

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

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REVIEW OF WESTERN SUFFOLK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (WSCSP)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the committee to fulfil its function under Sections 19 and 20 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Regulations 2009 to scrutinise the work of Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To review and scrutinise the community safety activity of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) from April 2016 to July 2017

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Funding for Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs). A decision was agreed through the Strong and Safe Communities Group (SSCG), that DHRs will be funded equally by the statutory partners of the CSP in the area where the review is being conducted.
- 3.2 Funding for target hardening for high risk victims of domestic abuse. A decision was agreed through the Safe and Strong Communities Group (SSCG), that a pooled funding pot of £19,000 would be made available to partner organisations to co-ordinate this activity across the county. From September 2017, each of the seven District and Borough Councils will contribute £2,000, Suffolk County Council (SCC) will contribute £3,000 and £2,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). This will be funded from existing budgets. The pilot will run for 18 months.
- 3.3 In 2013-2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner passed the Home Office Crime and Disorder Grant on to the Suffolk Community Safety Partnerships to commission services and award grants that contributed to their Strategic Priorities and the Police and Crime Strategic Priorities in the Police and Crime Plan. Since April 2014, Suffolk CSPs no longer receive this funding as the PCC has devolved the Home Office Crime and Disorder Grant to Suffolk Community Foundation as the Safer Suffolk Fund (SSF). Bids to this fund can be made by community and voluntary organisations but not by statutory bodies including CSPs. Community Safety Partnerships can support these organisations with applications to access funding from the SSF to deliver community safety projects that address the CSPs strategic priorities.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Community Safety Partnerships were created in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which gave local authorities and the police new responsibilities to work in partnership with other organisations and the community to draw up strategies to reduce crime and disorder.

5. Risk Management

- 5.1 This report does not link to any of the Council's Corporate / Significant Business Risks. However, the risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
If there are changes and reorganisations of key statutory partners, then the strength of partnership working may be lost.	4 - Highly Probable	3 - Bad	Review role of partnership working and ensure all key partners have a key responsibility
If staff are working in isolation rather than collaboratively this could see a return to silo working within partners and withdraw from engagement	3 - Probable	3 - Bad	WSCSP Portfolio Holders, Members and Senior Leadership Team to encourage and embed partnership working in all areas of business for the Council(s)

6. Consultations

- 6.1 The annual monitoring report draws on information from partner agencies relating to community safety issues. Due to the sensitivity, some information remains restricted.

7. Equality Analysis

- 7.1 The content of this report is such that there are no equality issues arising from this report although the review itself may consider any equality impacts.

8. Shared Service / Partnership Implications

- 8.1 The Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership consists of a wide range of statutory representatives from:

- Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils
- Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury District Councils
- Suffolk County Council

- Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service
- Suffolk Constabulary
- Youth Offending Service
- National Probation Service
- Norfolk and Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)
- West Suffolk and Ipswich and East Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)

These partners form the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG)

9. Links to Joint Strategic Plan

9.1 Continued support for health and wellbeing outcomes that prevent interventions.

10. Key Information

10.1 On 30 November 2015, the Combination Agreement was finalised between the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner and each of the responsible authorities which saw the Western CSP merging with the Babergh CSP.

10.2 Over the past 15 months, the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) continued to meet and to discharge its statutory functions by:

- I. carrying out an annual assessment of crime
- II. producing an annual plan
- III. undertaking Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) as required.

In June 2017, the WSCSP completed and published its partnership plan and project plan for identified community priorities for 2017/2018. The project plan is attached as Appendix 1.

10.3 The WSCSP has completed a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) for the Babergh area. The report, compiled by an Independent Chair commissioned by the Partnership, was published in October 2016, following approval by the Home Office. An Action Plan relating to the recommendations in the report is being monitored by the WSCSP and will continue until all actions are completed to the satisfaction of the partnership. The total cost of the review was just under £7,000. The WSCSP is currently undertaking a Domestic Homicide Review in the Mid Suffolk District. The Partnership has commissioned an Independent Chair to complete the report. The total cost of the review once known will be shared equally among the statutory partners.

10.4 Following a recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in February 2015, a need was recognised to have a countywide strategic coordination of community safety issues. As a result, the SSCG was formed from a number of partners across Suffolk. The Group's purpose is to:

- I. Provide a strategic steer and coordination in the key areas for community safety across the county
- II. Reduce duplication and
- III. Ensure that partners share one set of data and intelligence

10.5 Membership of the SSCG includes: District and Borough Councils, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Public Health, Police, Youth Offending Service (YOS), Adults Safeguarding, Children's Safeguarding, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and chairs of Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).

11. Appendices

Title	Location
(a) Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership Plan 2016 - 2019	Appendix 1
(b) Multi-Agency Working Groups	Appendix 2
(c)	
(d)	

12. Background Documents

12.1 The Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan (2017-2021)
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