

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday 1 April 2021

Report of the Head of Service – Health, Equity, Welfare and Partnerships

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Community Safety Agreement

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

There is a statutory requirement for the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board, in its role as the Community Safety Strategy Group, to develop a community safety agreement. The agreement sets out how responsible authorities will work together to address the key community safety issues in Lancashire on an annual basis.

This report presents the annual refresh of the Lancashire Community Safety Agreement which has been developed in collaboration with community safety leads, to reflect the issues and threats from crime and anti-social behaviour evidenced in the current strategic assessment.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to note the Community Safety Agreement (Appendix B) and recommend its approval to Full Council, as determined by the Council's Policy Framework.

Background and Advice

The Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board undertakes the function of the County Community Safety Strategy Group. Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 there is a requirement for the group to review and prepare the Community Safety Agreement for the county area on behalf of the responsible authorities each year.

The Community Safety Agreement is a strategic agreement between the responsible authorities identifying how we will work together to address the community safety priorities and thereby reduce crime and disorder. It is based on the strategic

assessment of crime and disorder which gives an account of long-term issues and threats from crime and anti-social behaviour across Lancashire. The latest full assessment for Lancashire (Lancashire Strategic Assessment) was completed in October 2018 (Appendix A). Fourteen separate profiles have also been produced for each district and unitary authority.

Local Community Safety Partnerships utilise the information contained in the strategic assessment to address the key priorities through development and delivery of a local partnership plan.

The current Community Safety Agreement (Appendix B) reflects the issues and threats from crime and anti-social behaviour evidenced in the latest strategic assessment and sets out how the responsible authorities will work together to address the identified priorities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. It has been updated in collaboration with the district community safety leads from across the county.

The Community Safety Agreement is not intended to detail all activity, but it does identify the key priorities and the partnership approach to be taken. It identifies the link to local Community Safety Partnership plans and other relevant strategies and plans that help deliver against the identified priorities.

Partners are currently working on the data and evidence base for the next Community Safety Agreement, with the final document planned for publication in October 2021. Undoubtedly the scope of the next full assessment will address community safety issues that may have arisen as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Consultations

The Community Safety Agreement has been refreshed in collaboration with community safety partner leads and was endorsed by the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board at its meeting on 26 February 2020. It was also subject to consideration by the External Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 5 March 2019.

The priorities have been informed by the 2018 full strategic assessment which is the result of 6 months of research, analysis, engagement and consultation with key stakeholders.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Crime and Disorder

The Community Safety Agreement 2019/22 fulfils the statutory obligations of community safety partners as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II

N/A