

## COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL – 19 JANUARY 2016

### SAFER NEW FOREST – STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Safer New Forest is the name given to the **statutory** Community Safety Partnership for this District; it is focused on reducing crime, disorder, anti-social behavior, issues related to unlawful drugs, offending behaviour and environmental crime.

1.2 In summary the statutory requirements on the Partnership that commenced with the enactment of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 are to:

1.2.1 Convene a strategy group. The responsible authorities that are required to sit on the group are a minimum of two of the following agencies:

- New Forest District Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Hampshire Constabulary
- Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority
- Hampshire West Clinical Commissioning Group
- Hampshire Probation Trust

Safer New Forest includes all of the above partners and also invites others to assist it to exercise its functions. These partners are:

- The Forestry Commission
- Victim Support
- New Forest National Park Authority
- Community First New Forest
- Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Hampshire Youth Offending Team

1.2.2 Formulate an annual strategic assessment and make it available to the Hampshire County Strategy Group

1.2.3 Prepare an information sharing protocol signed by all responsible authorities

1.2.4 Hold at least one or more public/face the people meetings each year

1.2.5 Prepare a rolling Partnership Plan and deliver the priorities identified by the strategic assessment. The Plan is to take into account the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner and it is to be refreshed annually.

1.2.6 Develop and deliver strategies to tackle anti-social behavior and reduction of re-offending

1.2.7 Publish the Partnership Plan, a summary of the strategic assessment and an annual report to the community

- 1.2.8 Provide the Partnership Plan to the Police and Crime Commissioner and answer a summons from the Commissioner to explain the actions of the Partnership
- 1.2.9 Set out the extent to which people in the area might assist the partnership in reducing relevant issues
- 1.2.10 Consult with the community on the issues they are experiencing and the concerns they have (this information is to be included in the strategic assessment).
- 1.2.11 Undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews of domestic homicides that occur within the District area and that are 'in scope'.

## **2. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2015 (DRAFT)**

- 2.1 Please see Appendix 1. The 2015 draft strategic assessment has been produced using the most up to date data available; in most cases this is for the financial year 2014-2015. This draft report is currently being considered by the Strategy Group and is presented to the Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel for comment.

## **3. PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

- 3.1 The 2016-2017 partnership plan is in the process of being updated and agreed by the Strategy Group.
- 3.2 The suggested future priorities and work streams for 2016-2017 are:
  - Reducing ASB and Violent Crime
  - Reduction in arson
  - Protecting the vulnerable (reduction in sexual violence, domestic and child abuse)
  - Tackling drugs and alcohol misuse
  - Reducing reoffending
  - Managing rural crime
  - Making our roads safer
- 3.3 The statutory delivery of the partnership plan falls to a number of different agencies who take the lead for various priorities and work streams.

## **4. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All projects are developed in accordance with the New Forest District Council's Statement of Commitment to Equalities.

## **5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no specific Environmental implications arising from this report.

## **6. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Safer New Forest Statutory Partnership operates under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and seeks to reduce the impact of offending and reduce anti-social behavior by coordinating resources and focusing on priorities.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The District Council has a joint funding arrangement with the Police & Crime Commissioner for delivery of the Safer New Forest Strategy and the Partnership Plan. There is currently £11,240 available for the Partnership actions. There are no direct Financial Implications from this report.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That the Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel considers the strategic assessment (including performance, core work themes and development priorities) and highlights any information, concerns or actions they wish to be included in the partnership work to the strategy group members.

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### **Background Papers:**

None