

Safer Leeds: Leeds Plan 2021 - 2024

Date: 21 October 2021

Report of: Chief Officer Safer Stronger Communities

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing & Communities)

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

- The Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) has previously been consulted on the appended draft Safer, Stronger Communities Leeds Plan 2021 – 24 in July and September 2021.
- The strategy sets out the strategic direction of Safer Leeds Executive and will be used to hold the partnership to account for keeping communities safe.
- The Board indicated its support for the draft strategy in July and then September 2021.
- As the Safer, Stronger Communities Leeds Plan 2021 – 24 will replace the Safer Leeds Strategy 2018-21 it will form part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework. As such its adoption must be progressed in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework procedure rules.
- Those procedure rules require the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing & Communities) to be formally consulted on the draft strategy following the public consultation period and ahead of the final version being referred to Executive Board.
- There have been no substantive changes to the report since the Board's discussion about the draft strategy in September 2021.

Recommendations

- a) The Board is asked to note the content of the report and, given the previous endorsement of the plan, agree to recommend the final version to the Executive Board.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing & Communities) was previously consulted on the Safer Leeds Strategy 2018-21 in line with the Budget and Policy Framework.
- 2 The draft Safer Stronger Communities Leeds Plan 2021-24 is intended to replace the 2018-21 strategy and a formal consultation on that change has been carried out.
- 3 At its remote consultative meeting on 15 July 2021 the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board received early sight of the draft Safer, Stronger Communities Leeds Plan 2021 – 24.
- 4 Subsequently, on 14 September 2021 the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment approved a Delegated Decision to authorise the release of the draft Safer, Stronger Communities: Leeds Plan (2021-2024) for a formal 6-week public consultation exercise.
- 5 The Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing & Communities) was formally consulted on the plan on 23 September 2021 where members indicated their support.
- 6 The response to the public consultation has informed the final version of the Leeds Plan in advance of consideration by the Executive Board and full Council.
- 7 In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework the Scrutiny Board is now asked to formally provide its recommend(s) to the Executive Board.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 8 The draft Safer, Stronger Communities Leeds Plan 2021 – 24 sets out the strategic direction of Safer Leeds Executive.
- 9 The views of the Scrutiny Board will be formally provided to the Executive Board for consideration as part of the 6-week public consultation.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 10 Extensive consultation has taken place to inform the development of the draft Leeds Plan 2021-24. This has included a Joint Strategic Assessment of the scale and nature of crime and disorder in the city to identify medium to long term issues affecting community safety.
- 11 Evidence from public consultation via the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner was collated along with intelligence from residents accessing Community Safety services, such as those delivered by Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team. This information has been used to inform the contents of the strategy. Similarly, a range of Outcomes Based Accountability sessions held with operational professionals and service users during 2016 and 2017 provided further evidence to inform the proposed approach.
- 12 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 the new Leeds Plan.

What are the resource implications?

- 13 Resources are currently in place to deliver the draft strategy. Efficiencies of £382k have been delivered over the last three years against the net managed budget for Safer Leeds.
- 14 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." This coordinated service will build on existing relationships to contribute to the priorities within the new Safer, Stronger Communities Leeds Plan, to share examples of best practice, review areas of cross over between teams and to ultimately provide better outcomes.

What are the legal implications?

- 15 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information.
- 16 The commencement of formal consultation, including with the Scrutiny Board, is being carried out in accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework procedure rules.

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

- 17 National changes to government legislation and prioritisation have brought both challenges and opportunities for the city, which the draft Leeds Plan aims to address.
- 18 A number of operational boards are in place to manage both the risks and threats that are presented within the Leeds Plan:
 - Anti-Social behaviour Board
 - Domestic Violence and Abuse Board
 - Hate Crime Strategic Board
 - Reducing Reoffending Board
 - Serious & Organised Crime Board
 - Strategic Sex Working Board
- 19 There are significant risks associated with budget reductions - these have been managed within the financial year ensuring value for money and by reviewing existing service delivery

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

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

Appendices

- 20 Appendix 1 - Safer Stronger Communities Leeds Plan 2021-24

Background papers

- 21 Safer Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2018-21