

Safer Leeds Executive Annual Report 2021/22

Date: 8th February 2023

Report of: Director of Communities, Housing & Environment

Report to: Executive Board

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

Leeds has a long history of partnership working to address community safety, and the Safer Leeds Community Safety Partnership (Safer Leeds Executive) continues to evolve with a strong commitment to making sure people are safe in the city and feel safe through the delivery of effective outcomes for people and communities.

In November 2021, the Safer Leeds Executive set out a three-year plan to address community safety in Leeds. The plan outlined 9 key shared priorities and a range of key deliverable actions; the purpose of this report is to update the Council's Executive Board on progress.

Appendix 1 provides updates for the 9 key shared priorities and information about additional community safety activity.

The Safer Leeds Executive partnership arrangements are aligned and work closely with the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board and the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership, both of which also report annually to Executive Board. The nature of work undertaken in all three boards, is such that there are a number of cross-cutting themes aimed at supporting communities, families and individuals, and in order to ensure effective partnership working on these cross-cutting themes takes place, appropriate working arrangements have been implemented to ensure the necessary leadership and coordination of work is embedded.

Recommendations

- a) The Executive Board is asked to note the content of this annual report and the full overview in Appendix 1.

What is this report about?

- 1 The Safer Leeds Executive is the city's Community Safety Partnership which has a responsibility for holding partners to account in keeping communities in Leeds safe by tackling crime and disorder.
- 2 It is a multi-agency group established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Partnership approach is built on the premise that no single agency can deal with, or be responsible for dealing with, complex community safety issues and that these issues can be addressed more effectively and efficiently through working in partnership.
- 3 The Safer, Stronger Communities: Leeds Plan 2021 – 2024 sets out the strategic direction for the Safer Leeds Executive to hold the partnership to account for keeping communities safe.
- 4 The plan was approved at Council Executive Board in November 2021 and delivery of the priorities and objectives within it commenced with organisations from across the whole Community Safety Partnership working across the following nine thematic shared priorities that negatively impact on people and places:
 - ASB and Public Order
 - Domestic Violence and Abuse
 - Hate Crime
 - Illicit Drugs and Substance Use
 - Offending Behaviours
 - Organised Crime and Street Gangs
 - Exploitation and Radicalisation
 - People with multiple needs (Street Users and Sex Workers)
 - Violence and Sexual Crime
- 5 This report is to update Executive Board members on progress by the Safer Leeds Executive against the above nine priorities.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 6 This report is an annual update with no decisions required by Executive Board, therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.

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

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 7 The Safer Stronger Community City Plan 2021-2024 has been aligned to contribute to the Best City Ambitions:
 - to delivering a safe and welcoming city for people of all ages and from all communities in which residents feel more secure and have good friends, and;
 - understanding that place matters, and positive identity, culture, heritage and pride in our communities are vital assets in a sustainable future for the city and its local centres.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 8 We have engaged with key stakeholders on the Safer Leeds Executive to ensure that progress against the shared priorities is correctly reflected.

What are the resource implications?

- 9 There are no direct resource implications, however our strategic, coordinated and inclusive approach to community safety in Leeds provides opportunities to build upon and create effective partnerships and responses to ever changing need, as well as to target our work more effectively based on local intelligence and evidence.

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

- 10 The Safer Leeds Executive meets on a bi-monthly basis and is presented with a regular performance update which identifies any potential community safety trends/risks. Any risks identified are then managed by a range of silver delivery groups.

What are the legal implications?

- 11 The Safer Leeds Community Safety Partnership is a multi-agency partnership established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 12 This in an annual update report rather than a specific proposal so no other options have been considered.

How will success be measured?

- 13 Progress against the key shared priorities are included in Appendix 1 and are monitored on a regular basis through the Safer Leeds Executive.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 14 This report covers twelve months activity up to and including October 2022.

Appendices

- 15 Appendix 1 – Safer Leeds Executive Annual Report 2021/22

Background papers

- 16 There are no background papers.