

Report of:	Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety Director of Environment and Community Services
Submitted to:	Executive
Date:	24 January 2023
Title:	2022-24 Community Safety Plan
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Strategic priority:	Crime and anti-social behaviour
Key decision:	Yes
Why:	Decision(s) will have a significant impact in two or more wards
Urgent:	No
Why:	Not Applicable

Executive summary

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places statutory obligations on Community Safety Partnerships to work together. This legislation also requires the Partnership to produce a three year plan detailing how it intends to tackle crime and disorder. This allows for the development of strategies to tackle short, medium and long term priorities.

This report proposes that we extend the current plan until 31st March 2024 to allow senior leaders time to review the priorities and produce a meaningful set of collective strategic objectives for the next 3 years.

Purpose

1. This report proposes that we extend the current community safety plan until 31st March 2024 to allow senior leaders time to review the priorities and produce a meaningful set of collective strategic objectives for the next 3 years.

Background and relevant information

2. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places statutory obligations on Local Authorities and the Police to work together with Health Authorities and other relevant agencies to prevent crime and disorder.
3. Section 97 of the Police Reform Act 2002 amended the above Act and included the Fire Service and Clinical Commissioning Groups (now Integrated Care Board) as responsible authorities. Further reforms now include Probation Services as a responsible authority as well as the Environment Agency and Registered Social Landlords as 'participatory bodies' within a Community Safety Partnership.
4. This legislation requires the Partnership to produce a plan detailing how it intends to tackle crime and disorder. This allows for the development of strategies to tackle short, medium and long term priorities.
5. The proposal is to extend the current Community Safety Plan so that it runs until the end of March 2024.
6. The next 12 months will provide senior leaders within the council and across partners agencies the time to fully consider the strategic priorities and ensure that meaningful objectives are set to tackle the issues across Middlesbrough.
7. The current priorities are:

Priority 1—Perceptions and Feeling Safe

Objectives

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour (Inc. environmental crime)
- Improving community cohesion and resilience
- Delivering the prevent agenda

Priority 2 - Tackling the Root Causes

Adverse Experiences

Objectives

- Improve mental health
- Reduce Child Exploitation (including CSE)
- Reduce substance misuse
- Reduce domestic violence

Priority 3 - Locality Working, Inc. Town Centre

Reconfigure relationships between statutory organisations and the community. Encouraging and supporting a collaborative approach and building capacity within the community.

Objectives

- Working with communities (doing 'with' not 'to')
- Improving environmental cleanliness
- Addressing underlying community issues
- Reducing Violence, business crime and acquisitive crime
- Reducing re-offending

In extending this plan the Community Safety Partnership recognise the changes in legislation relating to Serious Violence and will work with the PCC's office via Cleveland Unit for Reducing Serious Violence (CURV) to deliver on its statutory obligations. Progress will be monitored via the CSP.

What decision(s) are being recommended?

That the Executive:

- Executive approval is required due to the fact that the plan impacts on all wards across the town.
- That Executive approves the request to extend the current Community Safety Plan until March 2024.

Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

8. It is a statutory duty of the Community Safety Partnership to develop this plan.

Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended

9. Not applicable

Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Legal

10. The CSP has a statutory duty to develop and produce a Community Safety Plan.

Strategic priorities and risks

11. There are no associated risks.

Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection

12. No impact on protected characteristics.

Financial

13. No additional resources are required to deliver this plan.

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
Review delivery plan to include serious violence	Jane Hill	March 2023

Appendices

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Background papers

No background papers		

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