

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board

Date: 28th July 2014

Subject: Refreshed West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan and draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014-2015

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. As the city's Community Safety Partnership, Safer Leeds has a statutory requirement to prepare and implement a local Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy. Following the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners in November 2012, such local Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategies are expected to have regard to the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan for the wider police area.
2. In March 2013, the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner published the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018. In May 2013, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board considered the draft Safer Leeds Strategy for 2013/14 in light of the wider Police and Crime Plan and also welcomed the attendance of the Police and Crime Commissioner in this regard.
3. A refresh of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018 has now been published and the Safer Leeds Strategy has also been updated, setting out local priorities for the year ahead. The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014/15 prior to it being approved by the Safer Leeds Executive.
4. Representatives of the Safer Leeds Executive and the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner have been invited to today's meeting to discuss existing and new community safety priorities and how we can work collectively in delivering these.

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to note the refreshed West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan and to consider and provide any comment on the draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014/15.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 A refresh of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018 has now been published and is attached as appendix 1 for Members' information.
- 1.2 The Safer Leeds Strategy has also been updated, setting out local priorities for the year ahead. The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014/15 prior to it being approved by the Safer Leeds Executive. This is attached as appendix 2 to this report.
- 1.3 Representatives of the Safer Leeds Executive and the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Burns-Williamson, have been invited to today's meeting to discuss existing and new community safety priorities set out within the attached documents and how we can work collectively in delivering these.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 replaced Police Authorities with Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), and introduced Police and Crime Panels (PCPs) to scrutinise the decisions and actions of the PCCs and assist them in carrying out their functions.
- 2.2 On 15th November 2012, Mark Burns-Williamson was elected as the first West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and will hold office to May 2016.
- 2.3 One of the key responsibilities of a PCC is to produce a five year Police and Crime Plan in liaison with their Chief Constable, based upon identified local priorities. There is also a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to prepare and implement a local Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy. In doing so, these local strategies are expected to have regard to the objectives set out in the Commissioners' Police and Crime Plan.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 In March 2013, the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner published the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018. In May 2013, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board considered the Safer Leeds Strategy for 2013/14 in light of the wider Police and Crime Plan and also welcomed the attendance of the Police and Crime Commissioner in this regard.
- 3.2 A refresh of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018 has now been published and the Safer Leeds Strategy has also been updated, setting out local priorities for the year ahead.
- 3.3 The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014/15 prior to it being approved by the Safer Leeds Executive. The Scrutiny Board's comments on the draft Strategy will be reported to the Safer Leeds Executive during its meeting on 30th July 2014.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Representatives of the Safer Leeds Executive and the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Burns-Williamson, have been invited to today's meeting to discuss existing and new community safety priorities set out within the attached documents and how we can work collectively in delivering these.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 The draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014-2015 reflects the Safer Leeds Partnership's commitment to serve all members of its communities effectively and acknowledges that all of its actions and plans should give due regard to implications for different groups and sections of the community.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014-2015 sets out the city's approach to reduce crime and disorder and deliver the city's ambition to be "the best city in the UK with the best community safety partnership and services." Linked to this, particular consideration is also given to the relevant priorities set out in the City Priority Plans.

4.3.2 The Safer Leeds Executive also has a statutory requirement to produce an annual Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) to assess the scale and nature of crime and disorder in the city and to identify medium to long term issues affecting community safety. Such intelligence has therefore been used to inform the delivery plans that underpin the overarching Safer Leeds Strategy.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 Funding and resource issues linked to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and the Safer Leeds Strategy are set out within the respective documents.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 This section is not relevant to this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1. A refresh of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018 has now been published and the Safer Leeds Strategy has also been updated, setting out local priorities for the year ahead. The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014/15 prior to it being approved by the Safer Leeds Executive. The Scrutiny Board's comments on the draft Strategy will be reported to the Safer Leeds Executive during its meeting on 30th July 2014.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the refreshed West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan and to consider and provide any comment on the draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2014/15.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.