

Report: Update on key trading standards and communities matters.

APPENDIX 2

UPDATE REPORT ON THE WORK THAT THE SAFER NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BOARD IS INVOLVED WITH.

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update on the areas of work that the Safer Nottinghamshire Board partnership is involved in.

Information and Advice

2. **Knife Crime** - A key focus for the Board currently is knife crime and a report was agreed by Policy Committee in May approving the approach being taken by officers in response to the Nottinghamshire Knife Crime Strategy 2018 and also additional funding to increase capacity to respond to this agenda. This will support activity in the Children and Families Department. Published in October 2018, Nottinghamshire's Knife Crime Strategy 2018 is a pan-agency agreement, led by the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner [PCC] and backed by Nottingham City Council and the Safer Nottinghamshire Board. The strategy encourages partners to work together with the voluntary and community sector to tackle every aspect of knife violence with a strong emphasis on education, early intervention and youth engagement.
3. **Crime Severity – Place Focus** - New ways of working are being developed by the Board, through a project being led by the Chief Executive of Mansfield District Council. Crime volume has long been an indicator of interest to residents in relation to community safety. The approach being developed recognises this but also places an emphasis on the severity of individual crimes, i.e. their impact on the individual and local communities.
4. Looking at both these factors fourteen areas across the County have been identified, two per District/Borough. Researchers, funded by the PCC, are now developing analytical products that describe the nature of community safety issues in each area. To ensure a rich picture of not just what is happening but why, these products will be interwoven with service and socio-economic information held by Nottinghamshire County Council.
5. At a strategic level these profiles will inform the development of a new Partnership Agreement for the Board. There is a statutory basis for the establishment of Community Safety Partnerships and also in two-tier areas for there to be a county-level strategy group. In Nottinghamshire the Safer Nottinghamshire Board fulfils this role and as such has a responsibility to prepare and implement a Community Safety Agreement. The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 state that this Agreement must identify:
 - The county-wide community safety priorities that arise from the strategic assessment and that require escalating to the county level.
 - Ways of co-ordinating activity across the county to address priorities.

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- How the responsible authorities might otherwise contribute to reducing crime, disorder and substance misuse through closer joint working across the county.
6. At an operational level the analytical profile will inform a problem solving approach to action planning across the range of partnership agencies. This will include work with voluntary and community sector organisations to explore how to help people to help themselves.
 7. This approach interacts with the developing refreshed Neighbourhood Policing approach within Nottinghamshire Police and aligns with a place focus described in the Departmental Strategy.
 8. The PCC is funding a Temporary Project Manager to support this work, which this Committee has previously agreed will be hosted within the Communities Team of the Place Department. Recruitment for this role is currently underway.
 9. A key element of this work will be refreshing the Performance Management Framework for the Board and local Community Safety Partnerships to ensure there is a golden thread between what is happening in localities and what is being discussed, actioned and measured throughout the partnership structures.
 10. **People with Complex Needs** - A further area of focus is work with people with complex needs who require multi-agency intervention but do not always meet the thresholds for statutory services. This work includes a concentration on people rough sleeping in town centres. Through the funding made available to the SNB by the PCC, outreach workers are being funded to work with individuals in these circumstances, with the three main issues being mental health, substance misuse and homelessness. The funding for these workers beyond the end of June 2019 will be met through the Rough Sleeper initiative monies that were secured by Nottinghamshire following a successful bid to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the match funding that was put forward by partners.
 11. **Reducing Reoffending** - is a specific responsibility for the Board, which receives regular reports from the Reducing Reoffending Governance Group led by the Head of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company. Issues currently being faced include the provision of appropriate accommodation for ex-offenders.
 12. **Resources** - For the financial year 2019-2020 the PCC has made funding of £625k available for work on the shared priorities of the Board and those detailed in the Police and Crime Plan. This has been allocated to work relating to the current priorities of the Board, including domestic abuse, hate crime, modern slavery and youth crime reduction. This money also provides resource for problem solving activity in neighbourhoods and provides a SNB / PCC joint commissioning budget. This Authority is the Accountable Body for this funding, with the related activity being undertaken within the Communities Team. However, in the developing the new approach described above the focus will be on collaborative working of mainstream provision to further improve the effectiveness of partnership efforts to improve community safety across Nottinghamshire.

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13. Background Papers and Published Documents:

- Policy Committee Report, 22 May 2019, Report of the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee – Nottinghamshire's Knife Crime Strategy 2018 [Policy Committee May 2019 - Nottinghamshire Knife Crime Strategy Report](#)
- Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Plan [Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Plan 2018 - 2021](#)