



Meeting of the City Council

16 July 2014

Report title	Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy 2014-17	
Referring body	Cabinet – 14 May 2014	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Elias Mattu	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Cllr Elias Mattu Leisure and Communities	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Vibrant Safe and Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel Cabinet	13 March 2014 14 May 2014

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

Approve the Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy 2014-17 for implementation.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 On 14 May 2014 Cabinet considered a report on Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy 2014-17. The report can be accessed online on the Council's website by following the link:

<http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1>

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, responsibility is placed on Local Authorities and the Police in England and Wales to work together in auditing crime and disorder and producing and delivering strategies to reduce local crime and disorder.
- 2.2 The previous strategy document was in place until 31 March 2014; over the period of the strategy (2011-14) significant reductions were realised in levels of total recorded crime and positive outcomes realised against strategic priorities. Out of 27 key performance indicators that can be compared against the previous year, improvements were achieved or exceeded against 20 of these (74%). In particular, the city has experienced marked reductions in reoffending, weapon-related crime, first time entrants to the youth justice system and an increased uptake of drug and alcohol treatment services.
- 2.3 Whilst there is evidence that people who come into contact with Police and partner agencies were generally satisfied with the service they received, and there have been improvements in public feelings of safety, further work is needed to turnaround negative public perceptions of crime; other external factors such as the economic downturn, welfare reforms and employment opportunities will also impact on perceptions
- 2.4 Cabinet recommended that:

'Full Council approve the Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy 2014-17 for implementation.'

3.0 Financial, legal, equalities, environmental, human resources and corporate landlord implications,

- 3.1 The implications are detailed in the Cabinet report on 14 May 2014

4.0 Background papers

- 4.1 14 May 2014 Cabinet report – Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy 2014-17