

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Safeguarding, Communities & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (fulfilling its function as Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee)
<b>REPORT NO:</b>	HF/122/18s
<b>DATE:</b>	21 November 2018
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Community Safety Partnership Performance Report
<b>WARD:</b>	All Wards

## 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.

To consider a revised Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Protocol for adoption.

## 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).

Up until April 2018, the statutory functions of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) were discharged by the Public Services Board (PSB) and specifically Partnership Delivery Board (PDB) 3. In April, following changes to the PSB's priorities, PDB3 ceased to exist, and the responsible authorities re-formed as a Community Safety Partnership. The Scrutiny of Crime and

Disorder Protocol has been revised to reflect these changes and the revised Protocol is presented at Appendix 1 for the committee's consideration.

In addition, the report presents the following:

- A summary of the committee's views and recommendations at the previous meeting (March 2018) and updates where available;
- The CSP Delivery Plan 2018/19 (Appendix 2);
- Quarter 2 Performance against the CSP 18/19 Delivery Plan (Appendix 4a and 4b).

### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **3.1 That the Scrutiny Committee:**

- (i) Consider the revised Scrutiny of Crime & Disorder Protocol for adoption;**
- (ii) Consider and make recommendations as appropriate to the CSP in relation to CSP 2018/19 performance to date;**
- (iii) In accordance with the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Protocol, agree the means and timescales for receiving a response from the CSP on any recommendations it makes in relation to (ii) above;**
- (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 the Community Safety Partnership in order 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 1988 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 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, up until April 2018, the statutory function and duties of the Community Safety Partnership were discharged by the Public Service Board (PSB) and the PSB's Partnership Delivery Board (PDB) 3 which focused on the delivery of the PSBs priority relating to Wrexham being 'a place that's safe and where everyone feels included'. Membership of the PSB and PDB3 included the responsible authorities and scrutiny of crime and disorder matters as defined in the legislation was therefore scrutiny of the PSB, and specifically of PDB3 and of the PDB3 Delivery Plan in so far as it related to crime and disorder functions.

A Protocol for Crime and Disorder Scrutiny was agreed between this Committee and the PSB in 2015.

In March 2018, the committee was advised that following the publication of the Council's Wellbeing Plan, the PSBs priorities had been revised and PDB3 would cease at the end of that month. As of April 2018, the responsible authorities re-established the Community Safety Partnership, reporting directly to the North Wales Safer Communities Board.

The Protocol has therefore been revised to reflect these changes, however the substance of the protocol (timescales, means of communications, etc.) as well as the legislative basis for scrutiny of crime and disorder are unchanged. The CSP has agreed the revised protocol.

The revised protocol is now attached at **Appendix 1** for this committee's consideration.

### **Previous crime and disorder scrutiny**

4.5 The committee last considered crime and disorder matters at its meeting in March 2018. At this time, the report presented year end performance against the 2017/18 Delivery Plan.

The 2018/19 Delivery Plan is now presented at **Appendix 2**.

A comparison of the seven 2017/18 and the five 2018/19 priority areas is as follows:

<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
Domestic Violence	Reduce violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV)
Sexual Abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation)	
Modern Slavery	Develop our community resilience by focusing on Modern Slavery, PREVENT, Hate Crime and Community Tension Monitoring
Counter-terrorism	
Drugs and Alcohol	Reduce the harm that substance misuse and alcohol causes to communities, families and individuals
Safer neighbourhoods	Tackle Anti Social Behaviour
	Engage with our communities to provide reassurance and increase public confidence
Organised Crime	

4.6 At the March meeting, the committee made a number of recommendations and an update is provided below:

(i) **All Member workshops be arranged on the CSP's Priority Areas, particularly Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Modern Slavery.**

All member training on County Lines / Modern Slavery will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Officers are currently looking at whether CSE can be included at this session.

(ii) **The Scrutiny Committee is concerned that the mandatory Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) training for licences for private hire, hackney drivers and private hire operators set out in the Delivery Plan was not being provided. PDB3 is requested to provide a response by email to members of the committee with details as to how many current drivers have had the mandatory CSE training (from the total) and how frequently the training is made available.**

The issue was discussed at the April meeting of the Environmental Licensing Committee and the Committee was advised of the following:

- approximately 270 individuals had undergone the training commissioned by Barnardo's, North Wales Police and Social Services;
- the training was no longer available from the original providers and approximately 200 drivers remained untrained;
- Licensing Service shared the concern of members and other options to identify sustainable and effective training going forward was being considered and would be reported back to the Environmental Licensing Committee.

This information was shared with members of the SCWSC.

In September 2018, the Environmental Licensing Committee was advised that all outstanding private hire and hackney carriage drivers would be offered free training to be provided by WCBC training team. Seven sessions would be offered during the period November 2018 to March 2019. Going forward, consideration was being given to the development of an online module for future applicants to complete as part of the application process.

<http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/documents/g4130/Printed%20minutes%2024th-Sep-2018%2014.00%20Environmental%20Licensing%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

### **Scrutiny of CSP performance**

4.7 The performance report 2018/19 (Q2) submitted to the CSP on 30<sup>th</sup> October is attached at **Appendix 4a**. **Appendix 4b** presents further information

relating to the performance of crime related measures referenced in the performance report in the form of Statistical Process Control Charts.

- 4.8 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 the CSP to consider current performance set within a wider contextual analysis of data from April 2012. **Appendix 3** 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/>

- 4.8 The committee is invited to consider the performance information for 2018/19 to date, attached at Appendices **4a and 4 b**.
- 4.9 In accordance with the 'Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Protocol', the CSP Chair will report the Committee's comments and recommendations to its next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and will provide a response to Committee in accordance with a timescale to be agreed - see Recommendation 3.1 (iii).

## 5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** –The Safeguarding, Communities & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, acting in its capacity as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, is 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 CSP 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** – 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 5**.

- 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/28/18s 'Performance report of Partnership Delivery Board 3 – 'Making Wrexham a place that's safe and where everyone feels included' 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	WCBC website	<a href="http://modern.gov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&amp;MId=3872">http://modern.gov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&amp;MId=3872</a>