

Safer Stronger Communities – Annual Update (July 2022)

Date: 21st July 2022

Report of: Chief Officer Safer Stronger Communities

Report to: Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

This report is the annual update against priorities included in the Safer Stronger Communities – Leeds Plan 2021-2024

- a. ASB and Public Order
- b. Domestic Violence and Abuse
- c. Hate Crime
- d. Illicit Drugs and Substance Use
- e. Offending Behaviours
- f. Organised Crime and Street Gangs
- g. Exploitation and Radicalisation
- h. People with multiple needs (Street Users and Sex Workers)
- i. Violence and sexual crime

Recommendations

The Board is asked to note the content of the report.

What is this report about?

- 1 Having previously maintained a watching brief surrounding the development and delivery of the Safer Leeds Strategy 2018-21, the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board was consulted last year on the new Safer Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-24.
- 2 This annual update to Scrutiny is therefore reflective of the priorities set out within the new Plan, with further details set out in Appendix 1. A further summary of the latest Safer Stronger performance data, as shared with the Scrutiny Board last month, is also set out in Appendix 2.
- 3 A separate report has also been provided to the Scrutiny Board by Leeds District Police which provides a short overview of the current efforts, successes and challenges associated with Leeds District's Neighbourhood and Partnerships work to support community safety in the city. This is set out in Appendix 3.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 4 The content of this report should be considered within the context of the Safer Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-2024. A copy of this Plan has therefore also been appended to this report for reference.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 5 The Safer Leeds Executive has a statutory requirement to produce a 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 Safer Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-24.
- 6 Your Voice Survey - Evidence from public consultation via the West Yorkshire Combined Authority 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 new City Plan.
- 7 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 Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-24).

- 8 Communities across Leeds have been engaged in numerous different ways to support the development of the Plan and the priorities, including via work undertaken with community committees and directly in online and face-to-face settings in which community safety discussions have taken place.

What are the resource implications?

- 9 There are no specific resource implications associated with this update report.

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 'Silver' boards are in place to manage both the risks and threats that are presented:

- a) Anti-Social Behaviour Board
- b) Reducing Reoffending Board
- c) Serious & Organised Crime Board
- d) Domestic Violence and Abuse Local Partnership Board
- e) Hate Crime Strategic Board
- f) Strategic Sex Working Board
- g) On Street Sex Working
- h) Protect & Prepare

- 11 A summary performance report has been provided against the city priorities in January 2022 and July 2022 to the EHC Scrutiny Board. Development work is currently underway to develop a more detailed performance framework which will be presented to the Safer Leeds Executive later this month. The proposed framework will be based on 12 month rolling data sets which will allow more frequent and consistent reporting mechanisms.

What are the legal implications?

- 12 Safer Leeds is the city's statutory Community Safety Partnership responsible for tackling crime and disorder and the Safer Leeds Executive has a statutory requirement to prepare and implement a Community Safety Plan.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Update on Priorities from the Safer Stronger Communities – Leeds Plan 2021-2024
- Appendix 2 – Safer Stronger Performance Update – previously shared at Scrutiny in June 2022
- Appendix 3 – Leeds District Police update report to the Scrutiny Board.
- Appendix 4 – A copy of the Safer, Stronger Communities City Plan 2021-2024.

Background papers

- None