

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITITES

TITLE: Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	30 November 2022
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Public Health and Communities
Key Decision	Yes
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to share the Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan with full council to adopt.

Council Plan priority

The 'Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan' aligns with the priorities and ambition outlined in the Council Plan 2021-2024.

Recommendations

That full council:

1. Receive and adopt the 'Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan'.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Community Safety Partnerships are required to produce a Community Safety Plan, setting out the strategic crime and harm reduction priorities for the partnership.

1.2 The Local Authority functions and responsibilities regulations 2000, community safety plan (referred to in the regulations as the crime and disorder reduction plan under section 6 of the 1998 Act) is a plan that requires adoption by full

council, because it is not the sole responsibility of the executive under regulation 3.

1.3 Safer Barnsley Partnership's plan, aligns with the statutory requirement, priorities and aspirations outlined in the:

- a) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan (2022-2025), which ensures a collective approach is adopted to make sure the best possible outcomes in respect of community safety for the borough in partnership with communities.
- b) The Council Plan 2021-2024, with a focus on Barnsley being a place of possibilities, by creating opportunities for a Healthy, Growing, Learning and Sustainable Barnsley.

In response to the emerging duties for Local Authorities listed below, the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board undertook a review of its governance structure, strategic focus, and priorities going forward.

These actions formed part of the partnership's plan development process which concluded following a series of multi-agency workshop in, June 2022.

The key emerging duties included in the new plan are:

- Ten-year drug strategy, 'From Harm to Hope'.
- Barnsley's Domestic Abuse strategy 2022-2027, as per the Domestic Abuse Act 2021'.
- New 'Protect Duty' focussing on better protection from terrorism.
- Serious Violence Duty.

The Partnership plan aligns with the 'Joint Strategic Intelligence Needs Analysis (JSIA) three-year cycle approach. The plan has been informed by the comprehensive needs analysis undertaken through the JSIA for the period 2021/22, which is the first year of the three-year cycle. A light-touch needs assessment will be undertaken during the following two years of the cycle that will inform the partnership of any emerging priorities in respect of community safety.

1.4 Key commitments that support the delivery of the partnership plan will be updated yearly. This will be informed by the light-touch JSIA process required by the 'Crime and Disorder Act 1998'.

The revision of the board's commitments allows the 'Safer Barnsley Partnership' to review and reset its objectives while maintaining focus on strategic priorities. When doing so, the board:

- a) Considers all feedback captured from consultations/engagement events,

which is a part of the 'Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment' work and priority-setting process. This makes sure that public voice and views remain an integral part of informing the actions for the year ahead.

- b) Reflects on achievements and performance compared with the previous year to make sure the right resources are directed to the appropriate places.
- c) Helps realign its sub-groups commitment and performance areas to ensure implementation of the partnership's plan.

1.5 The 'Safer Barnsley Partnership' plan is the strategic community safety plan for Barnsley and sets out the priorities for the community. It is based on the 'Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment' which includes public consultation analysis. It is important that council adopts this plan and is sighted on its content to support its implementation and delivery through the 'Safer Barnsley Partnership Board'.

1.6 Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment:

The 'Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment' process takes account of data from Police, Council, and partner agencies. This information is considered alongside feedback received from the public. This helps to understand the emerging trends and patterns in crime and disorder, and it explores future threats and opportunities. It is part of the evidence base which supports community safety partners to plan and target their activities for the year ahead.

1.7 The priorities identified through the JSIA process that requires focus over the coming years are:

- Domestic Abuse.
- Substance Misuse.
- Multiple Needs.
- Hate Crime.
- Prevent.
- Community Tension.
- Violence Against Women and Girls.
- Organised Crime.
- Serious Violence.
- Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Environmental Crime.
- Neighbourhood Crime.
- Child Abuse.
- Child exploitation.

Apart from child abuse and child exploitation, all priority areas identified within the JSIA will be tackled by each of the four sub-groups as set in the plan. 'Child Abuse' and 'Child Exploitation' are key priorities for the Barnsley Safeguarding Children's Board. The 'Violence and Organised Crime' sub-group will monitor and report progress into the 'Safer Barnsley Partnership Board' as part of the inter-partnership joint work arrangement that exists between associated partnership boards.

1.8 As the Partnership works toward delivering its priorities in the next period it will do so by responding to emerging duties and responsibilities in respect of the:

- a) Ten-year drug strategy '*From Harm to Hope*', which will focus on:
 - Breaking drug supply chains.
 - Delivering a world-class treatment and recovery system.
 - Achieving a shift in the demand for drugs.

- b) '*Barnsley's Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-2027*', which will focus on:
 - Providing victims of domestic abuse with the right support.
 - Prevent domestic abuse.
 - Ensuring a strong multi-agency response to domestic abuse.
 - Holding perpetrators to account and supporting them to change their behaviour.

- c) New 'Protect Duty', which will focus on providing better protection from terrorism for the British public, and 'Serious Violence Duty', both expected to come into force in the spring of 2023.

1.9 Delivery against the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board priorities.

The priorities will be delivered through four sub-groups, which are as follows:

- a) Violence and Organised crime.
- b) Safe Places.
- c) Harm Reduction.
- d) Cohesive and Resilient Communities.

Priorities against the Drug strategy and the Domestic Abuse strategy will be delivered through the 'Harm Reduction' and 'Violence and Organised Crime' sub-groups. Oversight of progress for this priority area will be provided through the 'Combatting Drug Partnership' which will operate alongside the 'Safer Barnsley Partnership'. This will ensure increase opportunities for all appropriate partners to collaborate in delivering against this cross-cutting priority.

The new 'Protect Duty', (making the public safer at publicly available locations) will be delivered by the 'Safe Places' sub-group and the new 'Serious Violence Duty' will be delivered through the 'Violence and Organised Crime' sub-group.

The Partnership is committed to tackling re-offending and rehabilitation as a priority through responses such as Integrated Offender Management. This will be primarily overseen by the 'Violence and Organised Crime' sub-group. However, all sub-groups are committed to tackling re-offending and rehabilitation as a cross cutting priority.

The partnership expects that the existing delivery arrangements against all the key duties will continue to evolve as the implementation of new legislation progresses. All these developments will reflect Barnsley's ambitions as well as allocated funding resources over the coming years.

All four sub-groups are supported by named priority leads with responsibility for co-ordination and delivery. Strategic support in respect of performance is provided through the 'Performance and Development Group'. This makes sure that any impacts made against each commitment by the sub-groups are evidenced throughout the year.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 That council receives and adopt the Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan.

2. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

The Safer Barnsley Partnership's plan provides a summary of the key priorities and commitments in respect of assuring community safety for Barnsley.

3.1 Financial and Risk

- 3.1 Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Service Director of Finance (S151 Officer). There are no direct financial implications associated with this report, as its purpose is to share the Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan.

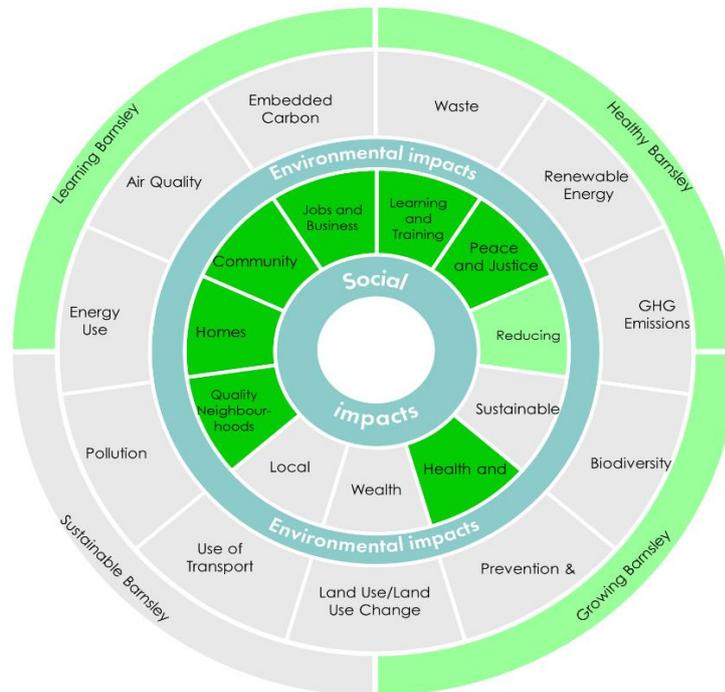
3.2 Legal

Safer Barnsley Partnership Board has met its legal duty in respect of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, by co-producing and publishing its plan with key partners.

3.3 Equality

Better accessible harm reduction and community safety services and early intervention for people who need support.

3.4 Sustainability



The Safer Barnsley Partnership plan is a multi-agency plan that brings together key partners in a collaborative way to provide assurance of community safety of the borough. The implementation of the partnership plan will have a positive impact by helping individuals and communities to feel safe in carrying out their day-to-day activities without fear of crime and /or anti-social behaviour. The range and types of interventions such as enforcement, early support, education, volunteering opportunities, community engagement and a proactive approach to safety will result in a resilient and stronger borough with reducing inequalities.

3.5 Employee

None.

3.6 Communications

An accessible 'Safer Barnsley Partnership' Plan has been designed to sit within the interactive page on the Barnsley Council website. Residents will be invited to read the plan and use the web page through social media, local press and media.

Working together with our partners, the communication and marketing team

will help residents and media understand the plan and the commitments partners are taking in the borough to make sure that Barnsley continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit.

4. CONSULTATION

Community feedback has been captured through the 'Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment'(JSIA) work to inform analysis and priorities.

This included engagement with the community through various platforms undertaken in accordance with all guidance pertinent to the current risk posed by Covid-19.

The 'Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan' has been considered and endorsed by individual partners and board members.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Not applicable, the production of the plan is a statutory duty.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Community Safety Partnerships are required to produce a Community Safety Plan, setting out the strategic crime and harm reduction priorities for their respective Local Authorities.

7. GLOSSARY

None.

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date <i>Avanda Mitchell</i> <i>04.10.2022</i>
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