboratively with Coventry City Council to help reduce crime and disorder in the city.

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