

Safer Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2018-21 – Annual Update 2021

Date: 15 July 2021

Report of: Chief Officer Safer Stronger Communities

Report to: Scrutiny Board

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- This report the annual update against priorities included in the Safer Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2018 -21
 - Keeping people safe from harm
 - Preventing and reducing offending
 - Creating safer, stronger communities
- This report presents the draft Safer, Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-24.

Recommendations

- a) The Board is asked to note the content of the report, and feedback where appropriate.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The Board was updated on the Safer Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2018-21 and has asked for annual updates against the priorities included within the Strategy.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 2 The content of the report should be noted in relation to the draft Safer Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-24, which is effectively the Safer Leeds strategy is moving forwards.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 3 The following consultation was undertaken during the development of the strategy and annual updates have taken place against activities contributing to the agreed priorities.
- 4 The SLE 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. The JSA includes analysis of a range of both quantitative and qualitative data from across the partnership. It identified a number of reoccurring themes and this information and intelligence has therefore been used to inform delivery plans that underpin the overarching Strategy.
- 5 Evidence from public consultation via the Office of the Crime and Commissioner and intelligence collated from residents accessing services delivered by Community Safety, such as the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, have been used to inform the contents of the strategy along with a range of Outcomes Based Accountability sessions held with operational professionals and service users during 2016 and 2017.
- 6 Partners and representatives from a range of stakeholders (Leeds City Council; West Yorkshire Police; West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service; National Probation Trust; Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group, the Voluntary and Community Sector, West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company; HM Prison Service, Leeds Children's Trust Board; Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board, Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board; Leeds Safeguarding Children Board and the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) have helped shape and contributed to the new Safer Leeds Community Safety Strategy).

What are the resource implications?

- 7 Resources are currently in place to deliver the strategy, however efficiencies of £382k over the last three years have been delivered against the net managed budget for Safer Leeds.

- 8 Further efficiency savings identified through the corporately supported ELI scheme towards the end of 2020/21 have resulted in work to bring both Safer Leeds and Communities Team together to form one new service area “Safer and Stronger Communities” which will build on existing relationships to contribute to the priorities within the new Safer, Stronger Communities Strategic Plan, to share examples of best practice, review areas of cross over between teams to ultimately provide better outcomes.

What are the legal implications?

- 9 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information. The report is ineligible for Call In, as the Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules state: ‘The power to call in decisions does not extend to decisions made in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules’. This is one such decision. In line with the Budget & Policy Framework Procedure Rules, the matter has been considered by the relevant Scrutiny Board.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 10 National changes to government legislation and prioritisation have brought both challenges and opportunities for the city. The following operational boards are in place to manage both the risks and threats that are presented:
- Anti-Social behaviour Board
 - Domestic Violence and Abuse Board
 - Hate Crime Strategic Board
 - Reducing Reoffending Board
 - Serious & Organised Crime Board
 - Strategic Sex Working Board
- 11 There are significant risks associated with budget reductions, these have been managed within the financial year ensuring value for money and review existing service delivery

Does this proposal support the council’s 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

Appendices

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Background papers

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