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Agenda Item: 8

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRESS REPORT**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Committee on the progress of key Community Safety issues and to agree how Members want to monitor the actions and receive updates.

#### **Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB)**

2. Following a review of how the SNB functions, it has been agreed that partners need to collaborate further to deliver better outcomes for citizens. This will be achieved through:
  - Agreeing the community safety priorities for Nottinghamshire
  - Defining specific leadership and the approach to deliver each priority
  - Apportioning resources to address the priorities agreed.
3. To identify the key areas of work, the Community Safety and Performance, Intelligence and Policy Teams are undertaking a needs assessment process with localities. This assessment will be place focussed and draw on information from community safety, health and economic prosperity sources. From the resulting needs assessment district level and county priorities will be agreed. A revised performance management framework will be developed to monitor delivery against these priorities. It is proposed that the Committee receive regular progress reports and ensure that this work supports the aims of the Council Plan 2017-21.
4. To identify the current priorities for the SNB a partnership Strategic Risk and Threat Assessment was undertaken. The Community Safety Team has a lead role in developing the related action plans and ensuring their delivery. What follows is an insight into some of the work being undertaken.

## **Integrated Working Project**

5. The Community Safety Team is leading the Integrated Working Project which was commissioned by the SNB. The project is working with adults with complex needs, who do not meet the threshold for statutory services. The project is using data analysis, a pilot in South-Nottinghamshire and information gathered from a range of other councils/services, to develop a partnership delivery model for working effectively with this cohort.
6. The objective going forward is to:
  - a. stabilise the individuals, improving their health and wellbeing, and reduce their demand on agencies;
  - b. support local communities affected by the behaviour and aid community groups to prevent escalation;
  - c. reduce the demand on partner services, especially the emergency services;
  - d. reduce the likelihood of escalation to higher need services such as Social Care and Secondary Health Services;
  - e. reduce the number of repeat and failed Social Care assessments.

These measures will be evaluated by the SNB and findings will be reported to this Committee.

## **Empowering Communities Inclusion and Neighbourhood Management System (ECINS)**

7. The County Council has recently confirmed its commitment to use the ECINS case management system at the seven "Vulnerable Person Panels". Vulnerable Person Panels are district based multi-agency case conference style meetings that take place to discuss individuals who have complex needs and are not eligible for statutory services. Such individuals are repeatedly presenting to, predominantly, the Police and District Community Protection Teams as there is not always a clear service offer to fully address their needs.
8. ECINS will facilitate better sharing of data and information, so contributing to more successful and efficient outcomes for these individuals.

## **Safer Nottinghamshire Board – Progress of the current SNB Priorities**

### **New and Emerging communities**

9. Work is progressing with partners to anticipate the levels and impact of immigration on local communities, resources and services. This work involves developing actions to mitigate these impacts whilst recognising the skills and strengths that new communities can offer Nottinghamshire.
10. The SNB steering group's action plan will:
  - Establish what it is like for new migrants and emerging communities attempting to interact with public services.

- Identify guidance for how local authorities and other partners should be designing services to meet the specific needs of new and emerging communities.
- Develop activities to promote good community relations.
- Undertake primary research into the local migrant communities in a number of target areas.
- Commission a co-ordinated programme in primary schools to promote education and awareness raising campaigns focusing on racism, bullying and cohesion.
- Increase awareness of the barriers to community cohesion and ways to overcome them amongst staff and children in Nottinghamshire schools and work with young people to promote common interests and activities.
- Increase understanding of the current demographic data and an improved picture of the existing population to also inform locality targeted actions.

## **Hate Crime**

11. The overall aim for this priority remains as encouraging the public to report hate crime and to identify where it is occurring whilst reducing the number of repeat victims.
12. Actions being progressed to address hate crime include the continued delivery of the “No to Hate” training and work with Nottingham Trent University on perpetrator behaviour. A Task and Finish Group is also being established to develop proposals to tackle online hate crime.

## **Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) Communities – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Chapter**

13. It is recognised that people from GRT communities can have poorer outcomes in areas such as health and educational attainment than the wider population. To support work to address this a specific chapter is being developed for inclusion in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment that is undertaken to inform the development of the strategy for the Health and Wellbeing Board. This will provide an evidence base for developing actions to address any identified inequalities.

## **Modern Slavery**

14. Work is progressing to fight the increasing global trade in human beings which includes tackling forced labour, forced criminality, sexual exploitation, child trafficking and domestic servitude. Colleagues from a broad range of statutory and voluntary organisations including Nottinghamshire Police, Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA), HMRC, Nottinghamshire Diocese are working collaboratively to implement the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act. An action plan has been developed which has at its core a focus on preventing the exploitation of vulnerable men, women and children for their labour. This aims to stop serious organised criminals being able to put in place illegal, dangerous and exploitative working conditions. This plan will;

1. Raise awareness of the reality and consequences of modern slavery
2. Strengthen identification of, and support to, victims
3. Disrupt the plans and activities of perpetrators and hold them to account
4. Put in place governance arrangements that enable effective links at strategic and operational levels.

## **Locality Working**

15. The Community Safety Team are also involved in managing a number of local issues, including the following.

## **County Council Funding to Support Neighbourhood Working**

16. At the meeting of this committee on 20 July 2017 it was agreed that £93,334 of the Community Safety Initiatives Fund be allocated to the Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across the County to support work in localities. The Community Safety Team have initiated a formal grant agreement (to protect the interests and requirements of the Council) for this funding and a formal offer has been made to each of the CSPs:-

Mansfield/Ashfield	£51,894
Newark & Sherwood/Bassetlaw	£25,107
South Nottinghamshire	£16,333

17. The Community Safety Team is now working with the CSPs to facilitate the most impactful use of this funding, facilitating a merge of local issues and County Council priorities. CSPs are required to submit costed plans for the use of this funding and the outcomes and evaluation of such will be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

## **Car Cruising**

18. Car cruising has the potential to be a significant problem for Nottinghamshire. At present there are three vulnerable sites across the County, Netherfield, Chilwell and the area around Junction 27 of the M1. These sites are protected by an injunction that prohibits car cruising activity. The Community Safety Team are undertaking work with the three Borough Councils involved (Ashfield, Broxtowe and Gedling) to co-ordinate activity to enable the sites to remain protected longer term by either a further injunction or by the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders. This work is being complemented by the consideration of good practice from the rest of the UK, and an examination of any target hardening measures that could be introduced. Learning from this work will be invaluable should any other vulnerable locations for car cruising in the County emerge.

## **Work with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities – Tolney Lane, Newark**

19. In July the Community Safety Team worked with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service and other partners to deliver a Summer Safety Event at Tolney Lane in Newark. The

involvement of the Nottinghamshire County Council Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Liaison Officer in this work was vital in facilitating positive engagement with the local community.

20. Safety messages, and equipment, delivered related to issues such as carbon monoxide poisoning and water safety. Over the course of the day over 120 homes were visited and in the region of 75 smoke alarms and 18 carbon monoxide alarms given out.

## **Other Options Considered**

21. None

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

22. To provide appropriate progress reports and establish the reporting frequency to enable members to appropriately scrutinise and help steer the work of the Community Safety Team.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

23. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

24. The funding referenced in paragraph 16 was agreed at the Communities and Place Committee on the 20 July 2017. At this meeting it was agreed that £93,334 of the Community Safety Initiatives Fund be allocated to the Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across the County to support work in localities.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

25. It is recommended that members:

- Consider whether there are any actions they require in relation to the issues contained within the report.
- Consider how they wish to monitor the actions /issues contained within this report.
- Agree to receive a further progress report in the next 3 months and that this be included in the work programme.

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### **Constitutional Comments (LMcC 20.09.17)**

- The Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report. If Committee resolves that any actions are required it must be satisfied that such actions are within the Committee's terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (CT 25.09.17)**

The financial implications are contained in paragraph 24 of this report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All