

Report of the Director of Environment and Housing

Report to the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board

Date: 21 July 2015

Subject: Refreshed Safer Leeds Strategy 2015-2016

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
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Summary of main issues

- 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.
- The West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) published the 1st West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018 in March 2013. A refresh of the Plan took place in 2014/5, and an updated version was published on 7th May 2014. A copy of the refreshed Plan can be found at:

http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/media/55491/pcc_final_2014_new_070514.pdf
- Safer Leeds undertakes an annual refresh of their strategy based on the findings of the city's annual Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA). A workshop to discuss and prioritise the findings of the JSA took place at the January meeting of Safer Leeds Executive, where the following shared themes were agreed:
 - Promoting community tolerance and respect
 - Keeping people safe from harm
 - Protecting property and the right of citizens
- The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2015/16 prior to it being finalised by the Safer Leeds Executive on 30th July 2015.

5. Representatives of the Safer Leeds Executive 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 of the Environments and Housing Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and provide comment on the newly refreshed draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2015/16.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide members of the newly established Environments and Housing Scrutiny Board with an overview of the recently refreshed Safer Leeds Strategy 2015/16.
- 1.2 Invite comments from Board members on the three shared themes contained in the strategy prior to it being finalised by the Safer Leeds Executive. These are:
 - Promoting community tolerance and respect
 - Keeping people safe from harm
 - Protecting property and the right of citizens

A copy of the refreshed strategy is attached at appendix 1.

- 1.3 Representatives of the Safer Leeds Executive 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. Mark Burns-Williamson was elected as the first West Yorkshire PCC in November 2012 and will hold office to May 2016.
- 2.2 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 1st West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018, a refreshed version of the plan was published in May 2014.
- 3.2 In May 2013, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board considered the Safer Leeds Strategy for 2013/14. This strategy has now been refreshed and consideration and comment on the updated strategy is sought from the newly established Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board. The Scrutiny Board's

comments on the draft Strategy will be reported to the Safer Leeds Executive during its meeting on 30th July 2015.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Representatives of the Safer Leeds Executive 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 2015/16 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 the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 The draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2015/16 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 best council objectives.

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 was published in May 2014. The Safer Leeds Strategy has recently been updated, setting out local priorities under three shared themes for the year ahead.

5.2 The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2015/16 and provide comments. Any comments will be reported to the Safer Leeds Executive when it considered the final version of the strategy at its meeting on 30th July 2015.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members of the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and provide comment on the newly refreshed draft Safer Leeds Strategy 2015/16.

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.