



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Executive Board

Date: 16th April 2008

Subject: Safer Leeds Partnership Plan

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
Referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call in

Not Eligible for Call In
(Details contained in the report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report seeks Member approval on the (draft) Safer Leeds Partnership Plan. The Plan sets out the priorities for 2008 – 11 and reports on the progress made towards the current three-year Safer Leeds Strategy running from 2005 until 2008.

Safer Leeds (the Crime and Disorder Partnership for Leeds) has a statutory duty to produce this Plan. The Plan outlines the strategic outcomes and activities the Partnership aims to deliver.

The Plan will be reviewed and renewed annually to reflect any new emerging priorities.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Member approval for the Safer Leeds Partnership Plan. The Partnership has a statutory duty to produce a partnership plan covering the period 1st April to 31st March 2011. The plan sets out for the next three years strategic outcomes and annual improvement priorities and activities. (Appendix 1)

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006. The Act amended the partnership provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to make Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) a more effective vehicle for tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse in their communities

The amendments to the Crime & Disorder Act abolished the duty on CDRPs to produce an audit and strategy every three years. The new statutory requirement for CDRPs is to produce a partnership plan for tackling crime and disorder issues.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Safer Leeds Partnership Plan

3.2 The five strategic outcomes that the partnership plan aims to deliver are:

- Creating safer environments by tackling crime
- Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse
- Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimization
- Reducing offending and managing offending behaviour
- Improving community confidence and public satisfaction

3.3 The strategic outcomes are based on the analysis of the strategic assessment, consultation with the public, the legal requirements and targets placed on the Partnership. Each outcome will have improvement priorities and delivery activities.

3.4 A number of the targets in the SLPP are subject to further negotiations with central government as they are designated targets in the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-11 (that incorporates the Leeds local area agreement) and required to be signed off by the Secretary of State in June 2008.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 Safer Leeds is obliged to work within the national framework to deliver improvements within the public service agreements in relation to crime reduction.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 Safer Leeds Partnership receives grant funding from a variety of sources, all of which are managed through the Community Safety Commissioning process to deliver against the strategic outcomes. These include:

- Adult Pooled Treatment Budget (Department of Health)
- Drugs Intervention Programme Main Grant (Home Office)

- Area Based Grant funding including Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Safer Stronger Communities Fund, Trailblazer (Respect) and Local Public Service Agreement monies
- Additional short-term grants from regional GOYH
- Leeds City Council
- West Yorkshire Police

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 Safer Leeds has a statutory duty to produce a Partnership Plan covering the period 1st April to 31st March 2011. The plan in appendix 1 will be reviewed and renewed annually to reflect new emerging priorities. The partnership has a duty to consult and inform communities on community safety plans. The activities identified in the plan reflect community priorities, concerns, and link directly to both local and national related strategies and plans.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are requested to recommend Full Council to approve the Safer Leeds Partnership Plan.