

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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The Head of Corporate and Community Safety presented a report which outlined Wirral's statutory requirement for a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and provided the committee with an update on the arrangements and the priorities set by Wirral Community Safety Partnership for 2016/17.

The report also highlighted the progress made to date in the delivery of 2 of the 20 pledges within Wirral's 2020 Vision, these being:

- Ensuring Wirral's neighbourhoods are safe.
- Zero tolerance to Domestic Abuse

The current public sector austerity measures had meant that a number of partner organisations had undertaken restructuring of their services and this had resulted in the CSP needing to collaborate even further than it had done so already. It would be a priority to identify and implement new delivery models where the Police had clear operational control for all the community safety resources across Wirral. This would result in the police having the authority to commit and deploy other agencies' resources to areas of need.

To achieve and deliver the new priorities a new structure model for the CSP would be presented.

Responding to comments from Members, the Head of Corporate and Community Safety made a number of points, including:

- The Council was legally obliged to produce an Annual Statement on what had been achieved on the CSP priorities and this was published on the Council website.
- He would provide a definition in writing of two of the targets set for 2015/16, Primary Fires and Secondary Fires.
- The targets were owned by Merseyside Police and were therefore Merseyside wide but there would be performance management indicators attached to the Council's own 2020 pledges.
- With regard to comparative data, the Wirral Basic Command Unit did compare favourably to other areas, although some statistics might show higher figures for certain crimes such as domestic abuse, because of more effective systems of reporting and support arrangements in Wirral.
- He agreed that there was a need for greater co-operation between partner agencies to deliver and achieve the CSPs priorities.

Resolved –

- (1) That the content of the report and the progress made in the delivery of the two 2020 pledges, be noted**
- (2) That this Committee recommends to Cabinet the 2016/17 priorities set by the Community Safety Partnership.**