

**Report of the Director of Resources and Housing**

**Report to the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Subject: Safer Leeds Plan**

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected?<br>If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):                                              | ↓No |
| 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?<br>If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number | 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. The West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has published a refreshed Police and Crime Plan 2016 - 2021 and this can be found at: <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/the-police-crime-plan.aspx>
3. Safer Leeds undertakes an annual refresh of their plan 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 March 2017 meeting of Safer Leeds Executive, where the following shared themes and priorities were agreed:

## **Shared Strands**

- Promoting community respect (localities)
- Keeping people safe from harm (victims/ witnesses)
- Managing offender behaviours (prevent, rehabilitate & resettle)

## **Priorities for 2017/18:**

- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic violence and abuse
- Youth crime and on-street violence
- Organised offending
- Local drug markets

With additional focussed support to other partnership boards and delivery groups on the following cross-cutting issues:

- Community cohesion (Hate Crime, Prevent/ Radicalisation)
- Safeguarding (Sexual Exploitation, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, Honour Based Abuse)
- Complex needs (Mental Health, Alcohol and Drugs)
- Road Safety/ Safer Travel

4. The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the draft Safer Leeds Plan 2017/18 prior to it being ratified by the Safer Leeds Executive.

## **Recommendations**

5. Members of the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and approve the newly refreshed Safer Leeds Plan 2017/18.

## **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To provide members of the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board with an overview of the recently refreshed Safer Leeds Plan.
- 1.2 Board members are asked to consider the Safer Leeds Plan 2017/18, comment on the shared strands and priorities contained in the plan, prior to it being finalised by the Safer Leeds Executive. A copy of the refreshed plan is attached.

## **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 (this plan). 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 1<sup>st</sup> West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018, a refreshed version of the plan was published in May 2014 and subsequently following his re-election a new Police and Crime Plan 2016 - 2021 was published.
- 3.2 The Safer Leeds Plan has been reviewed and consideration and comment on the updated plan is sought from members. The Scrutiny Board's comments on the plan will be reported to the Safer Leeds Executive members.

## **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 2017/18 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 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 Best Council Plan (2017/18) ~ Tackling poverty and reducing inequalities.

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 are linked to the respective Best Council Plan, the Police and Crime Plan and the Safer Leeds Plan.

## **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 The Safer Leeds Plan has recently been updated, setting out local priorities under three shared strands for the year ahead. The plan is flexible enough to adapt to any changing requirements and in addition, behind the plan are more detailed strategies and delivery plans on specific priorities.

11.2 The Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the Safer Leeds Plan 2017/18 and provide comments. Any comments will be reported to the Safer Leeds Executive members.

## **12. Recommendations**

12.1 Members of the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and provide comment on the newly refreshed draft Safer Leeds Plan 2017/18

## **13. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

13.1 None

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<sup>1</sup> 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.