

Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Venue
By Teams

Meeting Date
Monday, 12 July 2021

Meeting Time
10.00 am

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You are welcome to speak Welsh or English in the meeting. Please inform us of which language you wish to use by noon, two working days before the meeting.

AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
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To receive any disclosures of interests by Members relating to items to be considered at the meeting.

3.	DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIPS
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To receive disclosures of prohibited party whips which a Member has been given in relation to the meeting in accordance with Section 78(3) of the Local Government Measure 2011.

(NB: Members are reminded that under Section 78 Members having been given a prohibited party whip cannot vote on a matter before the Committee.)

4.	COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE
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To receive and consider the report of the Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinator.

(Pages 5 - 12)

5.	MEMBER AND OFFICER WORKING GROUPS
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To consider establishing and appointing Members to the following Member and Officer Working Groups.

It is recommended that Working Groups should consist of no more than 5 Members.

Although Working Groups are established on a non -political basis they should comprise as many political groups as practicable.

- (i) Development and Phosphates in rivers
- (ii) County Farms
- (iii) Buying Up Private Sector Housing

Terms of Reference for each of these groups will need to be established at the first meeting to include areas for inclusion in the review, expected outcome of the scrutiny review.

6.	SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME
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To note that future meetings of the Committee will be held as follows:

06-09-21 10.00 - 12.00 Teams Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership and apprenticeship• Child Poverty.• Recycling Update
18-10-21 14.00 - 16.00 Teams Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance Q2 + Risk• Finance Q2 + budget efficiency savings
29-11-21 10.00 - 12.00 Teams Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crime and Disorder / Community Safety Review / Community Safety Partnership

7.	EXEMPT ITEM
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To consider passing the following Resolution:

RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 1 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

The Monitoring Officer has determined that category 1 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules applies to the following item. His view on the public interest test (having taken account of the provisions of Rule 14.8 of the Council's Access to Information Rules) was that to make this information public would disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

These factors in his view outweigh the public interest in disclosing this information. Members are asked to consider these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

8.	MOVING ON UP
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To receive and consider the confidential report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning and Housing and to make observations and recommendations to the Cabinet.

(Pages 13 - 76)

Committee Reflection

The Committee is asked to take 5 to 10 minutes to reflect on today's meeting.

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CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
12th July 2021

Report Author: Fay Smith, CSP Co-ordinator

Subject: Community Safety Partnership Update

REPORT FOR: INFORMATION

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 and National Probation Service.

2. Wales Safer Communities Board & Network

2.1 In 2016, the Wales Audit Office (WAO), on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales, published the Community Safety in Wales report which made several recommendations to improve Community Safety in Wales. [Community Safety in Wales](#) The report 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.

2.2 Welsh Government noted the recommendations and committed to undertake a wider review, [Working Together for Safer Communities Review](#), to move the community safety agenda forward and respond to the Auditor General's recommendations.

2.3 Following the publication of the Working Together for Safer Communities review in 2017, the Welsh Government, in partnership with its devolved and non-devolved partners and stakeholders in Wales, established the [Safer Communities Programme](#).

2.4 The Safer Communities Programme concluded in September 2020, replaced by the Safer Communities Board along with the Safer Communities Network.

2.5 The Safer Communities Board has five key ambitions: -

- Community safety is integrated across all relevant policy areas / partnerships.
- Safer Communities Network is the recognised national forum for all sectors involved in community safety partnership working.
- The 'Evidence-based, Intelligence-led' principle and its application within local/regional partnership working is sustainably resourced.
- Community safety is prevention-focused and embraces a public-health approach.
- To learn from other related and interdependent programmes, providing mechanisms to feed key issues & learning into community safety partnership working, sharing awareness and cross-cutting practice.

2.6 The Community Safety Network commenced six months ago. Work undertaken so far is the production of “Briff” a weekly briefing document distributed via e-mail; Branding including development of the logo; ‘One stop shop’ website under development and Summer Seminar Series planned.

3. CONTEST

3.1 Contest is the United Kingdom’s Strategy for Countering Terrorism. Within Wales, the governance structure for Contest has undergone a fundamental refresh and been rebranded as **Contest Cymru**. The Aims & Objectives are: -

- *Provide the strategic direction for partners and colleagues to help Keep Wales Safe*
- *To ensure leadership, consistency, and accountability in the delivery of Contest*
- *To mitigate threat, risk, and reputational harm, providing reassurance to senior officer and improve collaborative working to deliver outcomes that benefit the public.*

3.2 There are two All Wales Strategic Boards beneath Contest Cymru: -

- All Wales Protect & Prepare Strategic Board
- All Wales Prevent Board

3.3 There are six Regional Boards, and within the Dyfed-Powys area we have four Local Contest Boards.

3.4 PREVENT review - During the passage of the Counter Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 on 12 February 2019, the government committed to carrying out an independent review of Prevent. The report, including any recommendations of the review, must be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, as required by the act.

3.5 William Shawcross was appointed as the new Independent Reviewer of Prevent on 26 January 2021. The independent review will consider the UK’s strategy for protecting people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and will make recommendations for the future.

3.6 CHANNEL - forms a key part of Prevent. The process adopts a multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. Refreshed Channel Guidance was issued in 2020, which required Local Authorities to have a named Channel Chair and a named Vice-Chair, agreed by the Chief Executive. There is also a new requirement for an Annual Assurance Statement.

4. Serious Violence & Organised Crime

4.1 The Home Office has two separate strategies – the Serious Organised Crime strategy and the Serious Violence Strategy.

4.2 Within Dyfed-Powys these have been combined and we have INTACT - Joint Serious Violence and Organised Crime Strategy.

4.3 To deliver INTACT there is a Regional Serious Violence & Organised Crime (SVOC) Board, which meets quarterly, and four Local SVOC Boards which sit under the Community Safety Partnerships. In addition, there are Operational Tactical meetings as and when required.

4.4 Within Dyfed-Powys Police there is now a SVOC Coordinator and 10 INTACT Community Support Officers, the team, work with several partners to develop and deliver diversionary activities and interventions to address the root causes of harm. The team are supported by an analyst to better target their activity.

5. Single Unified Safeguarding Review

5.1 Since 2017, Welsh Government and key stakeholders have been engaged in a project to examine the Welsh response to Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR), Adult Practice Reviews (APR) and Child Practice Reviews (CPR). This work instigated a practitioner's review led by the then Assistant Chief Constable Liane James and an academic review commissioned by the National Independent Safeguarding Board led by Dr Amanda Robinson of Cardiff University.

5.2 Both reviews produced near identical recommendations. It was apparent that too many reviews were being conducted in isolation on the same incident.

5.3 As a result of this work it was recommended that a project be instigated to take the recommendations forward. In December 2019, Liane James, now retired from policing, joined the Safeguarding and Advocacy team in Welsh Government to take this work forward.

5.4 A Single Unified Safeguarding Review Steering (SUSR) Group has been convened, with senior representation from all areas of community safety and safeguarding, both devolved and non-devolved in Wales. Four task and finish groups have been convened: -

- *Training and Learning*

The overarching purpose of the group is to create a process whereby the recommendations from a Single Unified Safeguarding Review are implemented on an all-Wales basis, thematic learning from reviews is embedded into policy and procedures and well-defined communication channels used to communicate learning with all partners, devolved and non-devolved.

- *Wales Safeguarding Repository (WSR) Task and Finish Group*

The overarching purpose of the group is to create a process and system, which captures all public sector safeguarding reviews undertaken in Wales. Once information has been collected and curated this will then enable data to be drawn upon and used by practitioners. This would facilitate and encourage interdisciplinary approaches to research and future preventative interventions.

- *Legal and Governance Task and Finish Group*

The overarching purpose of the group is to create a process whereby legislation and statutory guidance are reviewed to facilitate the introduction of an all-Wales Single Unified Safeguarding Review. This would enable thematic learning from reviews to be embedded into policy and procedures and well-defined governance and communication channels used to communicate learning with all partners, devolved and non-devolved.

- *Policy and Process Task and Finish Group*

The overarching purpose of the group is to develop systems and processes to create a Single Unified Safeguarding Review for Wales which compliments existing legislation, guidance, and duties in the devolved and non-devolved space. This will prevent the duplication of unnecessary reviews and focus on learning to safeguard for the future.

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

Relevant Policy (ies) :	n/a		
Within Policy	Y/N yes	Within Budget	Y/N n/a

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CSP Priorities - Update

As everyone is very aware, 2020 was an extraordinary year with the pandemic which impacted upon crime and disorder as much as any other area of life. As this update is being written, we are still living with restrictions, albeit they are lessening.

Since March 2020, along with all departments of Powys Local Authority, the CSP has focused on critical business areas only (*Domestic Homicide Reviews; Serious Violence & Organised Crime; Channel*).

The CSP Co-ordinator has been assisting Powys Civil Contingencies since March 2020. There are several cross-cutting themes. The CSP Co-ordinator is on the Duty Emergency Planning rota and is Chairing a sub-group of the Dyfed-Powys Local Resilience Form, Recovery Group – the Intervention & Prevention Group which deals with the education and enforcement of the Covid regulations within the public protection realm.

The link between Powys CSP and Powys Civil Contingencies has been formally strengthened recently with a new position of Civil Contingencies and Community Safety Lead Officer.

The 2019/20 priorities were: -

- **Crime**

Crime patterns changed considerably during 2020, due to lockdowns. Crime reduced across the UK in all categories.

Extract from the Office for National Statistics - Crime in England and Wales: year ending December 2020: - *“The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and related lockdown restrictions have resulted in fluctuations in the level of crime in England and Wales, for example, for police recorded crime: Total offences decreased by 7% between July to September 2020 and October to December 2020. Comparing October to December 2020 with the same period the previous year, total offences were 9% lower (1.4 million), theft offences were 27% lower (354,746) and knife-enabled crime was 16% lower (11,041).”*

However, there was an increase in reports of Anti-Social Behaviour – primarily noise issues.

Since the end of the last lock-down, crime levels have returned to those before the pandemic – police report “business as usual”, and ASB reporting also has returned to “normal” levels.

Tourism, especially stay-cations and the notable increase in number of Camper Vans is causing concern in parts of Dyfed, especially the seaside locations, but does not appear to be impacting Powys to the same degree.

Serious Organised Crime continues to be focussed upon. There has been nine months of multi-agency working and police intelligence gathering, resulting in a successful operation conducted at the end of June 2021 in Welshpool. There is also ongoing SVOC tactical work in another area of Powys, that too is heading towards a successful conclusion with several subjects now in custody.



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- **Road Safety**

The Road Safety Partnership met on 3 occasions during 2020. The group has not yet met in 2021.

The WG Road Safety Strategy ended in 2020, replaced by The Wales Transport Strategy 2021. Road Safety is incorporated under Section 7 – Mini Plans, within Plan 7.4, Roads, streets, and parking. The emphasis has moved towards Active Travel, and funding for Road Safety has reduced.

During 2020, traffic volumes, and in turn casualties reduced during lockdown period, especially the first National Lockdown which commenced in March 2020.

UK Gov, Department for Transport statistics: -

“Road casualties saw the greatest monthly percentage decrease of 68% in April 2020 compared to 3-year average for 2017 to 2019. This aligns with the first full month of national lockdown and the reduction in motor traffic (63%)”.

There were also changes to road layouts, partly due to Active Travel, and partly due to social distancing requirements. Some roads have been closed, some have changes to traffic flow or parking has been reduced.

When not in lockdown periods, traffic volumes quickly returned to normal levels, and we also saw an increase in ASB driving, with excessive speeding by all vehicle types following the first lockdown. This was especially difficult to manage as the main enforcing agencies (LA and Police) were fully committed monitoring and enforcing social distancing measures.

Statistics for **Dyfed-Powys** from Go Safe up to Nov 2020: -

- Sites visited 675.
- Offences detected - 5,309 (all vehicles) – 475=motorcyclists.
- 5 Fatalities
- 90 serious
- 420 slight injuries
- 2000 non injury
- Engagement on Darwin very difficult. Biggest complaint anti-social noise.

- **Substance Misuse**

Reducing Substance Misuse is a statutory responsibility of the CSP, which is discharged by the Area Planning Board.

The purpose of Powys' APB is to provide advice and support to responsible authorities to *‘plan, commission and monitor delivery of high-quality treatment and prevention services that are based on the need to improve the lives of substance misusers, families and communities.*

To deliver on Welsh Government priorities set out in National Substance Misuse strategy ‘Working together to Reduce Harm’ and the ‘Substance Misuse Delivery Plan 2019-2022’, associated treatment frameworks and following on from the Powys APB Substance Misuse Commissioning



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Strategy 2015-2020, the APB requires a new strategy to be produced and for current service provision to be recommissioned ready for new service delivery to go live from 1st April 2022.

To support effective review of services, an assessment of need and resultant strategy is being undertaken by required to ensure people within the region of Powys are in receipt of appropriate, holistic support and treatment to optimise their recovery and wellbeing.

The Needs assessment is currently underway led by Figure 8 Consultancy Services Ltd.

- **Reducing Re-offending**

Several methods in operation are:

- Integrated Offender Management (IOM)
- Youth Justice Service, YISP and Detached Youth Service
- Work led by Trading Standards in relation to Acquisitive Crime, Rogue Traders, Supply of illicit substances etc.
- VAWDA&SV – violence against women, domestic abuse, and sexual violence.

- **Community Cohesion**

The Welsh Government has not produced a new Community Cohesion plan, but rather four themes:

- Work at a strategic level to build community cohesion and inclusion.
- Work at a local level to break down barriers to inclusion and integration for groups and communities.
- Support for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and settled communities during the integration process.
- Support for communities to prevent and manage community tensions, hostility, and extremism.

There is a Community Cohesion team for Dyfed-Powys, a Co-ordinator, covering the whole of Dyfed-Powys and two Community Cohesion Officers.

The work of the Community Cohesion Team has been invaluable during 2020, areas which they have specifically focussed upon are:

- EU Exit and the Settlement Scheme.
- Hate Crime
- Community Tension Monitoring – the team were very active with the Penally Camp.

This concludes the Community Safety Partnership update.

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