



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Report to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board

Date: 10th December 2012

Subject: Leeds Community Safety Business Plan - update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. In preparation for the introduction of an elected West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012, the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services asked the Scrutiny Board to work closely with the Safer Leeds Executive in developing a Leeds Community Safety Business Plan.
2. The Scrutiny Board agreed to undertake this piece of work via a working group over the Summer of 2012. The Business Plan was approved by the Safer Leeds Executive in September 2012. The final Business Plan is appended to this report (appendix 1).
3. This report provides the Board with an update on how the Plan has been used to inform the development of the 1st West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan, and to publicise Safer Leeds' priorities to a wider audience.
4. Finally, the report sets out the next steps in developing the plan in to the city's Crime and Disorder Strategy.

Recommendations

5. Members of the Board are asked to note the contents of the report, and agree to take an updated version of the plan in April 2013 for comment, prior to it being submitted for approval as the city's statutory Crime and Disorder Strategy by Full Council in July 2013.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide the Board with the final version of the Safer Leeds Business Plan, which was agreed by the Safer Leeds Executive in September 2012.
- 1.2 To advise how the plan has been used to inform the newly elected West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and a wider audience of the city's priorities in relation to crime reduction and policing.
- 1.3 To inform the Board that the Plan will be developed further in early 2013, before being submitted for approval as the city's statutory Crime and Disorder Strategy to Full Council in July 2013.
- 1.4 To ask for further assistance from the Board as part of this process.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 replaced Police Authorities with Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), and introduced Police and Crime Panels (PCPs) to scrutinise the decisions and actions of the PCCs and assist them in carrying out their functions.
- 2.2 PCCs are expected to provide strong local leadership, underpinned by their democratic mandate in the drive to reduce crime and keep communities safe. The government state that they will need to work with other local leaders to ensure local resources are used effectively and efficiently.
- 2.3 On the 15th November 2012, Mark Burns-Williamson (Labour Party) was elected as the 1st West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). He will hold office for a period of 3.5 years to May 2016.
- 2.4 As PCC, Mr Burns-Williamson will be responsible for developing a four year Police and Crime Plan in liaison with the Acting Chief Constable, based upon identified local priorities.
- 2.5 Mr Burns-Williamson has indicated that 2013/14, will be a transitional year, and that he intends to delegate resources currently commissioned via local Community Safety Partnerships, such as the Community Safety Fund (CSF) and Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP), through existing arrangements.
- 2.6 He will also be responsible for setting the 2013/14 precept, which will be presented to the PCP by 1st February 2013, prior to its introduction on 1st April 2013.
- 2.7 In June 2012, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board was asked by the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services, to provide support to the Safer Leeds Executive as it developed a Business Plan, which outlined the city's priorities in relation to policing and crime reduction.
- 2.8 A scrutiny working group met over the Summer of 2012, to make comments on the draft plan, prior to it's approval by the Safer Leeds Executive in September 2012. A copy of the comments made by the working group is attached at appendix 2.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 All of the recommendations made by the scrutiny working group (appendix 2), were incorporated in to the plan, prior to being finalised.
- 3.2 Since the plan was approved, it has been used to inform and publicise the city's priorities in relation to crime reduction and policing, including:
- The West Yorkshire Partnership Plan – developed by the Police Authority for the newly elected PCC
 - Executive Board report – December 2011
 - Joint Strategic Assessment
 - Press articles
 - Copy sent to the newly elected West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner
 - Priorities included in State of the City document
 - Various presentations
 - Used as a common framework for each of the 5 West Yorkshire districts when establishing their own priorities
- 3.3 However, the plan has not been published a public document at this time. This is because it has been agreed that the Plan will be developed further to become the city's statutory Crime and Disorder Strategy.
- 3.4 The Council's constitution, specifies that the city's Crime and Disorder Strategy must be approved by Full Council. Following discussion with governance services, it has been agreed that the plan will be updated in early 2013, then submitted to the following Boards / meetings for comment, prior to being submitted for approval to Full Council in July 2013.
- 3.5 The timetable for approving the Safer Leeds Crime and Disorder Strategy is set out below.

Safer Leeds Executive – 10th January 2013

Approval of 2013/14 Joint Strategic Assessment

Safer Leeds Executive – 5th March 2013

1st Draft of Safer Leeds Crime and Disorder Strategy presented to Community Safety Partnership.

Safer and Stronger Scrutiny Board – 15th April 2013

To make proposals on Crime and Disorder Strategy 2013.

Executive Board – 19th June 2013

To receive the draft Safer Leeds Crime and Disorder Strategy 2013

Full Council – 3rd July 2013

To approve the Safer Leeds Crime and Disorder Strategy 2013

- 3.6 Running alongside the development of the strategy, further work will be undertaken to ensure that the strategy links in to the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan.
- 3.7 This process also means that more accurate information on how resources allocated from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will be used, to deliver activities that address the city's crime reduction and policing priorities.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 In line with the timetable above, Scrutiny Board Members will be invited to comment on the strategy on its routes to Full Council.
- 4.1.2 Other key partners such as West Yorkshire Police, Probation, Youth Offending Service and Criminal Justice service partners will contribute and comment on the strategy through the Safer Leeds Executive.
- 4.1.3 As part of the development of the Police and Crime Plan, the PCC will be undertaking public consultation in early 2013. Recommendations from this consultation will be used to inform the Safer Leeds Crime and Disorder Strategy.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 The Safer Leeds Crime and Disorder Strategy will make reference to the Safer Leeds Partnership's commitment to serve all members of its communities effectively and acknowledges that all of its actions and plans should give due regard to implications for different groups and sections of the community.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The Scrutiny Board has provided its support to ensure that the business plan accurately reflects local community safety priorities and demonstrates the effectiveness of the activity it wishes the Police and Crime Commissioner to support. Particular consideration was therefore given to the associated links with the relevant priorities set out with the City Priority Plans.
- 4.3.2 Further consideration will be given to this issue as the Crime and Disorder Strategy is developed.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 As mentioned above, PCCs will become responsible for setting out a four year Police and Crime Plan (five for subsequent plans), in liaison with the Chief Constable, based upon identified local priorities.
- 4.4.2 The newly elected West Yorkshire PCC has indicated that 2013/14, will be a transitional year, and that he intends to delegate resources currently commissioned via local Community Safety Partnerships, such as the Community Safety Fund (CSF) and Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP), through existing arrangements

4.4.3 The Leeds Community Safety Business Plan has been used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the activity it wishes the Police and Crime Commissioner to support in 2012/13.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 This section is not relevant to this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The attached Safer Leeds Business Plan, outlines the city's priorities in relation to crime reduction and policing. It has been used to inform and influence the newly elected West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner of the city's aims and ambitions in this area of business.

5.2 The city has a statutory obligation to develop a Crime and Disorder Strategy, which sets out the city's approach to reduce crime and disorder, and deliver the city's ambition to be "the be the best city in the UK with the best community safety partnership and services."

5.3 It has been agreed that the Safer Leeds Business Plan, should be further developed and submitted to Full Council in July 2013, as the Safer Leeds Crime and Disorder Strategy.

5.4 The Safer and Stronger Scrutiny Board has played a key role in helping to develop the Business Plan, and its further assistance is requested to develop the Crime and Disorder Strategy.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and agree to take an updated version of the Safer Leeds Business Plan in April 2013 for comment, prior to it being submitted for approval as the city's statutory Crime and Disorder Strategy by Full Council in July 2013.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.