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WIRRAL PLAN: A 2020 VISION -  
UNDERPINNING STRATEGIES: ENSURING  
WIRRAL'S NEIGHBOURHOODS ARE SAFE

**Councillor George Davies, Cabinet Member - Housing and Communities , said:**

“Wirral residents have told us that being safe, and feeling safe, is the most important factor contributing to their quality of life. We have listened, and in response have developed this new strategy to make our communities even safer. We will do this through a new approach to tackle anti-social behaviour, focussing our resources where they will have the most impact and working in an even closer, more integrated way with partners such as Merseyside Police.

In the Wirral Plan we set out the following pledge: *Unfortunately, the actions of a small minority can have a negative impact on the majority of residents. We are increasing our efforts to quickly and effectively deal with anti-social behaviour, including street drinking and neighbourhood noise issues.”*

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The Wirral Plan: A 2020 Vision sets out a shared partnership vision to improve outcomes for Wirral residents. Delivery of the priorities and outcomes described in the Plan are underpinned through the development and implementation of a set of key strategies.

This report provides Cabinet with the Ensuring Wirral’s Neighbourhoods are Safe strategy; a key strategic document which articulates ambitions related to the Wirral Plan Environment Priority:

“Wirral has an attractive and sustainable environment, where good health and an excellent quality of life is enjoyed by everyone who lives here”.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough and is therefore a key decision.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

Cabinet is requested to approve the Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe strategy which is appended to this report.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 The Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe strategy has been developed to deliver the Wirral Plan pledge for Wirral to be a safe place to live, visit and work.

The strategy has been developed with residents, partners and stakeholders to ensure that there has been extensive engagement in its development and its priority areas.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 No other options have been considered.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 A five year Wirral Plan received unanimous approval at the meeting of full Council on the 13th July 2015 and has been adopted by all strategic partners from the public, private and third sectors.

The plan contains twenty pledges to be achieved by 2020; one of the pledges under the Environment theme is to for Wirral to tackle anti-social behaviour and build and maintain safe communities and sets out the following commitment:

Over the next 5 years we will place a greater emphasis on activities which will positively engage young people and communities to prevent anti-social behaviour, and support people that have been affected.

The Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe strategy is the first of its kind for Wirral and its purpose is to positively promote the building of stronger and more confident communities where people feel safe.

The strategy has been developed through the Community Safety Partnership and includes a set of partnership actions to be delivered over the course of the five year strategy. The strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis with regular performance reporting taking place through appropriate governance arrangements.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Projections show that public sector agencies on Wirral will have fewer finances available to continue delivering services as previously done so. The Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe Strategy will see the public, private and voluntary sectors working ever more closely together to ensure the best outcomes for the residents of Wirral from the available resources.

As projects to deliver the strategy are developed the financial implications will be identified as part of the project plan.

## 5.0 LEGAL

5.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. As projects to deliver the strategy are developed the legal implications will be identified as part of the project plan.

## 6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 The Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe strategy will be co-ordinated in partnership by existing staff resource. Any additional resource requirements will be identified as a detailed delivery plan is developed.

## 7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 The Corporate Risk Register will be refreshed in line with the new Wirral Plan developments to ensure that any risks to delivery are understood and mitigating actions are put in place as appropriate.

## 8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION

8.1 The Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe strategy has been developed through the Community Safety Partnership and has been informed by the views of residents, partners and other stakeholders through the opportunities of meetings and stakeholder events and also the Wirral Residents Survey 2015.

## 9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The potential impact has been reviewed with regard to equality and the impact assessment can be found at:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

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## APPENDICES

*Appendix 1 – Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe Strategy*

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

*All reference material is contained within the strategy appended to this report.*

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Not applicable	