



Cabinet Meeting

13 September 2017

Report title	Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Annual Report 2016-17	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paul Sweet Public Health and Wellbeing	
Corporate Plan priority	People - Stronger Communities	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All wards	
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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Endorse the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Annual Report 2016-2017 and support identified areas for development.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a summary of Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) progress during 2016-17 detailed within its annual report (attached at Appendix 1) and seek support for identified areas of future development.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 SWP is statutorily required to produce an annual report detailing progress against its strategic plan and performance. The annual report also details services commissioned using the annual allocated grant from the Office for Policing and Crime (OFPC) against which it is required to produce quarterly expenditure and outcome reports.
- 2.2 The annual report summarises performance against the final year of the City's Crime Reduction and Community Safety Strategy 2014-2017 which encompasses the following strategic priorities:
- Reducing Re-offending
 - Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
 - Gangs and Youth Violence
 - Substance Misuse

3.0 Summary of Progress Against Strategic Priorities

3.1 Reducing Re-offending

- 3.2 Wolverhampton's Integrated Offender Management (IOM) programme is well established, with arrangements in place to cater for adults and young people; however, organisational restructures impacted by national and regional policy change continue to provide challenges. Key highlights of 2016-2017 include the following:
- An extension of geographic boundaries for Probation services.
 - A reorganisation of the Black Country Magistrates Court.
 - The successful delivery of the City's Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) to manage the most serious offenders.
 - Effective management of Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPOs) which are a small number of individuals who commit high volume crime.
 - Innovative Youth Offending Team (YOT) engagement of young people on the cusp of offending with 96 young people benefiting from additional support through delivery of 39 Community Resolution workshops.
 - Delivery of Youth Inclusion Support Panel delivering against youth crime prevention.

3.3 Violence Against Women and Girls

- 3.4 Delivery against the City's VAWG Strategy, covering domestic violence (DV), sexual violence (SV), female genital mutilation (FGM), 'so called' honour-based violence (HBV) and forced marriage (FM) is continuing successfully. SWP funded several posts to support delivery in the City, with key successes for the year including:

- Integration of the MARAC Coordinator into the City's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) arrangements.
- Effective management of high risk cases has seen a reduction in repeat referrals requiring specialist intervention.
- Deployment of an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) within Early Help services to provide earlier intervention to families.
- Effective outcomes at court through the work of the specialist court IDVA.
- Excellent feedback from the Council's Ofsted inspection on partnership working to identify and address risks to children within households where domestic violence features.

3.5 Preventing Gang Involvement and Youth Violence

3.6 A refreshed Preventing Gang Involvement and Youth Violence strategy has provided an enhanced focus on earlier intervention and prevention for young people at risk for being drawn into this culture. A summary of provision has included:

3.7 Effective delivery of specialist commissioned intervention services covering:

- Training delivered to 18 community leaders to provide a critical incident call out provision providing a real-time response to diffuse escalating tensions.
- A programme of commissioned activity providing community outreach, family support, sport and mentoring opportunities.
- Delivery of a coordinated programme of summer holiday provision.
- An extension of membership to the Gangs Steering Group to include Early Help, Edge of Care and Missing Persons services to support integration of delivery into mainstream services.

3.8 The Gangs Community Reference Group continues to be proactive in providing important feedback on the effectiveness of this approach and a confidential forum, especially at times of heightened tensions.

3.9 Substance Misuse

3.10 Recovery Near You is the City's contracted provider of the service. Highlights include:

- Effective delivery of engagement, assessment and treatment within the community and custody setting.
- Stable levels of completions for those treated for non-opiate drugs.
- An improvement in successful alcohol completions over the year.

3.11 In addition to progress against strategic priorities, SWP Board has also delivered against its statutory functions and safeguarding priorities.

3.12 Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)

3.13 During 2016-17 SWP received notification from West Midlands Police's Public Protection Unit of three domestic violence related deaths in Wolverhampton that may meet the criteria of undertaking a DHR. One went on to be completed as a proportionate DHR due

to the extremely limited agency contact and the other two were deemed to either not meet the criteria or that no learning was anticipated.

3.14 Prevent and Cohesion

3.15 The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 was introduced in July 2015 and introduced a requirement for public sector agencies to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism'. Wolverhampton is deemed an area of low risk, but has taken a strong stance on integrating Prevent into mainstream services to provide a sustainable model for the City. Achievements during 2016-17 included:

- Completion of training for 94% of the City's schools, with the remaining schools set to receive training by the end of 2017.
- An extension of training totalling just under 13,000 employee completions since the introduction of the duty in 2015, including 85% of employees within primary and acute health settings.
- Strong and effective Channel Panel arrangements supporting individuals and institutions where extremism has been identified.
- Promotion of the City's diversity and regular monitoring of community tensions with an agile response to issues identified.

4.0 Evaluation of alternative options:

4.1 Production of an annual report is a statutory requirement for the Community Safety Partnership.

5.0 Reasons for decision(s):

5.1 The annual summary of performance is used to inform future planning and delivery around crime and community safety for the city.

6.0 Performance Summary

6.1 Overall performance for 2016-2017 has seen an upturn in total recorded crime (8.9%) in line with an increase across the West Midlands (11%) and nationally (10%). Vehicle crime, business crime and violent offences and robbery were all contributing factors, as well as a small increase in traditionally hidden crimes such as VAWG and Modern Slavery which can be viewed as a reflection of local efforts to increase confidence in reporting.

7.0 Areas for Future Development

7.1 Several challenges and areas of development have been identified for 2017-2018.

7.2 Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-2020: A refreshed strategy was launched in April 2017 following SWP Board's priority setting workshop and a 12 week community consultation. The resulting refreshed strategic priorities will form the basis for delivery over the next three years:

- Reducing Reoffending

- Violence Prevention
- Reducing Victimisation

- 7.3 A reducing reoffending strategy will be developed either on a local authority or sub-regional basis to drive forward improvement and identify best practice models for local implementation.
- 7.4 Modern Slavery recently came within SWP's governance remit and is providing a clear focus for strengthening the statutory response, improve understanding the scale and nature of these crimes and working regionally to share learning and address cross-boundary issues.
- 7.5 Wolverhampton is developing a faith covenant for the City, working to formalise relationships and recognise the contribution of the City's diverse faith sector.

8.0 Financial implications

- 8.1 Commissioned services delivering against the Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy 2014-2017 are funded from an allocated annual grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The 2016-2017 grant allocation (£369,000) was used to commission specialist services in support of strategy delivery; this was supplemented by an agreed carry forward of £169,000 from 2015-2016, increasing the total available resource to £538,000.
- 8.2 Planned delivery within both the current and future strategy will remain within available resources. The 2017-18 grant allocation is £340,000.

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9.0 Legal implications

- 9.1 Development of this Annual Report fulfils a statutory requirement of SWP detailed in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

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10.0 Equalities implications

- 10.1 Delivery detailed within the Annual Report is reflected in the 2014-2017 Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy, Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and Preventing Gang Involvement and Youth Violence Strategy which have been subject to full equality analyses. Delivery strengthens the City's efforts to further equalities and actively addresses disproportionality associated with certain crimes.
- 10.2 As an update report of the issues and actions described in the overall strategy and its associated equality analyses there are no new equalities issues that have arisen between the adoption of the strategy and this update report. As such there are no new equalities issues to consider in approving this report.

11.0 Environmental implications

11.1 There are no environmental implications within this report.

12.0 Human resources implications

12.1 There are no human resource implications within this report.

13.0 Corporate Landlord implications

13.1 There are no Corporate Landlord implications for the Council's property portfolio.

14.0 Schedule of background papers

14.1 There are no background papers.

15.0 Appendices

15.1 Appendix 1 - Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Annual Report 2016-2017