

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES

PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE JULY 2023 – RESPONSE TO RESOLUTIONS

Purpose of the Report

1. In March 2023 Full Council agreed a crime and disorder related Motion put forward by Councillor Henshaw and Councillor Pringle. The resolved Motion is attached at Appendix One.
2. At the meeting of the Place Select Committee held on the 5 July 2023 where the Safer Nottinghamshire Board's Crime and Disorder Strategy (The Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2025) was scrutinised, it was resolved:

“That a further report be submitted to the September 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee that:

- I. acknowledges the commitments of the Motion of Full Council in March 2023.***
 - II. includes information around performance issues under the current strategic priorities of the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement.***
 - III. provides information on the suitability of those assigned to lead on priorities.”***
3. This report acknowledges the commitments of the resolved Motion of Full Council in March 2023 and provides the further information requested by the Place Select Committee at its meeting on the 5 July 2023.

Information

4. There is a statutory requirement within the Crime and Disorder (Formation and Implementation of strategy) Regulations 2007 for a county-level group in two-tier areas that has responsibility for preparing and implementing a Community Safety Agreement (CSA). In Nottinghamshire, the county-level group is the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB).
5. The commitments of the resolved motion:
 - Ensure rising crime rates are acknowledged in the annual CSA Review.
 - Consider the identified specific types of rising crime within a future CSA beyond 2023, to ensure there are targeted responses to these crimes across Nottinghamshire.
6. In identifying the priorities for the CSA 2023-2025 the Police and Crime Needs Assessment was used as the evidence base. This draws on a range of local and national information sources to highlight the key issues, risks and threats that are likely to impact upon crime and

community safety. This includes any rising crime rates. The SNB priority setting for the latest CSA was subject to scrutiny by the Place Select Committee at its meeting in July 2023.

7. A revised performance management framework for the current CSA has been developed, this will be considered for approval by the SNB at its meeting in September 2023. This includes the following features:
 - The **SNB Overarching Delivery Plan 2023-2025**. Each of the SNB priorities and cross-cutting themes has its own outcome focussed plans and delivery mechanisms. The purpose of this overarching delivery plan is to read across these individual plans to identify the salient matters where the Board can add value to ensure the delivery of the CSA. This delivery plan includes the (a) overarching objectives, (2) performance and insight measures, (3) initial focus activity for the SNB.
 - A standing SNB agenda item for '**New and Emerging Issues**' that enables crime performance risks outside of the agreed priorities to be considered.
 - A standing SNB agenda item for '**Community Safety Partnership Matters – issues escalated by local areas**'. This enables the Community Safety Partnership Chairs to raise local issues for consideration at a countywide strategic level.
 - An **annual review of the CSA** informed by a refreshed needs assessment.
8. The commitments of the resolved motion:
 - Report on performance under current strategic priorities outlined in the SNB CSA and review whether those currently assigned to lead on these priorities remain suitable.

Performance of Current Priorities

9. The proposed SNB performance management approach, referenced at paragraph 5, aligns with that used for the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025. This is to ensure that there is consistency of reporting across scrutiny bodies and partnerships including the Place Select Committee and the Police and Crime Panel. Whilst the PCC is not a statutory member of the SNB there is a duty to mutually cooperate. To meet this duty the CSA and Police and Crime Plan use a shared evidence base and have aligned priorities. The Police and Crime Panel is responsible for scrutinising the Police and Crime Plan.
10. The aligned approach means the performance reporting for all the current CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes, except for Prevent, are in the public domain. This is through the Police and Crime Panel papers for the 'Police and Crime Plan Performance Update' standing agenda item. The Police and Crime Panel next meets on the 25 September 2023.
11. Local performance on delivering against the requirements of the Prevent Duty is measured using the Annual Prevent Duty Assurance benchmarking exercise that is undertaken by the Home Office East Midlands Prevent Regional Advisor. In the County for 2022-2023, the Duty is either met or exceeded in eight of the ten criteria and plans are in place for the remaining two. The criteria where development work is continuing cover (1) training for relevant personnel and (2) engagement with a range of communities. In April 2023, a Prevent Board was established covering Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire to ensure that all the criteria are met across both areas.

SNB Priority Leads

12. The table below sets out each current priority and cross-cutting theme, the lead, and the rationale. All leads are non-political roles.

Priority / Cross-cutting Theme	SNB Lead	Rationale
Domestic Abuse	Director of Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council	Reflects role in the commissioning of Domestic Abuse services and Chairing of the Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board.
Serious Violence	Head of the Violence Reduction Partnership for Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire (VRP)	Reflects role in the countywide work of the VRP to tackle violent crime and the underlying causes of crime.
Prevent	Service Director, Children and Families, Nottinghamshire County Council	Chair of the Channel Panel. The Channel Panel is a multi-agency programme which identifies and supports at risk individuals, delivering key aims of the Prevent Duty.
High Harm Offences – slavery and exploitation	Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council	Reflects the role of Local Authorities in tackling modern slavery.
Fraud (including cyber-enabled fraud)	Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Neighbourhoods, Rushcliffe Borough Council	Previously joint lead for the SNB Fraud and Cybercrime work programme and retained lead as this issue has been escalated to a priority in the current CSA.
Reducing Reoffending	Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire	Chair of the Reducing Reoffending Board which covers both the City and County. The RRB reports into the Local Criminal Justice Board which is chaired by the PCC.
Substance Use	Director of Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council	Reflects role in commissioning of Substance Use services and Chairing of the Nottinghamshire Combatting Substance Use Partnership.
Feelings of Safety	Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council	Lead for the SNB partnership development work which includes the communication strategy.

13. The commitments of the resolved motion:

- Ensure that all past and future SNB CSA annual reports are published online and easily accessible to Nottinghamshire residents via the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Annual Reviews

14. It is not the current practice of the SNB to publish an annual review. The SNB undertakes annual reviews of progress with delivering the CSA and current crime performance at its January/December meeting. These are conducted by way of workshop style partner events where feedback is captured and reflected on as opposed to a formal report format being produced.
15. It will, however, be recommended to the SNB that a summary of feedback is captured and shared in an annual report. This would be included in the SNB communication strategy that is currently being developed. This will involve each partner agency keeping its own organisational identity rather than giving a public identity to the SNB. There will also be a recommendation to the SNB that the community strategy acknowledges the resolution from the Place Select Committee in July 2023 to have a focus on activities to make it clearer and easier for residents to report crime and antisocial behaviour.

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny

16. A further progress report on the delivery of the crime and disorder strategy, the CSA, will be received at the July 2024 meeting of the Place Select Committee in its role as the Council's statutory Crime and Disorder Committee, as defined by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

Other Options Considered

17. The contents of this report reflect the requirements of the resolution of the Place Select Committee in July 2023 therefore other options are not available.

Reason for Recommendation

18. To meet the requirements of the resolution of the Place Select Committee in July 2023.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

20. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

21. This report is driven by crime and disorder related legislation that seeks to improve community safety across the county.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the committee considers and comments on the report.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 30/08/2023)

22. The report falls within the remit of the Place Select Committee.

Financial Comments (PAA29 24/08/2023)

23. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on the 30 March 2023.
[Document.ashx \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- Place Select Committee, 5 July 2023, Crime and Disorder Scrutiny report.
[Democratic Management System > Meetings \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- Police and Crime Panel, 25 September 2023, Police and Crime Plan Performance Update.
[Democratic Management System > Meetings \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- Home Office Prevent Duty Guidance for specified authorities in England and Wales
[Prevent duty guidance: Guidance for specified authorities in England and Wales \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All