

# CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Subject: Community Safety Partnership Update**

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### REPORT FOR: INFORMATION

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Community Safety Partnerships were formed following the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which made it a statutory duty for each local authority area to have a Community Safety Partnership.
  - 1.2 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on the responsible authorities to: *'Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed upon it... exercise its functions with due regard to...the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area.'*
  - 1.3 The responsible authorities of the Powys Community Safety Partnership are Dyfed/Powys Police; Local Authority; Wales & West Fire Service; Youth Justice Service; Powys teaching Health Board; National Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Company.
  - 1.4 There are many legislative and cross-cutting issues which influence how Community Safety Partnerships operate, however priorities are determined annually via a Joint Strategic Assessment which draws on intelligence from all partner agencies, as well as service action plans or reports.
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#### 2. DEVELOPMENTS

- 2.1 **Chair of CSP** - In July 2017, a new CSP Chair was elected – Chief Inspector Rhiannon Ivens. <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/communications/view-council-news/news-article/article/4846-chief-inspector-named-csp-chair/>
- 2.2 **Action Plan** - To provide a performance framework for the CSP, an Action Plan has been developed, to which all partners submit progress reports against the Priorities identified within the Joint Strategic Assessment. The Action Plan is reviewed on an 8 weekly basis at the CSP Strategy Group. The appendix to this report therefore concentrates on these Priorities, rather than all the work of the CSP.

- 2.3 **WAO report on CSPs** - Community Safety Partnerships are not devolved, although many of its partner agencies are, therefore both Central Government Legislation and Welsh Government Legislation influence the Powys Community Safety Partnership. In October 2016 the Wales Audit Office published a report in respect of CSPS - <http://www.audit.wales/publication/community-safety-wales>. The overall comment from the Auditor General was “*Based on the findings of this audit, the Auditor General has concluded that complex responsibilities make it difficult for public bodies to co-ordinate a strategic approach to community safety, which weakens collective leadership and accountability and undermines the potential to help people stay safe*”. There were seven recommendations within the report, the majority of which were to be actioned by multi-agencies – Welsh Government, Police and Crime Commissioners and local authorities.
- 2.4 **WG Review of CSPs following WAO report** – Following publication of the Wales Audit Office report, the Welsh Government, on the 7th February 2017, announced a review of Community Safety Partnerships: <http://gov.wales/newsroom/people-and-communities/2017/review-of-community-safety-announced/?lang=en>
- 2.5 The Welsh Government review has now concluded and a report with draft recommendations has been presented to the Minister. We are awaiting the presentation of the report to Plenary, due to take place in December 2017.
- 2.6 **Dovetail pilot.** This is a pilot by the Home Office which has been undertaken in relation to the Prevent Duty and the delivery of Channel. The pilot has now ended and the outcome is that Channel will be co-ordinated on a regional basis and that Wales will be one region.



Dovetail evaluation  
high level findings and

- 2.7 **Rural Crime Partnership.** Development of a Rural Crime Partnership is under consideration. An initial meeting has taken place between C/I Ivens, Chief Executive of BBNP, CSP Co-ordinator, Trading Standards Principal Lead and Land Management Team Leader of Natural Resources Wales. All agreed to the continued exploration of a Rural Crime Partnership for Powys.

Recommendation	Reason for Recommendation
The Committee notes the contents of the Report	For Information only

<b>Relevant Policy (ies) :</b>	n/a		
<b>Within Policy</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Within Budget</b>	<b>Y/N n/a</b>

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