

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. The County Council is also required to work with a range of partners to support local and county wide plans to reduce crime and disorder.
- 2.3 In May 2016 the second Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Michael Lane was elected. 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.
- 2.4 The County Council is also represented by County Councillor Latham on the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel whose role is to scrutinise 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.

3. Supporting the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Plan

- 3.1 The County Council is committed to continued collaboration with its partners and to support the objectives of the new Police and Crime Plan. Examples of current key areas of collaboration and contribution to the Police and Crime Plan include:
- 3.2 **Supporting Troubled Families Programme** - The County Council continues to lead on this programme, which takes a multi-agency approach to identifying families at risk of poor outcomes, including offending and antisocial behaviour, and working with each family in the cohort in a holistic way. The programme will form a key plank of the County Council's Family Support Service to ensure an integrated approach across Children's Services and with wider partners. An independent evaluation of phase one of the Troubled Families Programme in Hampshire has demonstrated potential annual costs avoided to the police of £248,400 per annum.
- 3.3 **Integrated domestic abuse services** - The County Council has led a review and new joint commission for integrated domestic abuse service across Hampshire (IDASH), working closely with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). The new programme marks a direction to shift from traditional crisis accommodation services to a greater focus on rebuilding lives, ensuring consistent access to services and building capacity through a smaller number of strategic providers. The contracts are specifically aligned to the Supporting Troubled Families Programme to promote greater co-ordination between providers.
- 3.4 **Domestic abuse perpetrator services** – The County Council has worked closely with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Southampton City Council to lead a review of services for perpetrators of domestic abuse. The new provision promotes much closer integration and capacity building with children and family services, providers of substance misuse services, the police, probation and rehabilitation services and victim services.
- 3.5 **Child Sexual Exploitation** - The County Council is a key partner in the Willow Team, a multi-agency/multi-disciplinary team comprising seconded staff from children's social care, health and police partners and Barnardos. The team works with children where concerns are raised that they are at risk of CSE, missing or trafficked. The team has weekly intelligence meetings to discuss information that has been submitted by other agencies/professionals and seeks to provide an immediate response and safety plan around children who have been deemed to be trafficked.
- 3.6 **Reducing re-offending** - The County Council continues to work with a wide range of partners to reduce adult crime and re-offending. This includes working in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) on substance misuse and supported accommodation services. A key workstream within the substance misuse strategy and commissioned services is criminal justice clients and pathways. The County Council has worked with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Solent NHS Trust, HM Prison Winchester, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company and various military charities to support veterans in the criminal justice system, pre and post sentencing. There are further opportunities to expand the work and excellent evidence that it prevents re-offending.

- 3.7 **Sexual abuse services** - The County Council has worked with the OPCC and contributed significantly to the revision of a range of sexual abuse services including Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA), Rape Crisis Services and Sexual Assault Referral Centres.

The County Council, through its Youth Offending Team, has received support from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the development of youth crime prevention services as they have become more closely integrated with developing local targeted children and family support services. This supports and enhances the work of the Hampshire Youth Offending Team and enables effective prevention and diversion of youth crime and anti social behaviour, thus taking pressure from the (more costly) statutory criminal/youth justice system. The rate of first time entrants into the youth justice system has been steadily falling over recent years. The OPCC has demonstrated commitment and helped to develop support for Restorative Justice initiatives, which is consistent with the longstanding approach and work of the Youth Offending Team.

- 3.8 **Hate Crime** - The County Council has played a significant role in supporting the development of the Hate Crime Action Plan with partners and welcomes continued leadership from the OPCC.

- 3.9 **Providing a voice for young people and those who are marginalised** - The County Council is committed to promoting the voice of young people and engaging marginalised groups both within their local communities and in shaping services. The County Council values the opportunity to continue to develop this approach in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner. The County Council, through the Youth Offending Team and Adult Services also contributes towards the Appropriate Adult Service for children and vulnerable adults in custody.

There is clear importance of partnership working with the County Council in relation to vulnerable children. There is good partnership work developing further between the police and Children's services around children in police custody, the decriminalisation of children in care and the impact of domestic abuse and neglect on children. The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub is a key aspect of a joined up multi agency approach to children's safeguarding. Partnership continues to develop with the missing, exploited and trafficked agenda to ensure safer communities.

4. **Key focus for 2015/16 – PREVENT strategy for the prevention of violent extremism and radicalisation.**

- 4.1 In July 2015, the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force. This creates a statutory duty to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This duty applies to public bodies (such as local authorities, police, some NHS bodies, schools, further and higher education providers, probation, prisons and youth offender services. The duty also applies to private providers supplying public functions, for example in the education sector. Hampshire County Council has a duty to lead the coordination of local partners in actively preventing people from being drawn into terrorism and it has established these arrangements in partnership with Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Councils.

- 4.2 The Head of Adult Safeguarding chairs the Hampshire and Isle of Wight PREVENT Partnership and will present to the Select Committee the Hampshire PREVENT Strategy 2015/17, together with the outcomes of a major stakeholder event which was held in October 2016 and co-hosted with the new Police and Crime Commissioner; and the proposals for reviewing the strategy.

5. Consultation and Equalities

- 5.1 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.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 The Select Committee is asked to note the update report and presentation on the PREVENT Strategy and stakeholder involvement.

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

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.)

Document

Location

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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