



**To:** Business Coordination Board

**From:** Chief Executive

**Date:** 14 March 2017

## **Developing a countywide Community Safety Agreement**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) on the progress of partnership discussions to develop a countywide community safety agreement and associated governance mechanisms.

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of the report.

### **3. Background**

3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, health, probation and fire (as responsible authorities) to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. For two tier authorities, such as Cambridgeshire, a statutory Community Safety Agreement was introduced. The main delivery vehicle to promote Community Safety in Cambridgeshire are the six Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) within Cambridgeshire, all operating within District/unitary Council boundaries.

3.2 Increasingly the Responsible Authorities are highlighting they need both a co-ordinated county-level approach as well as work at the local level if they are to respond to our many high risk areas. The countywide Community Safety Agreement sets out what work responsible authorities seek to be co-ordinated at a countywide level, rather than being delivered through work at the district CSP footprint. This will also facilitate a joined up approach to working towards the shared outcomes set in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Plan.

#### **4 Developing the Countywide Community Safety Agreement**

- 4.1 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the OPCC”) is working with partners to develop a refreshed agreement to ensure there is leadership of high risk areas. Significant consultation has been undertaken and a revised agreement is expected to be signed at the Countywide Community Safety Strategic Board on March 28. This meeting is now being chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite and a new terms of reference has been developed.
- 4.2 The countywide priorities will be reviewed annually according to the evidence base provided by an overarching Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The agreement currently lists:
- Domestic abuse and sexual violence – to include the wider VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls Government Agenda)
  - Child Sexual Exploitation
  - Gang Activity
  - Mental Health
  - Radicalisation (Prevent Agenda)
  - Re-offending and Integrated Offender Management
  - Road Safety
  - Serious Organised Crime including human trafficking
  - Substance Misuse
  - Youth Offending
- 4.3 Several of the identified priorities above already have existing multi-agency partnership arrangements in place that are ensuring a co-ordinated approach across organisations at a strategic level. The agreement has built on these historic arrangements but recognised that some streamlining has been required.
- 4.4 The agreement sets out the refined monitoring arrangements for these priorities. This will be through a series of re-named delivery groups who will report into either the Board, the Safeguarding Boards or the Health and Wellbeing Board. Each delivery group will be expected to put in place a clear terms of reference, commission a needs assessment to inform the development of a thematic strategy and subsequent action plan.

#### **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of the report.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

<b>Source Document(s)</b>	<b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Safety Agreement</b>
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