

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

Report of:	Director of Environment and Community Services
Relevant Executive Member:	Executive Member for Community Safety
Submitted to:	Executive
Date:	24 July 2024
Title:	Community Safety Plan
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Safe and resilient communities
Key decision:	Yes
Why:	Decision(s) will have a significant impact in two or more wards
Subject to call in?:	Yes
Why:	

Proposed decision(s)

That Executive approves the proposed priorities and contents of the Community Safety Plan 2024-2026 at Appendix 1 to this report.

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 provides information on the agreed priorities contained within the 2024/26 Community Safety Plan, which has been developed via a series of meetings with Community Safety Partnership members.

1. Purpose

1.1 This report summarises the Community Safety Plan for Middlesbrough 2024-26 and requests Executive note and agree its contents.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Executive approves the proposed priorities and contents of the Community Safety Plan 2024-2026.

3 Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

3.1 It is a statutory requirement for the Local Authority's Community Safety Partnership to develop and produce a Community Safety Plan under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

3.2 The key objectives set out in the plan are based upon assessment of crime and disorder issues across the town and reflect the views of the community and our partners.

4. Background and relevant information

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 This legislation 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.

4.4 Middlesbrough's latest Community Safety Plan will run until the end of March 2026.

4.5 Earlier this year the Community Safety Partnership held a series of multi-agency meetings and identified the following overarching priorities;

Priority 1 Feel safe (perceptions)

Objectives

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

Priority 2 – Be Safe (reducing violence)

Objectives

- Improve mental health
- Reduce exploitation
- Reduce substance misuse
- Reduce domestic violence
- Tackling serious violence

Priority 3 – Stay Safe (Neighbourhoods)

Objectives

- Working with communities (doing ‘with’ not ‘to’)
- Improving environmental cleanliness
- Addressing underlying community issues

5. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

5.1 No other alternatives have been considered as the plan is a statutory requirement.

6. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Implementing the community safety plan will help to achieve the four over-arching Mayoral priorities;

- A successful and ambitious town
- A healthy place
- Safe and resilient communities
- Delivering best value

We will work with key partners within our neighbourhoods to ensure our residents “feel safe, be safe and stay safe”.

7. Financial (including procurement and Social Value)

The plan will be delivered within approved budgets and grant received. The Council is in receipt of several grants from external bodies that can contribute towards initiatives within the Community Safety Plan in 2024/2025:

Grant Provider	Description	£m
DLUHC	Levelling Up-Neighbourhood Safety	1.900
PCC	Safer Streets	0.332
PCC	Hotspot Policing	0.125
Total		2.357

The service will continue to work with sponsors and external stakeholders to explore further funding streams. Any new funding will enhance the delivery of the plan

7.1 Legal

In accordance with Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council is identified as a Responsible Authority for the purposes of the Act and therefore have responsibility for the strategies and functions relevant to it in accordance with the Act.

7.2 Risk

There are no risks identified within the plan.

7.3 Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion

An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed in due course.

7.4 Climate Change / Environmental

N/A

7.5 Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers

N/A

7.6 Data Protection

All work will be compliant with GDPR requirements.

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

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
Detailed delivery plan to be developed.	Jane Hill	October 2024

Appendices

1	Community Safety Plan
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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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