

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has been included in the relevant Forward Plan

**Report of the Executive
Director - Communities**

Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan (2016-2020)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide members with an overview of the Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan 2016-2020 (SBPP) and the outcome of a recent consultation exercise held over the summer of 2016.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Cabinet members are asked to:-

2.1.1 Receive and note the SBPP 2016-2020 and outcome of the consultation exercise; and

2.1.2 Agree to receive an annual position statement on the delivery of the SBPP and priorities for the coming year.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation places statutory duties on Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) to:-

- Produce an annual Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment;
- Prepare and implement a community safety plan;
- Establish information sharing agreements; and,
- Establish Domestic Homicide Reviews.

- 3.2 Section 17 of the Act places a duty on Responsible Authorities; those being the Police, Fire and Rescue, Probation (both National Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Company), Health and Local Authorities to work together to prevent crime and disorder.

- 3.3 Furthermore, the Act places a requirement on CSPs to consult with the community regarding community safety priorities. As part of the consultation process, a Visioning Conference was held in January 2016 where a series of stakeholders including community representatives and partners were given the opportunity to inform the CSP priorities for 2016-2020. This was further supplemented by a public consultation exercise undertaken over an eight week

period which concluded on the 2 September 2016. High level findings of the consultation are outlined at Section 10 to this report.

- 3.4 The Partnership Plan sets out a clear vision, priorities and outcomes based on the triangulation of the findings from the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, the output from the CSP Visioning Conference and the consultation exercise. These are as follows:-

“Barnsley people and communities are safe and feel safe, able to contribute to community life and take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others.”

Priority	Outcome
Protecting vulnerable people	The threat, harm and risk to vulnerable people, families and communities is minimised.
Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour	People and communities are protected through the targeting of crime and re-offending.
Promoting community tolerance and respect	Communities are safer, cohesive and more resilient.

- 3.5 The Safer Barnsley Partnership has overall responsibility for the delivery of the plan and the strategic priorities contained therein. A governance review has been undertaken to align the sub-structures of the Partnership with the refreshed plan and strategic priorities. The revised governance structure is outlined at Appendix 1 to this report. To ensure timely and effective delivery of the identified priorities and outcomes, delivery plans and a stratified performance and risk management framework will be developed to align to each of the three high-level priority areas. Progress in terms of key deliverables, performance and the effective management of risk will be actively monitored by sub-groups and the Safer Barnsley Strategy and Performance Group. On a highlight and exception basis, escalations will be made through to the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board.

- 3.6 The partnership plan will be reviewed annually to ensure the Safer Barnsley Partnership remains agile and able to respond to any emerging trends and risks identified as part of the annual Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment and other forms of intelligence.

4. Proposal and justification

- 4.1 The production of the Partnership Plan is a statutory duty placed on responsible authorities. The Safer Barnsley Partnership has taken a medium to long term approach to strategic planning with the development of a four year plan. This will help to provide stability and a longer-term view of community safety ensuring coordination and connectivity across the system harnessing the collective resources to achieve the best possible outcomes for residents and communities.

5. Consideration of alternative approaches

- 5.1 As described in section 4 of the report, the production of a partnership plan is a statutory duty. The discretion applies in the decision to provide stability and set direction over a four year period. The alternative approach would be to produce an annual plan however, the Safer Barnsley Partnership have taken the view that this is not a viable option as short-term planning approaches may potentially serve to cause fragility and uncertainty thereby reducing the effectiveness of the strategic planning processes.

6. Implications for local people / service users

- 6.1 Taking a four year approach to strategic planning across community safety in the borough will provide greater stability to local people. The partnership plan sets the strategic direction across a series of partners enabling a co-ordinated and cohesive approach to meeting the needs of local people and communities.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 There are no immediate financial implications to the report, however, Responsible Authorities will need to ensure the Safer Barnsley Partnership priorities are taken account of in their respective service and financial planning processes.

8. Employee implications

- 8.1 There are no immediate employee implications as a result of the report.

9. Communications implications

- 9.1 As a product of the Partnership Plan, a communication and engagement plan will be produced to ensure stakeholders across the borough are fully aware of the strategic direction of community safety and are able to influence and inform delivery.

10. Consultations

- 10.1 Safer Barnsley Partnership board members have been consulted throughout the development of the partnership plan. A visioning conference was held with key stakeholders from across community safety and an eight week public consultation was held over the summer of 2016. Furthermore, specific work has been undertaken with the Youth Council to ensure the views of young people are captured to inform the community safety priorities for the Borough .

- 10.2 There were 183 responses received to the on-line consultation undertaken over an eight week period to 2 September 2016. Responses were received from a range of age groups and demographic profiles however, given the profile and

relatively low number of responses in comparison to population, the results are not statistically significant and therefore it is difficult to draw definitive conclusions. The results do however provide a snapshot of the views of local residents and communities.

- 10.3 The number of responses from children and young people were particularly encouraging with over 42% of the respondents belonging to the 0 to 16 years age group and a further 11% to the 17-20 years age group. The Safer Barnsley Partnership will continue to foster positive engagement with young people to ensure children and young people are able to inform the delivery of current priorities and influence any future priorities as the Partnership Plan develops and evolves.
- 10.4 Some representation in terms of responses was provided from across all other age groups spanning from ages 21 through to over 80 years. In terms of gender, almost two thirds of the respondents were female with just over one third were male.
- 10.5 In terms of minority community representation, approximately 3% of respondents were from black and minority ethnic groups, 9% were disabled people and 3% were from the lesbian, gay and bi-sexual (LGB) community. Further consultation and engagement will be undertaken with minority community groups through a Hate and Harassment event planned for September 2016 to ensure all delivery plans are representative and responsive to the diverse needs of our communities.
- 10.6 In terms of high-level results, a high proportion of respondents agreed with the Safer Barnsley Partnership vision with over 90% agreeing with each of the three priority areas being protecting vulnerable people (96%), tackling crime and anti-social behaviour (93%) and promoting community tolerance and respect (95%).
- 10.7 The survey covered the perception of safety both within localities and the town centre. Almost three quarters of respondents stated that they felt safe in their local areas with anti-social behaviour and substance misuse being cited as the main reasons for feeling unsafe.
- 10.8 In relation to the feelings of safety within the town centre, 46% of respondents feel safe in the town centre with 44% of respondents citing the main reasons for feeling unsafe as being anti-social behaviour and substance misuse. To provide further context, since the introduction of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), further engagement has been carried out with businesses and town centre users which suggests significant improvements in relation to the perceptions of town centre behaviour. The ongoing work in relation to the PSPO should help to improve the feelings of safety in the town centre.

10.9 The results of the consultation will be cascaded to Safer Barnsley Partnership Delivery Groups to ensure the views and perceptions of local residents and communities are taken into account and inform the development of local delivery plans which drive forward the strategic priorities set out in the Partnership Plan.

11. The Corporate Plan and the Council's Performance Management Framework

11.1 The partnership plan will support the delivery of the 2020 strategic priorities and outcomes:

Thriving and Vibrant Economy

- Develop a Vibrant Town Centre

People achieving their potential

- Reducing demand through improving access to early help
- Children and adults are safe from harm
- People are healthier, happier, independent and active

Strong and resilient communities

- Protecting the Borough for future generations
- People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

11.2 Performance will be actively monitored to ensure continuous improvement through a stratified risk and performance framework with detailed delivery plans and number of supporting performance indicators.

12. Promoting equality, diversity, and social inclusion

12.1 The principles of equality, diversity and social inclusion are at the heart of the partnership plan. A summary Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken to ensure some of the most vulnerable sections of the community are not adversely affected and are effectively supported throughout community safety strategic planning and delivery.

13. Tackling the Impact of Poverty

13.1 The partnership priorities have been informed by the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment which takes into account emerging community safety trends and risks. The plan identifies the needs to support some of the most vulnerable individuals and sections of the community. This should have a positive impact on those living in poverty and at threat of poverty in the future.

14. Tackling health inequalities

14.1 As previously described in Section 13, the partnership plan will positively affect some of our most vulnerable individuals and communities and this includes those living with health inequalities.

15. Reduction of crime and disorder

15.1 A fundamental premise of the partnership plan is to reduce crime and disorder in line with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The plan sets the strategic direction for community safety in the borough.

16. Risk management issues

16.1 A robust and proportionate risk management plan will be put in place and overseen by the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board who will actively manage current and emerging risks ensuring effective mitigating actions are implemented to support delivery of the partnership plan and associated priorities.

17. Health, safety, and emergency resilience issues

17.1 There are no immediate health, safety or emergency resilience issues associated with this report.

18. Compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights

18.1 The partnership plan is compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights.

19. Conservation of biodiversity

19.1 There are no apparent implications resulting from this report.

20. Glossary

[Only to be included if there are any terms or acronyms to explain]


21. List of appendices

Appendix 1 - Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan
Appendix 2 – Safer Barnsley Partnership Governance Structure

22. Background papers

N/A

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Financial Implications /
Consultation
(To be signed by senior Financial Services officer where no
financial implications)