



**Policy and Performance - Transformation and Resources
Committee**

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REPORT TITLE:	Community Safety Partnership
REPORT OF:	Strategic Director: Transformation and Resources

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks to outline Wirral's statutory requirement for a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and to provide Members of this committee with an update on the arrangements and the priorities set by Wirral Community Safety Partnership for 2016/17.

The report also takes the opportunity to highlight to Members the progress made to date in the delivery of 2 of the 20 pledges with in Wirral's 2020 Vision, these being:

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Members are requested to:

1. Note the content of this report and the progress made in the delivery of the two 2020 pledges; and
2. Recommend to Cabinet the 2016/17 priorities set by the Community Safety Partnership.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse in all its forms are a plight on the victims and the communities where they occur. The two Wirral 2020 pledges - Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe and Zero Tolerance to Domestic Abuse – set the future direction of how the Wirral partnership will tackle these matters and are key to the future wellbeing of Wirral's communities.
- 1.2 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is responsible for overseeing the delivery of these pledges.
- 1.3 To seek this committees approval to recommend to Cabinet the priorities for the CSP in 2016/17.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options were considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Statutory Requirements for a Community Safety Partnership

- 3.1 Section 6 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 requires the Responsible Authorities, commonly referred to collectively as a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) within a local government footprint to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area.
- 3.2 Amendments made to the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 required CSPs to share any partnership plans and community safety agreements with the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and gave the OPCC powers to call together representatives of these authorities across their police area to attend a meeting – the Merseyside Community Safety Partnership.
- 3.3 OPCC are not a designated responsible authority under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, however, the OPCC and the CSP must have regard to each other's priorities within their plans. This encourages joint working across each respective police force area and leads to mutually agreed priorities. It also ensures that the OPCC's priorities are tackled at the local level, and the CSP priorities are appropriately reflected and resourced.

Current Community Safety Partnership Arrangements

- 3.4 Currently the Wirral CSP operates under the brand of Safer Wirral and is attended by a wide representation from the following agencies and individuals:

- Merseyside Police – Area Commander
- Cabinet Member - Housing and Communities
- Party Group Spokesperson (Conservative & Lib Dems)
- Wirral Council
 - Community Safety Team
 - Wirral Anti-Social Behaviour Team
 - Family Safety Unit
 - Youth Offending Services

- Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Merseyside Community Rehabilitation Company
- Wirral NHS
- Merseyside Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

3.5 The CSP meet on a quarterly basis to understand latest crime data and agree work priorities to protect local communities to help people feel safer. They work out how to deal with local issues like anti-social behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse and reoffending. They annually assess local crime priorities and consult partners and the local community about how to deal with them.

Community Safety Partnership Priorities

3.6 The CSP agree their priorities for a 2 year period and these are then reviewed on an annual basis. The priorities for 2014 – 2016 were:

- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Reducing the amount of unlawful damage that occurs on Wirral
- Reducing the number of young people illegally drinking alcohol
- Reducing the impact of drug abuse
- Take effective action on all forms of hate crime
- Manage offenders who commit disproportionately high levels of crime
- Reduce shoplifting

3.7 These priorities are monitored and published on the internet to maintain accountability to the partnership and also to the communities of Wirral. The Performance Management Framework comprises the target rationale, baselines, projections, targets and reporting frequencies. Detailed below (Fig 1) are the target areas of focus throughout 2015 - 2016.

15 16 Targets set from 14 15 Achievements and 15 16 Projections						
Wirral Community Safety Partnership Performance Targets - 2015 / 2016	Reporting Frequency	Out Turn 2014/15	2015/16 Trend Projection	Proposed Target 2015/16	Target Rationale	Calculation Method
All Crime		19061	19794	19428		All recorded crime in Wirral
All crime within the 7 Beats Initiative	Monthly	2894	2900	2897	Average of 14/15 and 15/16 projection	All crime in Police Beats A342, A343, A344, A345, A346, A347, A348 (7 of 9 Beats in Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward)
Violence						
Violence With Injury	Monthly	1982	2268	2125	Average of out-tum and projection	Home Office definition
Alcohol Related Violence Youth		32	32	32		Recorded violence where alcohol flag is checked for 10-17 year olds or 18+
Alcohol Related Violence Adult		899	1044	972		National Indicator 28 definition
Senous knife crime		80	96	88		National Indicator 29 definition
Gun Crime		20	42	31		
Repeat Offending / Victimisation						
Repeat MARAC cases -	Quarterly	16.5	16.5	16.5	Maintain 2014/15	Average % repeats of high risk cases taken to MARAC in previous 12 months
Compass Decrease in offending rate		77.2	77.2	77.2		Rate 6 months before Compass Delivery/ rate 6 months after Compass Delivery
Compass Decrease in offending severity		78.5	78.5	78.5		This year's / last year's offending rate
PPO Offending Rate Reduction		41.2	41.2	41.2		
Acquisitive Crime						
Senous Acquisitive crime	Monthly	2920	3324	3122	Average of out-tum and projection	Former National Indicator definition
Primary deliberate fires		224	224	224		
Burglary		1026	1410	1218		
Taking of Motor Vehicle		548	690	619		
Theft From Motor Vehicle		1216	1056	1136		
Theft from Shop		2151	2256	2204		
Anti Social Behaviour						
Anti Social Behaviour Incidents	Monthly	11781	11250	11516	Average of target and projection	National Standard For Incident Recording
Criminal damage		3586	3420	3503	Out-tum	Former National Indicator definition
Secondary deliberate fires count		735		735	15% increase	Positive Futures - 15% increased funding for two of the measures
Young people attending sports sessions		847		528	Out-tum	
Young people reporting a reduction in alcohol/drug misuse		88		88	15% increase	
Young people referred to partner interventions		339		390		

Figure 1 – 2015/16 Performance Management Framework

3.8 The priorities for 2016/17 have been agreed by the CSP and were designed around the Wirral's 2020 Vision and one of its overarching principle's that no one single agency can deal with, or be responsible for dealing with complex community safety and criminal problems.

Therefore the CSP priorities for 2016 -2021 mirror those priorities set out in the two relevant pledges of Wirral's 2020 Vision specifically:

- Zero tolerance to Domestic Abuse (Pledge No. 7)
- Ensuring Wirral's neighbourhoods are safe. (Pledge No. 19)

3.9 These two pledges set the strategic direction for community safety in Wirral over the next five years. There will still be a requirement to measure the rates of specific crimes and anti-social behaviour, but the CSP will be far more outcome focussed with an agreed set of priorities, which when achieved will result in a safer Wirral.

**3.10 Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe - Priorities
Build safer, stronger, more confident communities.**

- 3.11 Greater engagement and involvement with the communities of Wirral will be at the heart of the work programmes for the CSP. We must strive to eradicate the fear of unsafe from the reality of a place where crime is being reduced.
- 3.12 The CSP will prioritise working with our residents to support strong, active and inclusive communities, who are informed and involved in decision-making which will enable us to improve our services and create safer neighbourhoods.
- 3.13 All of the above priorities will have due regard to the OPCC plans and priorities, and the CSP will work with the OPCC to mitigate risks to our communities and achieve tangible outcomes towards both sets of priorities.

Improve Community Safety by Tackling the Cause and Impact of crime and ASB

- 3.14 The CSP will prioritise its resources towards tackling the causes and impact of crime with the aim of improving the lives of victims. In particular the partnership will seek to prioritise the eradication of the fear of crime and of feeling unsafe across the Borough.
- 3.15 The CSP will work with colleagues involved in the Early Years strategy to ensure that our young people are directed away from crime and anti-social behaviour to other activities and resources such as The Hive – Wirral's new £6 million Youth Zone which is due to open in 2016.
- 3.16 In addition to this, the CSP will seek to work with colleagues from youth offending services, to ensure that as much can be done in regards to those young offenders and ensure that any perpetrator programmes bring about change in behaviours and reduce reoffending.
- 3.17 New and more efficient ways of working to address anti-social behaviour will be a priority for the CPS such as Wirral's Neighbourhood Justice Scheme which aims to provide positive outcomes to those affected by crime, ASB or neighbour disputes by enabling people to work together to find some kind of meaningful resolution. This method can help prevent escalation, ultimately saving time and the costs associated with repeat interventions by the police and other agencies.

Protecting Vulnerable People

- 3.18 In this pledge the CSP will seek to eliminate all forms of Hate crime, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and other similar offences, often referred to as 'Harmful Practices'. These crimes are often committed against vulnerable adults and children. It will prioritise supporting victims at the earliest opportunity and working alongside all agencies and communities to ensure we protect against radicalisation to prevent vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism.

3.19 The CSP will also work collectively to prioritise social isolation and all safeguarding issues by linking in with other existing work such as the Ageing Well strategy to and to Make Safeguarding Personal.

3.20 The Protecting Vulnerable People work stream will link directly to the Wirral 2020 Vision of Zero Tolerance to Domestic Abuse. The key priorities of this strategy are:

- Prevention - and Early Intervention;
- Provision – Children and Young People at the Heart of our Domestic Abuse Response;
- Partnership – A Strong Community Coordinated Response;
- Perpetrators – Make Victims Safer and Reduce Re-offending.

Deliver greater integration with all relevant partner agencies

3.21 The CSP has a long history of working in collaboration and this can be demonstrated by 8 consecutive years of falling crime and ASB reports. However the current public sector austerity measures have meant that a number of partner organisations have undertaken restructuring of their services and this has resulted in the CSP needing to collaborate even further.

3.22 Therefore it will be a priority to identify and implement new delivery models where the Police have clear operational control for all the community safety resources across Wirral. This will result in the police having the authority to commit and deploy other agencies resources to areas of need.

New Community Safety Partnership Structure

3.23 To achieve and deliver these new priorities we will be presenting a new structure model for the CSP in April (Fig 2) and contained with the Wirral 2020 pledge. This new structure highlights the key thematic areas and looks to distribute the leaderships of these themes across a wider partnership.

3.24 In addition we believe a new Wirral Community Safety Partnership should have greater community representation and we will be striving to encourage community representation onto the partnership.

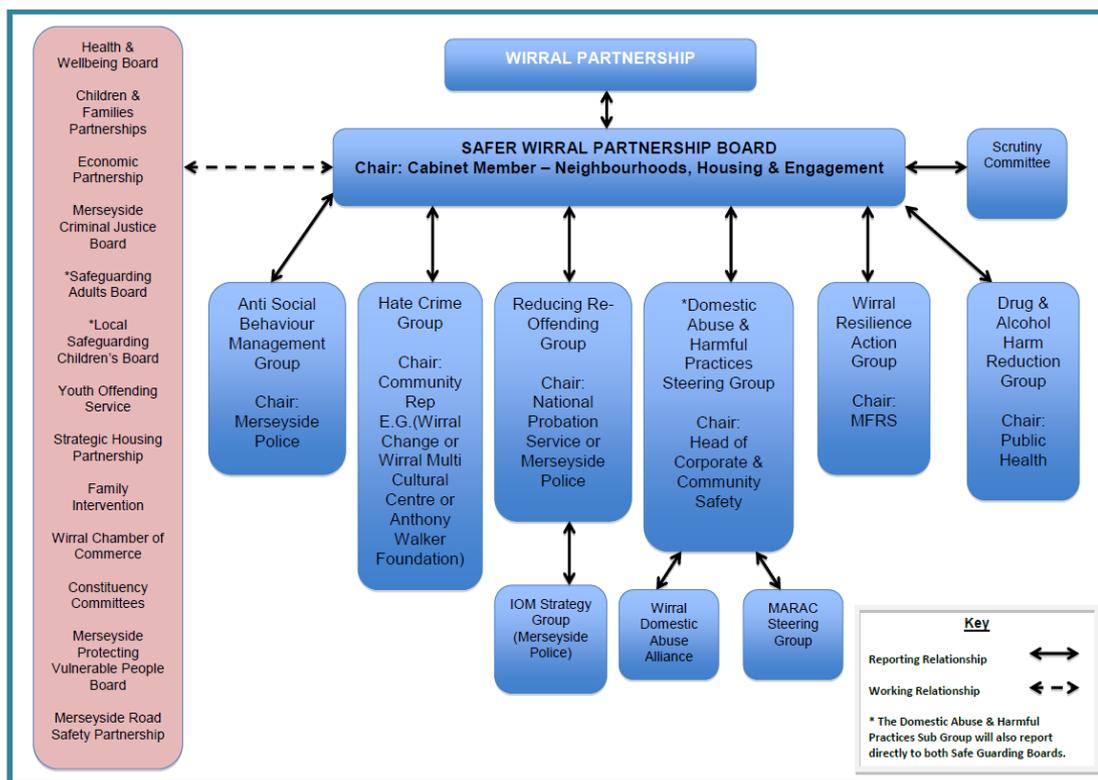


Figure 2 – New CSP Structure

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The work of the CSP is funded by contributions from 3 main sources and the levels of funding for 2016/17 are shown in brackets:

- Wirral Council (£334,000)
- Merseyside Police (£169,000 – BCU Fund)
- Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (£388,000)

4.2 The majority of this funding is attributed to staffing from across the agencies.

4.3 In addition to this the CSP bids for grants and other awards which become available and in 2016 this equated to £140,800.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The provision of a Community safety Partnership is a statutory requirement under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Comprehensive consultation was undertaken in the development of the two Wirral pledges.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 This report is for information only, as such there are no equality implications but full EIA's were undertaken in support of both Wirral pledges:

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

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APPENDICES

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date