

Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2024-27

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Report of: Chief Officer Safer Stronger Communities

Report to: Environments, 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

### **What is this report about?**

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

This report sets out the overarching vision for Safer Leeds, the city's statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP), as being:

**"People in Leeds are safe and feel safe in their homes, in the streets, and the places they go."**

The CSPs activity contributes to the wider aims of the "Best City Ambition".

- Working with and for communities, families and individual, so people are safe and feel safe in their homes, in the streets, and the places they go.
- Focusing on early intervention and problem solving in partnership to deliver effective community safety related solutions.
- Identifying and harnessing the contribution and value to be derived from the many community-based assets existing across the city with a focus on building increased neighbourhood resilience and self-reliance.

### **Recommendations**

- 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. CSPs were introduced by Section 6 of the [Crime and Disorder Act 1998](#) and bring together local partners to formulate and implement measures to tackle crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour in their communities.
2. Safer Leeds is the city's statutory CSP and comprises of a wide range of organisations including Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, Public Health, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service; West Yorkshire Probation Services, HMP Service and the Voluntary & Community Sector.
3. This report presents the refreshed strategy that will be adopted by Safer Leeds over the next three years.

## What impact will this proposal have?

### Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

1. The content of this report should be considered within the context of the city's existing community safety strategy - 'Safer Stronger Communities – Leeds Plan 2021-2024', the consultation and engagement has helped shape and develop the refreshed Community Safety Strategy 2024-27.

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

2. The Safer Leeds Executive (SLE) 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 Strategy.
3. Your Voice Survey - Evidence from public consultation via West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), 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.
4. 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 Leeds Community Safety Strategy.
5. We have engaged with third sector partners and community groups (and sought specific feedback from Equality Hubs) to understand the key community safety issues on people with protected characteristics.

## What are the resource implications?

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

## What are the legal implications?

7. 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?**

8. To manage both the risks and threats to the delivery of the Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2024-27, Safer Leeds has undertaken a review and refreshed its governance and accountability arrangements associated with the following delivery boards:
  - a. Anti-Social Behaviour Board
  - b. Hate Crime Strategic Board
  - c. Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board
  - d. Reducing Reoffending Board
  - e. Serious Violence & Serious Organised Crime Board
  - f. Violence against Women and Girls Board
  - g. Leeds Street Support Board
  - h. Anti-Slavery Board
  - i. Street Sex Work Board
  - j. City Centre Community Safety Partnership Board
  
9. The relevant delivery board will take forward plans to deliver the strategy for the next three years (2024-2027) and will be held to account for progress to Safer Leeds Executive and will report against the key deliverables detailed in the strategy.
  
10. At the end of each year a review of what has been achieved will take place and report to the relevant Scrutiny Board and Executive Board, any amendments to priorities and key deliverables will then be updated.

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

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

## **Appendices**

- Leeds Community Safety Strategy 2024-27

## **Background papers**