

Report to Policy Committee

13 February 2013

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY. PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2013-2018

Purpose of the Report

1. To draw the attention of Members to the draft Police and Crime Plan and seek any comments they may wish to make as part of the consultation process being undertaken by the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Information and Advice

- 2. The Police and Crime Commissioner is required to produce a five year Police and Crime Plan for Nottinghamshire, which must be published no later than 31st March 2013. This plan is currently in draft form and the subject of a consultation process which ends on 15th February. Nottinghamshire County Council, as a statutory partner with responsibility for community safety, is being consulted as part of the process.
- 3. The draft Police and Crime Plan has seven strategic priority themes:
 - Protect, support and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people
 - Improve the efficiency, accessibility and effectiveness of the criminal justice process
 - Focus on those local areas that are most affected by crime and antisocial behaviour
 - Reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol on levels of crime and antisocial behaviour
 - Reduce the threat from organised crime
 - Prevention, early intervention and reduction in re-offending
 - Spending money wisely
- 4. Each of the seven strategic priority themes has a number of key activities, which will be undertaken by a range of partners, including the County Council.
- 5. The seven strategic priority themes fit with the strategic priorities of the County Council and Safer Nottinghamshire Board and offer opportunities to further enhance our work in several key areas. An example of this would include the

work the County Council currently undertakes to improve community safety within Nottinghamshire, which remains the primary concern of residents, to reduce:

- anti-social behaviour
- domestic violence
- hate crime
- town centre violence
- substance misuse (especially alcohol)
- youth crime
- 6. The draft Plan also promotes a "locality focussed" approach to tackling the issues of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. The same approach was adopted by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board in 2012/13, in identifying 15 areas of the County where crime was high and by targeting actions and funding to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour levels. To date, this approach has been extremely successful with crime rates in these 15 areas falling by 21% and anti-social behaviour by 33%. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board will be seeking to repeat this approach for 2013/14, which will link with the proposals in the draft Plan.
- 7. In light of the above, it is suggested that no comments are made on the Plan by this Council.

Other Options Considered

8. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. To draw the attention of Members to the Police and Crime Plan and to seek any comments they may wish to make as part of the consultation process.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Recommendation

- 11. It is recommended that:
 - i) Members note the content of the draft Plan and agree any response they wish to make to the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner by the 15th February 2013.

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Background Papers

12. Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-2018

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

13. All.