

REPORT TO:	Safeguarding, Communities & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (fulfilling its function as Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee)
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SUBJECT:	Performance Report of Partnership Delivery Board 3 – ‘Making Wrexham a place that’s safe and where everyone feels included’
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To meet the statutory requirement to perform the functions of a crime and disorder scrutiny committee in order to review and / or scrutinise decisions in connection with the discharge of crime and disorder functions by Responsible Authorities.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides the background to local authority scrutiny of crime and disorder (Sections 19 and 20 of the Police Justice Act 2006) and to the arrangements in Wrexham for the PSB to fulfil the statutory function of the Community Safety Partnership through PDB3.

The report informs the Committee of progress against the partnership targets and objectives set out within Partnership Delivery Board 3 (PDB3) of the Public Service Board (PSB), which focuses on making Wrexham a place that’s safe and where everyone feels included. Year End progress is included at Appendix 1.

The report explains the upcoming changes to these arrangements following changes to the Public Service Board priorities and explains that the current protocol for crime and disorder scrutiny will need to be revised.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Scrutiny Committee:

- (i) Consider and make recommendations as appropriate to PDB3 in relation to PDB3 2017/18 performance;**
- (ii) In accordance with the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Protocol, agree the means and timescales for receiving a response from PDB3 on any recommendations it makes in relation to (i) above;**
- (iii) Agree that the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Protocol be revised to reflect the Community Safety Partnership as of 1 April 2018 and this be considered at the next crime and disorder scrutiny meeting;**
- (iv) Considers the scheduling of the next crime and disorder scrutiny meeting.**

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To enable members to scrutinise the work and performance of Partnership Delivery Board 3 of the Public Service Board and to fulfil the statutory requirement for scrutiny of crime and disorder.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Legislative basis for Crime & Disorder Scrutiny

4.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires that local areas have a Community Safety Partnership. Sections 19 and 20 of the Police Justice Act 2006 (as amended) require every County and County Borough in Wales to ensure it has an Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the power to:

- Review or scrutinise decisions made or action taken in connection with the discharge by the Responsible Authorities of their crime and disorder functions
- Make reports or recommendations to the local authority in connection with the discharge of these functions

Responsible Authorities' means the bodies and persons defined in section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – authorities responsible for crime and disorder strategies in relation to the local authority's area.

In Wrexham, these responsible authorities are:

- North Wales Police
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Wales Probation Service (North Wales Area)
- Community Rehabilitation Company (Wales)
- North Wales Fire & Rescue Service
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

'Crime and Disorder functions' means functions conferred by or under section 6 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 which refers to the formulation and implementation of a strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder. These are

- (a) A strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
- (b) A strategy for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area; and
- (c) A strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area.

4.2 The Welsh Government's Guidance for the Scrutiny of Crime & Disorder Matters requires that the Scrutiny Committee must meet to consider crime and disorder functions 'as the committee considers appropriate, but not less than once per year' and that Responsible Authorities and Co-operating persons and bodies must provide information to the Committee when requested.

Crime & Disorder Scrutiny in Wrexham

4.3 Wrexham Council's Constitution has allocated responsibility for crime and disorder scrutiny to the Safeguarding, Communities & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, which in accordance with the legislation has the power to review and scrutinise those strategies which the responsible authorities are required to formulate and implement in accordance with the Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

4.4 In Wrexham, the statutory function and duties of the Community Safety Partnership are currently discharged by the Public Service Board (PSB) and the PSB's Partnership Delivery Board (PDB) 3 focuses on the delivery of the crime and disorder function. Membership of the PSB and PDB3 includes the responsible authorities as well as other co-operating persons and bodies.

Scrutiny of crime and disorder matters as defined in the legislation is therefore currently scrutiny of the PSB, and specifically of PDB3 and of the PDB3 Delivery Plan in so far as they relate to crime and disorder functions. A Protocol for Crime and Disorder Scrutiny was agreed between this Committee and the PSB in 2015 and is attached as **Appendix 2** for information.

PSB Partnership Delivery Board (PDB) 3

4.5 PDB3 focuses on making Wrexham a place that's safe and where everyone feels included. Its principal focus is community safety and people feeling included and part of their local community.

PDB3 is chaired by Lee Robinson, Executive Director Wrexham Council. The Authority's Elected Member representative is Councillor Hugh Jones, Lead Member for Place – Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection & Community Safety.

In addition to the Responsible Authorities listed in paragraph 4.1, membership of PDB 3 also has representatives from Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW) and the Area Planning Board.

Scrutiny of PDB3 performance

4.6 The performance against the 2017/18 Delivery Plan is attached for scrutiny at Appendix 1.

4.7 Performance information for crime related measures are presented as Statistical Process Control (SPC) Charts provided by North Wales Police. SPC Charts are graphs which study changes over time, with a central line for the average, an upper line for the upper control limit and a lower line for the lower control limit. These lines are determined from historical data. Using SPC Charts enables PDB3 to consider current performance set within a wider contextual analysis of data from April 2012. **Appendix 1** also offers a reminder of how to use and interpret SPC Charts.

The SPC narrative often makes reference to Wrexham's 'Most Similar Group' or MSG. MSGs are groups of local areas that have been found to be the most similar to each other using statistical methods, based on demographic, economic and social characteristics which relate to crime. Areas which have similar demographic, economic and social characteristics will generally have reasonably comparable levels of crime. MSGs are designed to help make fairer and more meaningful comparisons between areas. Community Safety Partnerships operate in very different environments and face different challenges and it is more meaningful to compare an area with the other areas which share similar socio-economic characteristics. More detail about MSGs and Wrexham's performance within its MSG can be found <https://www.police.uk/north-wales/WRW24/performance/compare-your-area/>

4.8A summary of the 18/19 performance is as follows:

There are 0 measures / outcomes identified as **RED** which the report defines as **Action Required Immediately**.

There are 9 measures / outcomes identified as **AMBER** which the report defines as **Actions or projects are yet to be completed, or are yet to impact positively on performance data**

There are 28 measures / outcomes identified as **GREEN** which the report defines **Actions or project(s) are proving effective, are on track, or are complete**

There are 0 measures / outcomes identified as **WHITE** which the report defines as **No Relevant Data Set Available**

By Priority Areas this is as follows:

Priority	Red	Amber	Green	White
Domestic Violence		1	6	
Modern Slavery		1	2	
Organised Crime			2	
Drugs and Alcohol			3	
Counter-terrorism		1	6	
Sexual Abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation)		2	2	
Safer neighbourhoods		4	7	

4.9 In accordance with the 'Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Protocol', the Chair of PDB3 will report the Committee's comments and recommendations to its next meeting in April and will provide a response to Committee in accordance with a timescale to be agreed - see Recommendation 3.1 (ii).

Future Crime & Disorder Scrutiny

4.10 In accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015) Wales, the PSB has undertaken a well-being assessment of the local area and is scheduled to agree its Wellbeing Plan by May 2018. The proposed Plan has 2 main objectives:

- Children and young people are given a healthy start in life
- All people have the opportunity to learn and develop throughout their lives

As of April, PDB3 will become the Community Safety Partnership and this will report directly to the North Wales Safer Communities Board. The Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Protocol will need to be revised to reflect these new arrangements, however it should be noted that legislative basis for crime and disorder scrutiny and the powers granted to scrutiny by it will be unchanged.

The protocol will be revised by the Scrutiny Facilitator for Crime & Disorder Scrutiny and the Partnerships & Equalities Lead (WCBC) and be subject to the agreement of the CSP and this scrutiny committee.

4.11 The committee has previously agreed to consider crime and disorder scrutiny 6 monthly. The priorities identified in 17/18 will be carried forward into 2018/19 and should the committee wish to continue with this arrangement, a date for the Quarter 2 performance report can be included in the work programme (Recommendation 3.1 (iv) and the revised Protocol can also be considered at this time.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 **Policy Framework** –The Safeguarding, Communities & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, acting in its capacity as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, was aligned with the Council’s corporate priority ‘People’ and key priority outcome from the Council Plan 2017-22 ‘PE4 – Working with our partners to make Wrexham a safe place where people feel included’.

5.2 **Budget** –Wrexham County Borough Council receives an annual grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and this will support the delivery of the actions in the PDB3 plan.

This is a performance report and there are no direct budget implications.

5.3 **Legal** –The Local Authority is required to have a scrutiny committee with the powers to scrutinise the crime and disorder function of Responsible Authorities.

This is a performance report and there are no direct legal implications.

5.4 **Staffing** – Staff from across the PSB partner organisations were involved in the development of Our Wrexham Plan and the supporting Delivery Plan. They continue to be involved either through the PDBs, the PSB or both. The CSP will

This is a performance report and there are no direct staffing implications.

5.5 **Equality / Human Rights** – Members are advised of their duty to consider the full Equality Impact Assessment which is available at <http://vmwinsqld/equalityisalive/Menu.aspx> report number [EIA00101/2017]. Members of the public can request a copy of the full Equality Impact Assessment from the Contact Officer named in the header box of this report. A summary of the EIA is attached at Appendix 3.

5.6 **Risks** – This is a performance report and there are no risks directly arising from its consideration.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 Not applicable – this is a performance report.

7. EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

7.1 Not applicable – this is a performance report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO.
HF/82/17 'Performance Report of PDB3' 20 September 2017	WCBC website	http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&MId=3866
Our Wrexham Plan, 2013 to 2024, Wrexham Local Service Board's Single Integrated Plan (Council)	WCBC website	http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/MinutesData/Council/Reports/clf0713.pdf