

Report of the Director of Environment and Housing**Report to the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board****Date: 7TH July 2016****Subject: Safer Leeds Plan**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	INo
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number	

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. 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
3. 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 April meeting of Safer Leeds Executive, where the following shared themes were agreed:
 - Promoting community tolerance and respect
 - Keeping people safe from harm
 - Protecting homes and businesses

4. The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the draft Safer Leeds Plan 2016/17 prior to it being ratified by the Safer Leeds Executive on the 28th July 2016.
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

6. Members of the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and approve the newly refreshed Safer Leeds Plan 2016/17.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide members of the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board with an overview of the recently refreshed Safer Leeds Plan 2016/17.
- 1.2 Board members are asked to consider the Safer Leeds Plan 2016/17, comment on the shared themes and priorities contained in the plan prior to it being finalised by the Safer Leeds Executive. A copy of the refreshed plan is attached.
- 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 re-elected as West Yorkshire PCC in May 2016 and will hold office to 2020.
- 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.
- 2.3 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 The Safer Leeds Plan has been reviewed and consideration and comment on the updated plan is sought from the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board. The Scrutiny Board's comments on the plan will be reported to the Safer Leeds Executive during its meeting on 28th July 2016.

4. Corporate Considerations

5. Consultation and Engagement

- 5.1 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.

6. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 6.1 The Safer Leeds Plan 2016/17 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.

7. Council Policies and the Best Council Plan

- 7.1 The Safer Leeds Plan 2016/17 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.
- 7.2 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 approach.

8. Resources and Value for Money

- 8.1 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.

9. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call- In

- 9.1 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information.

10. Risk Management

- 10.1 This section is not relevant to this report.

11. Conclusions

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the Safer Leeds Plan 2016/17 and provide comments. Any comments will be reported to the Safer Leeds Executive where it will be ratified at its meeting on 28th July 2016.

12. Recommendations

- 12.1 Members of the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and provide comment on the newly refreshed draft Safer Leeds Plan 2016/17.

13. Background documents¹

13.1 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.