

COMMUNITY & LEISURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL – 21 JANUARY 2020

**SAFER NEW FOREST PARTNERSHIP – CONSIDERATION OF
CRIME AND DISORDER FIGURES FOR THE DISTRICT AND
PROPOSED PRIORITIES FOR 2020/21**

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 requires District Councils to have a crime and disorder committee whose functions are to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by “responsible authorities” of their crime and disorder functions. The Community & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Panel fulfils the role of the crime & disorder committee for NFDC.

1.2 The “responsible authorities” for the area are:

- New Forest District Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Probation Services
- Hampshire Constabulary
- Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Clinical Commissioning Group

1.3 These authorities form the nucleus of the “Safer New Forest Strategy & Delivery Group” which co-ordinates the delivery of the responsible authorities’ statutory crime and disorder functions. They are assisted in this by the following partners who are additional members of the Strategy & Delivery Group:

- Forestry England
- New Forest National Park Authority
- Hampshire County Council Children’s Services
- Hampshire County Council Adult Services
- Hampshire County Council Youth Offending Team

2. STATUTORY CRIME AND DISORDER RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The responsible authorities’ statutory responsibilities include preparing annual strategies for:

- The reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
- For combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area; and
- For the reduction of re-offending in the area

The Strategy & Delivery Group prepares an annual Partnership Plan setting out agreed strategies for the above.

- 2.2 The Strategy & Delivery Group is required to undertake an annual strategic assessment of crime and disorder using available data to assist in revising and developing the priorities for the following year.
- 2.3 The draft strategic assessment 2019 which includes the current partnership's 2019/2020 plan was considered and approved by the Strategy Group on 6 January 2020. The draft strategic assessment is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.4 In its role, the Panel is asked to consider any matters arising from the 2019 Strategic Assessment, or any issues it would like to see included in the draft 2020/21 Partnership Plan.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

4. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Partnership Plan is directed at achieving the points set out in paragraph 2.1 and as such is an important tool in addressing crime & disorder issues in the District. The Strategic Assessment is an assessment of performance against the Plan and therefore is significant in assessing the value of initiatives undertaken.

5. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Plans and strategies are developed in accordance with New Forest District Council's Corporate Equality Objectives.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That the Panel considers and approves the draft Strategic Assessment for 2019.

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Background Papers:

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