

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
DATE: **THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015**
REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
SUBJECT: **CORPORATE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To provide Members with an overview of the Community Safety Partnership's activities and progress in 2014/5.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The Flintshire Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this committee on an annual basis to provide an overview of activities undertaken over the previous twelve months. This ensures that the Partnership meets its obligations under sections 19 and 20 of the Police & Criminal Justice Act 2006. The legislation came into effect in Wales on 1 October 2009 through the Crime & Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

2.02 Flintshire County Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and the subsequent amendments by the Police and Justice Act 2006, to work in partnership with the police, health service, probation and fire service to address the local community safety agenda. Collectively they make up the Community Safety Partnership.

2.03 There has been a partnership in existence in Flintshire since 1999. To support the Partnership, the county is served by a core team of local authority and police officers who tackle areas such as domestic abuse, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour, along with the Neighbourhood Wardens.

2.04 In recent years the drive to rationalise the work of partnerships has been the catalyst for significant changes in the Flintshire Community Safety Partnership's governance structure. In April 2013 the Partnership merged with the Local Service Board. This has had minimal impact on the operational delivery structure; however at a strategic level it has meant a greater consistency of approach. The statutory duties of the Community Safety Partnership continue to be fulfilled.

2.05 Over the past few years' significant progress has also been made in the way community safety partnerships across the region have worked

together. The establishment of the North Wales Safer Communities Board in July 2012 has been the most significant development. This Board represents a partnership between all the statutory authorities across the region (as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998), along with the voluntary sector. The overall aim of the Board is to introduce greater consistency in this area of work, whilst allowing opportunities to share expertise and work more effectively and efficiently.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The Flintshire Community Safety Partnership has adopted the Safer Communities Board Plan for 2014/7, which became operational in April 2014, and was further reviewed in June 2015.

3.02 The purpose of the Plan is to outline how the Safer Communities Board (SCB) intends to focus its work, working in partnership to prevent and tackle crime and disorder. It outlines how the SCB have decided on its areas of work, and summarises the main priorities and outcomes. It also outlines how it will monitor and measure progress.

3.03 The Plan reflects the recommendations contained within the regional Strategic Assessment, and also takes into account the Police and Crime Plan and the findings of the Substance Misuse Needs Assessment.

3.04 Whilst the SCB are focusing at a regional level on issues and problems that are common throughout the North Wales, such as mental health, reoffending, hidden crimes and technology enabled crimes (as identified in the Strategic Assessment), the Board is asking local community safety partnerships to focus on:

i. Reducing crime and disorder, through focussing on:

- Victim based crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Supporting vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime
- Repeat incidents of victim based crime and ASB for victims and perpetrators
- Working with MARAC to manage the levels of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse
- Dealing effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Increase the confidence in reporting Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence

ii. Combat substance misuse in the area, with focus on:

- Substance misuse
- Alcohol misuse

iii. Reducing reoffending

The agencies represented on the SCB have undertaken to take forward these priorities within their localities, and report on progress at regular intervals. It has been agreed that the Flintshire People are Safe Board adopts these priorities, and reports to both the LSB and SCB at regular intervals on progress or challenges.

3.05 The Flintshire Community Safety Partnership's annual report accompanies this report as a supporting document.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 The Committee recognises the strong regional and local alignment of priorities, and is assured of the planning and achievement by the local Community Safety Partnership.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None as a result of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None as a result of this report.

12.00 APPENDICES

- 12.01 North Wales Community Safety Plan - 2014/7 (June 2015 version)
- 12.02 Community Safety Annual Report - 2014/5

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

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