

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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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; 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 The Safer Communities Programme:

The Working Together for Safer Communities Review – Welsh Government's response to the Auditor General's critical report *Community Safety in Wales* published in 2016 – concluded in 2017 and the final [report](#) was published in December to coincide with a Ministerial [Statement](#) to the National Assembly plenary.

The review findings and recommendations were broadly welcomed by community safety stakeholders across Wales, including by the Wales Audit Office – who were responsible for the critical *Community Safety in Wales* 2016 [report](#) – and by the Assembly's Public Accounts [Committee](#).

The review also established a new shared vision for community safety in Wales.

Our Shared Vision for Safer Communities in Wales:

Our shared vision for community safety in Wales is one in which:

1. Every community is strong, safe and confident in a manner that provides equality of opportunity and social justice, resilience and sustainability for all;
2. The shared responsibility of government, public and third sector agencies is to work together with the communities they serve and the private sector to address activity or behaviour that is unlawful, anti-social, harmful to individuals and society and to the environment;
3. Sharing knowledge and ensuring early intervention with prompt, positive action tackles local issues and addresses vulnerabilities.

Next steps:

- The programme board have now agreed that the design and implementation of the Safer Communities Programme will be in keeping with the Sustainable Development Principle of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.
- It has also identified Serious & Organised Crime (SOC) and associated 'county lines' activity and serious violence as the most pressing priority for all partners.
- A 'virtual team' of officers from the WLGA, Policing in Wales Group, Welsh Government, PHW and the Home Office are now scoping the requirements of a detailed programme implementation plan for sign off at the autumn programme board meeting.

2.2 Rural Crime Partnership. Powys Rural Crime Partnership is now in place, partners currently include D/P Police, CSP, LA Trading Standards, M&WW Fire Service, BBNP and NRW.

There is now a Police Rural Crime Team for Powys, operating since September 2018 – this is a joint initiative with the North Wales Rural Crime Team which has been running for five years, so has lots of experience to bring to the table.

The Powys Rural Crime Partnership is currently developing its priorities in line with National and Welsh priorities, plus linking with the Dyfed/Powys Rural Crime Strategy https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/media/5658/dyfed-powys-police-rural-crime-strategy-booklet-2017_english-final.pdf

2.3 Serious Organised Crime (SOC). Nationally County Lines is having a big impact upon Communities, Powys is not exempt from this.

Over the past six months a multi-agency SOC Tactical Group has been in existence in relation to County Lines. A large scale multi-agency Op Regent was undertaken over a six-week period, commencing in August. Two multi-agency awareness raising events have been undertaken alongside two housing specific events. Police have provided presentations to a number of boards/meetings within the Local Authority. Two members bulletins have been produced: -



There is a Regional Serious Organised Crime Board which meets quarterly, and new Local SOC Boards have just commenced, which will meet quarterly and feed into the Regional Group. Tactical SOC groups will be called as and when required.

2.4 CCTV – Dyfed-Powys

In Feb 2017 Dyfed-Powys Police, supported by Police & Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llewellyn, announced that work had begun to review and consider the plan for implementing new CCTV across the Force area.

CCTV Cameras were installed in Builth Wells prior to the Royal Welsh Show.

Installation of cameras in Welshpool, Newtown, Llandrindod Wells and Brecon is being undertaken currently.

Consideration of any further CCTV locations will be considered in Phase 2 of the project – after conclusion of installation of cameras across Dyfed/Powys locations identified as Phase 1. See the Police Crime Commissioners website for further information - <https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/en/accessing-information/cctv-in-dyfed-powys-police/>

2.5 Domestic Homicide Reviews

On the 10th April 2018 Powys CSP published its first DHR.

Tragically later in April 2018, a further domestic homicide took place. Powys CSP have recruited an Independent Chair and the review process is underway.

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

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

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