

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**CABINET – 7 DECEMBER 2017**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2017-2019**

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT TOM HARDING, CHAIR OF THE  
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

**PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT**

**1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS**

1.1. To provide the 2017-19 Community Safety Partnership’s Strategy: “Safer Telford and Wrekin Strategy” for approval.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board considers approval of the:

a) Safer Telford and Wrekin Strategy 2017-2019.

**3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	Do these proposals contribute to a specific HWB Priority	
	No	N/A
	Do these proposals contribute to specific Co-Operative Council priority objective(s)?	
	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• put our children and young people first</li> <li>• protect and support our vulnerable children and adults</li> <li>• ensure that neighbourhoods are safe, clean and well maintained</li> </ul>
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	N/A
<b>TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE</b>	April 2018.	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>		There are several Council budgets for 2017/18 which are available to fund work associated with the Community Safety Strategy, these include the

	<p>Community Safety service budget of £490k, in addition there is £56k from the Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner (OPCC); this funding, working to the CSP priorities, supports a wide range of projects and initiatives; a budget of £2.4m funded by the Public Health Grant, including £90k from the OPCC, for Substance misuse services. The Council also funds staff to support the work associated with CSE.</p> <p>The detailed work programmes to support the delivery of this strategy will need to be met from these existing resources and this will be reported as part of future reports to this Board.</p> <p>Partnership working promotes a more effective and efficient use of the resources available in order to deliver the desired outcomes.</p> <p><i>TS 16.08.2017</i></p>
<p><b>LEGAL ISSUES</b></p>	<p>Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were developed under Section 5 to 7 of the Crime &amp; Disorder Act 1998 [as amended from time to time] .CSPs are made up of representatives from the ‘responsible authorities’, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local Authority</li> <li>• Police – every Chief Officer whose police area lies within the Local Authority area</li> <li>• Each Fire and Rescue Authority within the Local Authority area</li> <li>• Probation Services</li> <li>• Health –every Clinical Commissioning Group within the Local Authority area.</li> </ul> <p>The responsible authorities are required to co-operate with every local probation board and every provider of probation services under Section 3 of the Offender</p>

		<p>Management Act 2007 and such other persons or bodies as prescribed by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The purpose of CSPs is to work together to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safer.</p> <p>Under Section 6 of the 1998 Act the CSP is required to formulate and implement strategies for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Behaviour adversely affecting the local environment);</li> <li>• Combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area, and</li> <li>• The reduction of re – offending in the area.</li> </ul> <p>The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 [as amended from time to time] provide further details as to how the CSP should exercise its functions in formulating and implementing its strategies, strategic assessments and partnership plan, including information sharing, consultation and annual review.</p> <p>In addition, each Local Authority, Fire and Rescue Authority and Policing Body individually have a statutory duty under Section 17 of the 1998 Act to exercise their statutory functions with due regard to and the need to do all that can reasonably be done to prevent crime and disorder ,the misuse of drugs ... etc and reoffending.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>KF 18.08.2017</i></p>
<b>EQUALITY &amp; DIVERSITY</b>	No	N/A
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	No	N/A
<b>PATIENTS &amp; PUBLIC</b>	Yes	Engagement with the service users,

<b>ENGAGEMENT</b>		community and professionals is a key part of the Community Safety Partnership's work.
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	No	N/A

## **PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1. The Crime and Disorder Act of 1998 requires local areas to have a Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Section 17 of this act places a legal duty on the responsible authorities<sup>1</sup> to work together to tackle and reduce crime and disorder, including anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, substance misuse, reduce reoffending and reduce the fear of crime.
- 1.2. In Telford the CSP is known as the 'Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership' and has been in existence since 1998. Since then, the strategy has been regularly refreshed to reflect the changing needs of the community, but retaining the partnership's statutory purpose.
- 1.3. Over the last 12 months there have been many changes to the community safety landscape, including the election of the new West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), John Campion and the subsequent new West Mercia Police and Crime Plan. Many of the partners have also undergone restructuring within this time period, and the partnership is determined to minimise the effects of these restructures on the community.
- 1.4. Working together to make a difference is integral to the success of the strategy; this includes working with other partnerships and ensuring that strategies and plans are aligned (including for example, the West Mercia Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021, the local Youth Justice Plan, and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy).
- 1.5. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership is committed to reducing crime and its impact on our communities, including our most vulnerable residents and victims of crime. Its overarching priority is to **reduce crime, and the fear of crime, in the Borough.**
- 1.6. The priorities for 2017-2019 have been decided through analysis of recorded crime and through consultation with agencies. Whilst the partnership recognises that other types of crime occur in the Borough, it

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<sup>1</sup> The responsible authorities are: Telford & Wrekin Council, West Mercia Police, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group, National Probation Service and West Mercia and Warwickshire Community Rehabilitation Company.

has agreed to concentrate on three in particular for the period of this strategy. The three priorities are:

- Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and its impact on victims;
- Addressing Domestic Abuse and its impact on victims; and
- Reducing the impact of crime, including fear of, on community wellbeing.

1.7. Progress against the priorities will be monitored and challenged through the Partnership's performance framework. This framework will be broader than the priorities which will enable the Partnership to identify any emerging themes outside of the priorities that it needs to address.

1.8. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Strategy outlines how the partnership will address the three priority areas over the next two years and how this will impact on the community. A copy of the draft Safer Telford and Wrekin Strategy can be found in Appendix A.

## **2. Summary of the priorities**

### ***Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and its impact on victims***

2.1. Although OFSTED has recognised our multi-agency work, our intelligence shows that this continues to be a challenge and an issue of concern for our community.

2.2. Tackling CSE remains a local priority across agencies, as well as the Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board (TWSCB) and the Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership. The Partnership understands the importance of ensuring that the community are part of the prevention against this type of abuse and crime. The Partnership will focus on reducing the fear of this crime and enabling the community to identify and report it.

2.3. The partnership's work will enable the community of Telford and Wrekin, including those who work here:

- Have an awareness and understanding of CSE and its local context,
- Feel they are able to report it to the Police or the Local Authority,
- Are assured that any identified offending will be dealt with robustly, and
- Have a level of confidence in reporting CSE.

### ***Addressing Domestic Abuse and its impact on victims***

2.4. Locally addressing Domestic Abuse continues to be a priority for partners, as well as other strategic partnerships including the Telford & Wrekin Health and Wellbeing Board and the Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards.

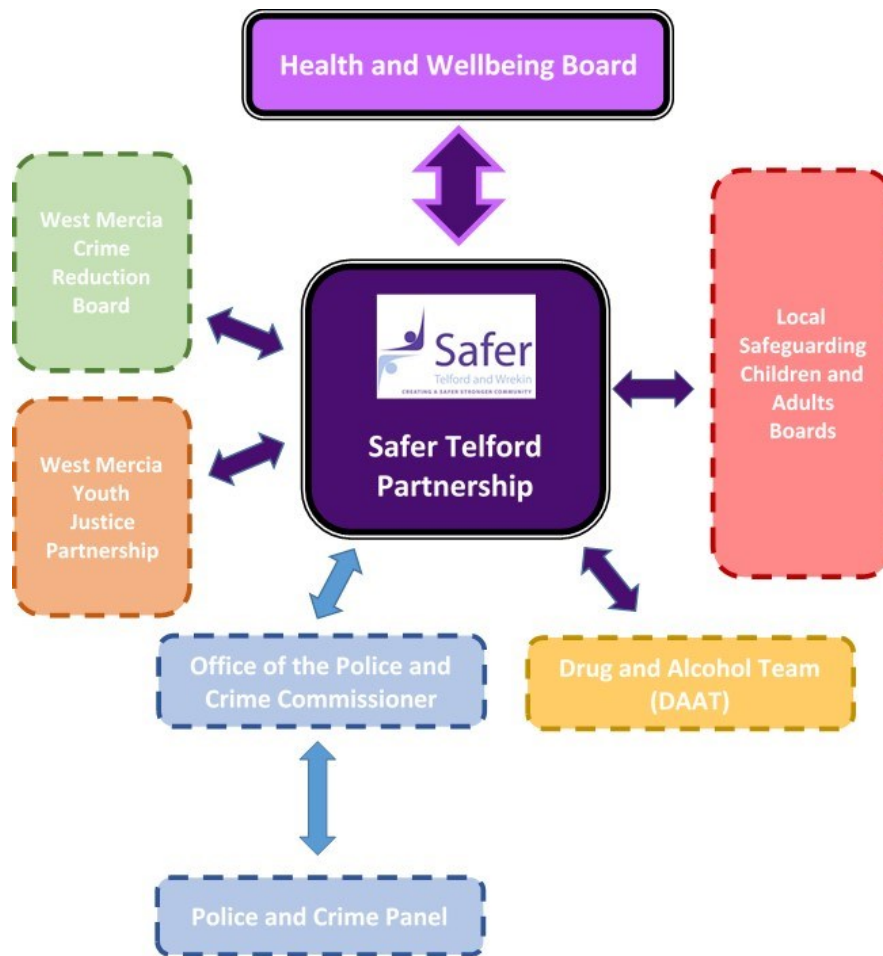
- 2.5. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership will work together with the other strategic partnerships to address domestic abuse and to reduce its impact on victims and the wider community.
- 2.6. The Partnership's work will enable the community to be able to identify domestic abuse, know where to turn to for help, victims and their families will be supported and perpetrators are dealt with effectively (from prosecution to reducing future harm and offending).

***Reducing the impact of crime, including fear of, on community wellbeing***

- 2.7. Any behaviour that has a negative impact on feeling safe, or has a detrimental effect on the environment, impacts on communities and their wellbeing. Reducing their impact will enable people to enjoy private and public spaces more, and protect the environment they live in. These types of crime impact on the health, safety and quality of life of our community.
- 2.8. We know that people of Telford and Wrekin want to live in a safe and clean environment and the Partnership is committed to achieving that.
- 2.9. The Partnership's work will enable the community of Telford and Wrekin to be proud of their Borough, feel safer and enjoy the private and public spaces it offers.

**3. Governance and Accountability**

- 3.1. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership is accountable locally to the Health and Wellbeing Board and provides an annual update on its progress as well as updates on specific aspects, such as substance misuse throughout the year.
- 3.2. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership is linked with other strategic local and regional partnerships as the following diagram illustrates. As well as these strategic links, the partnership works closely with the wider partnership landscape in the Borough to ensure that strategies and work plans area aligned (e.g. the Homelessness Partnership).



3.3. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership will also be held to account by the Telford & Wrekin Council's Customer, Community and Partnership Scrutiny Committee as the designated body for scrutiny of Community Safety Partnerships as set out in Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. The Partnership are due to present an update to Scrutiny, on its progress against the strategy, in April 2018.

#### **4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Nothing further to add at this time.

#### **5. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

#### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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