

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report Subject	Community Safety Partnership Annual Report
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Members with an overview of the Community Safety Partnership's activities and progress over the past 12 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To note and support the contents of the report.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	BACKGROUND OF THE FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
1.01	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 and Criminal Justice Act 2006.
1.02	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 as a Community Safety Partnership.
1.03	There has been a partnership in existence in Flintshire since 1999. The Partnership is supported by a small team of local authority and police officers who work on shared priorities, alongside the Neighbourhood Wardens.
1.04	In recent years the drive to rationalise the cost and bureaucracy of partnerships has led to significant changes in the Flintshire Community Safety Partnership's governance structure. The Partnership now sits under the auspices of the Public Service Board (PSB), and discharges its duties through the work of the People are Safe Board which is a specialist board comprised of all the statutory partners.
1.05	The work of the board is underpinned through the implementation of a local delivery plan. It reports quarterly on performance and progress to the PSB. The Plan also reflects the recommendations contained within the regional Strategic Assessment (produced by North Wales Police), and takes into account the Police and Crime Plan and the work of the Substance Misuse Area Planning Board.
1.06	The Community Safety Partnership also acknowledges the need to work regionally, as the issues and themes our communities encounter often transcend geographic boundaries. Flintshire County Council has taken a leading role in the Safer Communities Board since its inception in 2012. Common regional issues such as counter terrorism, re-offending, and hidden crimes (as identified in the Strategic Assessment) are most effectively addressed with a common approach. The Board also takes forward the priorities that the Police and Crime Commissioner identifies in the annual Police and Crime Plan.
1.07	Outlined below are Flintshire's priorities for 2019/20: <u>Priority 1: Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence</u> Impact

1. People's confidence to report appropriately to partners in the public domain is increased.
2. Recognition of the signs and symptoms of domestic abuse and sexual violence by public and voluntary sector agencies.
3. Improved response from public services to Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence should realise an increase in reporting, as individuals will be more confident coming forward.
4. High risk cases of domestic abuse are dealt with effectively, and a reduction in the repeat victimisation achieved.
5. Better sharing of intelligence across partner agencies.

Specific actions in 2019/20 to support this priority:

- Effective engagement of partners with the MARAC process.
- Promote Level 1 of Welsh Government's Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence e-learning module across public sector agencies within the county. This will improve officer awareness of this area, and enable them to respond appropriately and increase public confidence in reporting.
- Work with the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Regional Advisor to roll out Levels 2 and 3 of the National Training Framework
- Monitor and progress the actions identified within completed Domestic Homicide Review (DHR), and undertake second review.
- Target Neighbourhood Warden resources to help support victims of crime, domestic abuse, ASB and the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Priority 2: Protecting Vulnerable Adults

Impact

1. Vulnerable people prevented from becoming victims of crime.
2. Substance misuse tackled collaboratively on a local and regional level.
3. Better sharing of intelligence across partner agencies.
4. Increased partnership action to tackle Organised Crime Gangs.
5. Recognition of signs and symptoms of Modern Day Slavery and increased partnership action to tackle.

Specific actions in 2019/20 to support this priority:

- Promote a better understanding of the work around 'County Lines' to enable officers to refer information and / or intelligence to the appropriate agencies.
- Effective use of powers under the ASB, Crime and Police Act 2014 including orders on conviction.
- Effective use of powers under The Modern Slavery Act 2015 including orders on conviction and civil orders for trafficking
- Promote and support the most vulnerable in our communities through the work of the VARM (Vulnerability And Risk Management) Group.

- Make best use of multi-agency intelligence to identify and protect victims of crime and anti-social behaviour through the CDRP Group process
- Enhance intelligence gathering opportunities by continued awareness raising internally and with partners through the Modern Day Slavery Unit
- Promote training around Modern Day Slavery
- Build upon the roll out of the Early Action Together Programme (EATP) in Flintshire, ensure learning is implemented from ACE TIME training and contribute to performance management information to ensure this is achieved

Priority 3: Protecting Vulnerable Young People

Impact

1. Awareness of the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) amongst partners.
2. Earlier intervention in recognition of the above.
3. Partnership action to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation.
4. Vulnerable young people prevented from becoming victims of crime.

Specific actions in 2019/20 to support this priority:

- Focus on education and awareness raising of child criminal exploitation
- Focus on partnership working through the Onyx Team and local Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT's)
- Identify, deter and support young people who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system.
- Build upon the roll out of the Early Action Together Programme (EATP) in Flintshire, ensure learning is implemented from ACE TIME training and contribute to performance management information to ensure this is achieved

Priority 4: Protecting Our Communities

Impact

1. Respond appropriately to intelligence gathered from our communities.
2. Identify and deter those individuals who could cause our communities the most harm.

Specific actions in 2019/20 to support this priority:

- Work with our most prolific offenders to reduce re-offending
- Review governance arrangements around the statutory Prevent duty as defined by The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and share recommendations emanating from the County Lines review • Flintshire County Council Housing Department to review their approach to addressing anti-social behaviour • Review how partners respond to the community trigger process and other powers arising from the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
1.08	<p>Some of the key activities undertaken over the past 12 months have been as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission second Domestic Homicide Review • Maintain the multi-agency intelligence led approach to tackle ASB through monthly tasking and ad hoc professionals meetings. • Raise awareness of violence against women by supporting the International White Ribbon Campaign on a local and regional level. • Implementation of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) National Training Framework. • Target repeat offenders (adults) via an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) process. Identifying those who cause the most harm (prolific offenders) and addressing their re-offending behaviour. • Targeting young offenders to reduce offending and re-offending by implementing the Flintshire Youth Justice Service Plan. • Progress multi-agency knife crime initiatives • Participate in regional County Lines Needs Assessment • Promote and support enhanced substance misuse outreach work
1.09	<p>The work that this undertaken locally is influenced and directed by regional trends and priorities. In recent years the North Wales Safer Communities Board has facilitated greater consistency of approach in terms of strategic and tactical working across the region.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None as a result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None as a result of this report.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None as a result of this report.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	North Wales Safer Communities Board Plan, 2017-2021

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Contact Officer: Sian Jones, Community and Business Protection Manager Telephone: 01352 702132 E-mail: sian-jones@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p><u>MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference)</u></p> <p>A MARAC, or multi-agency risk assessment conference, is a meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases between representatives of local police, probation, health, child protection, housing practitioners, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors.</p> <p>After sharing all relevant information about a victim, representatives discuss options for increasing safety for the victim and turn these options into a co-ordinated action plan. The primary focus of the MARAC is to safeguard the adult victim.</p>
7.02	<p><u>National Training Framework</u></p> <p>The National Training Framework for violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence outlines the Welsh Government's requirements for training on these subjects across the public service and specialist third sector.</p> <p>The Framework is made up of six levels. Officers employed by the 'responsible authorities' (as defined by statute) will be required to undertake training in relation to domestic abuse and sexual violence.</p>
7.03	<p><u>Public Services Board (PSB)</u></p> <p>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 established statutory PSBs, which replaces the voluntary Local Service Boards in each local authority area. The role of the board is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area • set objectives that are designed to maximise the PSBs contribution to the well-being goals. <p>Each PSB must prepare and publish a plan setting out its objectives and the steps it will take to meet them. This is called a Local Well-being Plan. It must state:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • why the PSB feels their objectives will contribute within their local area to achieving the well-being goals • how it has had regard to the assessment of Local Well-being in setting its objectives and steps to take.
7.04	<p><u>Safer Communities Board (SCB)</u></p> <p>The aim of the Safer Communities Board (SCB) is to provide strategic direction for the exercise of the Community Safety and Youth Justice functions across the region. The SCB promotes consistency of policy objectives, and the shared use of expertise and resources across the region.</p> <p>The objectives of the SCB include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing bureaucracy and formality through streamlining strategic and operational functions. • Identifying shared and/or common priorities • Acting as a lobbying group to influence the Welsh Government, Home Office and Local Policing Body. • Establishing a common and consistent framework for strategic, tactical and operational delivery at regional, sub-regional and local levels. • Facilitating and encouraging regional working in the interests of public value. <p>Providing a more efficient and consistent service in contributing to reducing crime and disorder and improving the criminal justice services in North Wales.</p>
7.05	<p><u>County Lines</u></p> <p>A law enforcement term used for the tactic Organised Crime Gangs have been using to operate their illegal business across the UK.</p>
7.06	<p><u>Onyx Team</u></p> <p>A specialist team tackling Child Sexual Exploitation.</p>