

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD – 16th MAY 2014

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

REPORT OF THE COHESION MANAGER

The purpose of the report is to provide information requested and update the Scrutiny Management Board on Community Safety issues in three key areas.

1. Police & Crime Commissioner Funding 2014/15

Grants have been submitted to the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) to the value of £274,000. To date we have not received official confirmation on whether these grants have been successful. Confirmation of successful applications is expected in mid May. Full descriptions on grants submitted are attached with Appendix 1. We received £205,000 in 2013/14 and have asked for additional support this year for Domestic Abuse and CCTV.

The PCC funding is primarily used for community safety projects and initiatives and to support local events, projects, and campaigns etc. that contribute to the wider community safety agenda.

One of the funding bids is used to fund two posts, and this does pose some risk particularly around support for Domestic Abuse victims. Sustainability of this post without PCC funding remains a risk for the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

2. Domestic Abuse Plan

The Domestic Abuse Plan is currently out for consultation with partners, please see appendix 2. The Plan will be signed off at the next Community Safety Board in June.

The Plan is set within the context of preventing, reducing and supporting victims and reducing the number of Domestic Abuse incidents. The Plan is supported by Community Safety Partnership Plan and Board, and is currently a priority for the Local Safeguarding Children's Board. The affects and impact of Domestic Abuse is an issue that cuts across a number of service areas and is supported by Health & Wellbeing, Adults Safeguarding and Children Safeguarding Boards.

This Plan focuses on three main priorities, supporting the West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police Strategy:

1. Prevention
2. Provision
3. Protection

Each priority provides a key emphasis on raising awareness, training, education, breaking the cycle by promoting positive healthy relationships, essential support for victims and families and challenging the attitudes and behaviours of perpetrators.

This Plan provides a position statement of where we are in providing services to victims, children and families and also identifies the actions needed to move forward and ensure that services are meeting need and that gaps in service provision are considered, and a measured approach in responding to any gaps is taken. The plan is a document that will be monitored and actioned through the newly formed LSCB & Domestic Abuse Sub-Group, as part of year one refresh a needs assessment will be undertaken. Giving this time frame allows the merger of the two groups to be embedded and also the development of partner strategies to be completed.

The Plan and the priorities are supported by an Action Plan that forms the main focus on ensuring the delivery of this Plan.

3. Community Safety Partnership Plan

The Community Safety Partnership (appendix 3) Board identified the following four priorities for the Partnership:

- 1. Overall crime is reduced in the Borough**
- 2. Anti-social behaviour is reduced – to include environmental crime**
- 3. Greater Community Cohesion in the Borough**
- 4. To reduce the fear of crime – keeping residents safer in Telford & Wrekin**

The priorities will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that the Partnership is focussed on addressing community safety issues that affect local communities within Telford and Wrekin. These priorities are supported by a performance framework, attached as appendix 4 and 5.

There have been a number of successes including:

- Personal safety events delivered to provide crime prevention advice and raise awareness:
- 561 personal safety items distributed
- Celebrate Safely Campaigns completed – Christmas Campaign included distribution of SmartWater kits
- Business Crime – Group now revised to focus as a partnership management working closely with the Business Support Team
- Domestic Abuse Plan– awaiting final sign off
- Street Pastor scheme still very much supported and a presence in the night time economy
- White Ribbon Town Award
- Implementation of Power to Change and Parenting Group
- Continuation of MARAC
- CCTV: 153 Static Camera's and 9 Nomad all deployed.
- Neighbourhood Delivery Groups (NDGs) now merged in line with Police SNT areas
- 3 ASBRACs initiated to support high risk victims/communities
- Street Action Plans providing focus on Bishopdale and Willowfield
- Crucial Crew 2013 successfully delivered with approx 1900 students attending, 2014 now being planned.
- Year 9 event successfully held at Lakeside.

- Community Payback
- Diversionary activity projects delivered
- Safer Telford Website – refresh
- Multi-agency mini moto campaign planned
- Targeted PCSO Patrols – specifically in relation to fly tipping.
- PSCO in 6 Schools

The Partnership Plan also supports both Domestic Abuse and DAAT Strategy and action plans. These are being developed to provide a specific focus on the cross cutting issues around domestic abuse and substance misuse for partner agencies, and the refresh of the Plan will take into the account the key findings following the recent completion of these Strategies.

The recent release of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 will also have significant implications on how as a partnership we tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

We are now moving into Year One refresh which will include a full review of all of the action plans, including completion of delivery and evaluation. The refresh of the Plan will be presented at the next Partnership Board meeting in June 2014.