

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL – 16 JANUARY 2018

**SAFER NEW FOREST PARTNERSHIP – PRIORITIES FOR PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

**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 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
- Police
- Fire & Rescue Authority
- 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 Commission
- Victim Support
- New Forest National Park Authority
- Community First New Forest
- 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 combatting 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 Group is required each year to prepare a strategic assessment to assist in revising and updating the strategies. The strategic assessment of performance against the Partnership's 2017/18 plan, which will lead to recommendations for the Partnership Plan for 2018/19, will be considered by the Strategy Group on 8 January 2018. The draft strategic assessment and partnership plan are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 respectively. The views of the Strategy Group on both will be reported orally to the Panel.
- 2.3 In its role as the Crime & Disorder Committee, the Panel is asked to consider any matters arising from the 2017 Strategic Assessment, or the draft Partnership Plan. Any comments the Panel might wish to make will be reported to the Cabinet on 3 February, when the Cabinet will consider both documents and make a recommendation regarding next year's Partnership Plan to the Council on 26 February.

### **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. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS**

- 7.1 Having recently assumed responsibility for the community safety function within the District, I have been impressed with the efforts that are clearly being made to tackle crime & disorder issues in the New Forest in a co-ordinated way.

## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Panel considers the draft Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan for 2018/19 and advises the Cabinet of any information, concerns or actions they might wish to put forward.

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