

Report to: South Cambridgeshire CDRP Board
Lead Officer: Philip Aldis, SCDC Community Safety Officer
Date: 10 February 2017

Cambridgeshire Countywide Community Safety Partnership Agreement

1. The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) will be leading on the re-drafting of the Cambridgeshire Countywide Community Safety Partnership Agreement (attached).
2. To inform that work, the Community Safety Partnerships in the County are being asked to outline which of the agreement priorities they plan to deliver at a District level, and which they would like to be co-ordinated at a Countywide level.
3. To provide some further detail and context, attached are:
 - a paper prepared in early 2016 for the Countywide Community Safety Board giving some further background about the Agreement,
 - the Agreement itself.

Recommendations:

That Board Members:

1. Note the attached Partnership Agreement
2. Delegate responsibility to the CDRP Tasking & Co-Ordination Group to discuss in detail and reply to the OPCC

To: Cambridgeshire Community Safety Strategic Board

From: Sarah Ferguson

Date: 31 March 2016

Countywide Community Safety Agreement

1. Purpose

1.1 This report reminds the Board of the functions of the Countywide (including Peterborough) Community Safety Agreement. It recommends that during 2016/17, as partners come together to further develop the local criminal justice and community safety system they consider a new approach to the next Countywide Community Safety Agreement to support this work from 2017.

2. Background

2.1 To deliver the statutory duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006), two tier authorities are required to prepare a Community Safety Agreement for the county. Section 17 recognises that there are key stakeholders that have responsibility for a wide range of services to the community that can deliver community safety solutions. The Police and Crime Commissioner also has the ability to call these partners together. However the existing structures and agreement mean that it has not been necessary for the Commissioner to use this. The administration arrangements in support of the Board have moved from the County Council to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

2.2. The purpose of the agreement is to develop a more joined-up approach to delivering Community Safety objectives, enable more effective and co-ordinated strategic planning across partner agencies and to ensure sustainable and lasting improvements in delivering outcomes. This agreement recognises that community safety issues do not always respect district boundaries, and that co-ordination of effort can lead to economies of scale, joined up working, and better outcomes.

2.3. The priority issues that have been identified within the Community Safety Agreement for 2014 – 17 are what each of the District CSPs considered to be most important to their communities and this was therefore reflected in the Countywide Strategic Assessment. The agreement also considers work which is being co-ordinated across the county.

2.4 Historically the work of the Criminal Justice Board has not influenced the Countywide Community Safety Agreement.

3. Updating the agreement going forward

3.1 The 2014 -17 Countywide Community Safety Agreement captures the Community Safety Partnership priorities and identified the cross-cutting countywide priorities as:

- Domestic Abuse
- Integrated Offender Management
- Substance Misuse

3.2 The Agreement currently does not consider significant cross-cutting countywide work including:

- Prevent
- Road Safety
- Mental Health Concordat
- Child Sexual Exploitation.

It is recognised that many of these cross-cutting countywide streams have their own governance mechanisms, which as agreed in 2015 have been added to the agreement.

3.3 Increasingly the Criminal Justice Board has led work which links with the wider community safety agenda including:

- Implementation of the Victims' Strategy
- Development of a Reducing Offending Strategy covering restorative justice, youth offending, through the gate support and offender health.

4. Moving Forward

4.1 It is recognised that there is significant pressure on community safety and the criminal justice budgets and services. Rising recognition of need together with reduced resources will make redesigning public services imperative.

4.2 It is recommended that, working with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, during 2016/17 as partners consider work required across the Criminal Justice and Community Safety Systems they consider a new approach to the next Countywide Community Safety Agreement to support this work from 2017.

5. Recommendation

5.1 The updates to the agreement are noted.

5.2 During 2016/17 as partners consider work required across the Criminal Justice and Community Safety Systems they consider a new approach to the next Countywide Community Safety Agreement to support this work from 2017.