

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 September 2022

Report of the Director of Public Health

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;
Caring for the vulnerable;

Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 – 2025

(Appendices 'A' – 'C' refer)

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Brief 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 and covers a 3 year period with an annual refresh.

This report presents the new Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 – 2025, 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:

- (i) Note the Community Safety Agreement 2022 - 2025 and the document referred to as "summary plan on a page" (Appendices 'B' and 'C'); and
- (ii) Recommend that Full Council approves the Community Safety Agreement 2022 - 2025, as determined by the Council's Policy Framework.



Detail

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 Board 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 key issues 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 2022 - 2025) was completed in December 2021 (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.

Following the publication of the strategic assessment, the new Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 – 2025 has been developed reflecting 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 put together in collaboration with partner agencies and the district community safety leads from across the county.

The Community Safety Agreement comprises a summary 'plan on a page' (Appendix 'B'), which summarises the evidence, our key issues, our approach and our activity, supported by a more detailed document (Appendix 'C') covering: community safety context; key legislation; governance and partnership structure; priorities and key issues; and partnership delivery.

The Community Safety Agreement is not intended to detail all activity, but it does identify the key issues 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.

The Delivery Framework in section 8 of Appendix 'C' aims to identify a partnership or board with lead / strategic responsibility for each key issue, together with the delivery mechanism. These partnerships will be responsible for reporting progress and activity to the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board. The role of the Board will be to ensure that delivery is kept on track, and to identify strategic support where required.

The Lancashire Community Safety Agreement will be reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis to ensure that it remains current. The Agreement is intended to be flexible and will be updated as required to reflect changes in policy, legislation and partnership structures and priorities.



Consultations

A co-production approach has been taken in developing the Community Safety Agreement. An editorial group comprising representatives from district councils, police and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have supported the development of the document which has also been shared at various points with district community safety leads and the county council's internal community safety officers' group. The Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 – 2025 was approved by the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board at its meeting on 4 July 2022.

The priorities have been informed by the 2022 – 2025 Lancashire Strategic Assessment which is the result of 6 months of research, analysis, engagement and consultation with key stakeholders. In November 2021, the External Scrutiny Committee agreed the key themes within the Strategic Assessment, as the main elements that will feature in the Community Safety Agreement, as they would be the issues that underpin the development of local partnership plans, and the setting of priorities for the next three years.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Crime and Disorder

The Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 - 2025 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, if appropriate

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