

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update the Committee on the County Council's partnership role in promoting community safety.

2. Contextual Information

- 2.1 The County Council has an important role in help residents to feel safe and be safe by working with partners to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and by supporting and protecting vulnerable children and adults including victims of crime and those at risk.
- 2.2 The County Council has a duty to take into account within its broader functions and responsibilities what it can do to prevent, crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour) and the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area. This duty applies to all councils and a range of other public agencies.
- 2.3 There are local community safety partnerships (CSPs) in each district of Hampshire, which undertake local assessments of crime and disorder and co-ordinate local actions to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 2.4 The County Council works with partners, including local CSPs and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, on a range of county-wide programmes which directly impact on the causes of crime and disorder. Such services and programmes are also aimed at improving wider outcomes including health, employment and education. Support is offered to individuals and their families across the county according to their individual needs. Local partners have an important role in contributing to the design of these strategic programmes and to supporting local delivery.
- 2.5 The Council plays a significant leadership and investment role in many programmes which help reduce crime and disorder, and in several aspects the Council has specific legal responsibilities. These programmes include:
- Hampshire Supporting Troubled Families Programme

- Substance Misuse Services in Hampshire
 - Hampshire Joint Adult Mental Health Commissioning Strategy
 - Hampshire Integrated Offender Management Service
 - Supporting work with perpetrators of domestic abuse
 - Hampshire Youth Offending Team
 - Rogue traders, scams and consumer protection
 - Under age sales of licenced goods
- 2.6 The County Council also leads the Hampshire and Isle of Wight partnership on PREVENT, the Home Office led programme for preventing violent extremism. This brings together organisations across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to work together to prevent violent extremism in line with their statutory duties.
- 2.7 The County Council also plays a significant leadership and joint investment role in protecting vulnerable people from crimes and abuse. These programmes include:
- Integrated Domestic Abuse Services for Hampshire
 - Child protection arrangements
 - Support services for children
 - Safeguarding adults from abuse, including Multi-Agency Public Protection arrangements
- 2.8 The Council is also a significant partner in the commissioning of mental health services and in tackling hate crime targeted at vulnerable groups.
- 2.9 Each of these programmes has its own governance and partnership arrangements but they are generally cross cutting agendas which support health and well-being as well as crime reduction.

3. Developments on Community Safety partnership arrangements

- 3.1 In 2012 the Police and Crime Commissioner role was established as a directly elected position covering the Police Force area, replacing the Police Authority for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The Commissioner's role is to agree the Policing Plan with the Chief Constable, to set the budget and precept and to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery.
- 3.2 During 2015, the Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Simon Hayes, established the Hampshire Police and Crime Reduction Alliance, drawing together key partners, including the upper tier local authorities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The Commissioner also established the Community Safety Alliance which provides for the requirement for the PCC's plan and the local (district and borough) plans to take account of their respective priorities.
- 3.3 The County Council has not sought to replicate or duplicate these over-arching arrangements but to work closely with all relevant partners and stakeholders in the leadership of the range of individual programmes set out above. In all cases, this includes the involvement of local community safety partnerships and the Police and Crime Commissioner thus ensuring that they support the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan.

- 3.4 Prior to 2012, the County Council was accountable for the allocation of the Home Office Community Safety Fund to support programmes at the local (district and borough) level as well as the county-wide programmes. An agreement was made between all statutory partners on how this funding was allocated; setting out what could best be co-ordinated at the County level. Following transfer of this role to Police and Crime Commissioners, the County Council has continued to work closely with Simon Hayes and his staff on all of the above programmes to ensure that continued planning and joint investment is effective.

4. Hampshire Police and Crime Panel

- 4.1 The Hampshire Police and Crime Panel scrutinises the Police and Crime Commissioner including his Police and Crime Plan and the setting of his precept. This Panel is comprised of elected representatives from all Hampshire and Isle of Wight local authorities and two independent members and meets quarterly.
- 4.2 The Select Committee will receive a brief update from the County Council's elected representative on the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel, Councillor Peter Latham.

5. Development focus for 2015/16

- 5.1 During 2015/16, the Executive Member for Communities, Partnerships and External Affairs has focused attention on the causes of domestic abuse to complement the services for victims. The Committee will receive a presentation on how the County Council has led this work with partners to develop services for perpetrators of domestic abuse.

6. Consultation and Equalities

- 6.1 This is a summary update on the Council's role in community safety. Consultation and equality impacts are considered in relation to the individual programmes.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The Select Committee is asked to note the update report and presentation on domestic abuse perpetrator services.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The report is not recommending any decisions therefore an impact assessment has not been undertaken.

Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The report deals with the Council's role in preventing and managing the impact of crime and disorder.

Climate Change:

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

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