

Report of the Chief Executive to the Chair and Members of the Operational Policing Panel – 26th May 2011.

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Local Community Safety Plans

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report is to inform Members of the contents of the Community Safety Plans published by the Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) for Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland. A summary of the four documents is attached in appendices A –D.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note this report.

3 Reasons

- 3.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were set up as statutory bodies under Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. CSPs are made up of representatives from the six responsible authorities (Police, Police Authority, Local Authority, Fire Authority, Primary Care Trust and Probation Service), together with representatives from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors.
- 3.2 CSPs are a thematic arm of Local Strategic Partnerships, and deal with crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse related crime and anti-social behaviour. CSPs have a statutory duty to conduct an annual strategic assessment which then forms the basis of a three year Community Safety Plan which is reviewed and updated annually.
- 3.3 The success of Community Safety Plans has historically been measured through an overarching performance framework based around a comprehensive National

Indicator Set of 198 performance measures. In 2010 the coalition government abandoned the National Indicator Set and determined that partnerships should agree local targets. This has resulted in a reduced and less prescriptive indicator set for each of the CSPs.

- 3.4 Government spending cuts imposed for 2011/2012 and beyond have provided additional pressures for CSPs. In Hartlepool this has resulted in the decision to pilot a new approach to partnership working, focusing on problematic families, specifically those with criminally active family members. It is hoped that this new model will allow the maximum effect on crime and anti-social behaviour with reduced resources.
- 3.5 Hartlepool and Redcar and Cleveland CSPs follow a Neighbourhood Management Model to deliver the contents of their Community Safety Plans.

4 Implications

4.1 Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Diversity & Equal Opportunities

There are no direct diversity implications arising from this report.

4.3 Sustainability

The Community Safety Plan for a borough aims to shape the future plans and direction of local partners to deliver stronger, safer communities. The Force and Authority must take account of this in their service planning and delivery.

4.4 Risk

There are no direct business risks to be considered as part of this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Community Safety Plans for the four boroughs describe the partners' aspirations for community safety over the next three years. This report has appraised Members of the contents of the latest versions of the Community Safety Plans as published by the local CSPs.

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Stockton Community Safety Plan 2011-2014

Safer Stockton Partnership vision

To improve the safety of the community and to prevent, minimise and reduce drug, alcohol and substance misuse and the harm it causes to individuals, families and communities in the Borough of Stockton on Tees by:

- Reducing crime in the Borough
- Reducing disorder and anti-social behaviour in the Borough
- Preventing and reducing levels of substance misuse in the Borough, including both controlled drugs and alcohol, by providing the best possible treatment regimes and other interventions, in line with the National Drugs Strategy and National Alcohol Strategy
- Increasing feelings of safety in the Borough
- Reducing fear of disorder and anti-social behaviour in the Borough
- Reducing re-offending in the Borough

Key Priorities

The key priorities, as identified by residents and through the strategic assessment.

Anti-social behaviour - specifically vandalism, alcohol misuse, people being drunk and rowdy, poor parental responsibility, threats/verbal abuse and street drinking. Focusing on identification of and support for repeat callers, reducing the perception that anti-social behaviour is a serious problems and reducing anti-social behaviour in the top five wards (Stockton Town Centre, Mandale & Victoria, Newtown, Parkfield & Oxbridge and Hardwick).

Alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour – Focusing on increasing the use of Section 27 notices (directions for people behaving anti-socially to leave a specified area for 48 hours) and assessing the effectiveness of Alcohol Treatment Requirements and Alcohol Specified Activity Requirements.

Violent crime, including domestic violence – Focusing on the top five wards for violence against the person and the top ten domestic violence perpetrators. The partnership will aim to reduce repeat perpetrators of domestic violence and increase the support for victims of domestic violence through Harbour and the Safe at Home scheme.

Drug related offending – Focusing on increasing the number of female drug users accessing support, increasing the number of people leaving treatment services drug free and reducing the number of drug related repeat offenders. There will also be work to increase housing and employment opportunities for drug users and to develop Narcotics Anonymous in the Borough.

Criminal damage – Focusing on identifying repeat victims and hot spot areas/peak times for additional attention. Also focusing on awareness raising in schools.

Emerging issues – The current emerging issue is Other Theft, specifically shoplifting and metal theft. Focusing on High Crime Causers through intensive support and enforcement programmes.

Hartlepool Community Safety Plan 2011-2014

Safer Hartlepool Partnership vision

Working together to create a Safer Hartlepool.

Strategic objectives

- Reduce crime and repeat victimisation
- Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse
- Create confident, cohesive and safe communities
- Reduce offending and re-offending

Annual priorities for 2011/12

As identified through the strategic assessment. These priorities will be delivered through a new pilot multi agency approach focusing on families, specifically those who have criminally active family members. The priorities will be delivered through a well established Neighbourhood Management Model.

Acquisitive crime – specifically domestic burglary and theft. To be dealt with through the locality based Joint Action Groups.

Violent crime – including domestic violence and abuse. Focusing on targeted multi agency activity, public awareness raising, increased support for victims and identification of repeat victims for targeted support and intervention.

Alcohol treatment, delivery of alcohol strategy and drug dealing and supply – focusing on education and awareness raising, providing support services for harmful drinkers and drug users and using powers available to reduce alcohol related crime and disorder and disrupt the supply of illegal drugs.

Anti-social behaviour – including links to private rented properties and alcohol related youth anti-social behaviour. Test purchasing will be undertaken to monitor the sale of alcohol to young people and targeted work will be undertaken in hotspot areas at peak times.

Criminal damage – specifically damage to dwellings. To be dealt with through the locality based Joint Action Groups.

Confidence and cohesion – Work will be undertaken to improve the partnership's understanding of its local communities leading to greater community cohesion. Specific activities will be undertaken to enable engaged communities to have a voice on issues affecting their area. Awareness raising will also be undertaken to promote partnership activities to the public.

Prevent and reduce offending, re-offending and the risk of offending – Focusing on the transition of young offenders to the adult offender system, improving offender access to education, training and employment opportunities and to stable housing facilities. Specific support work will be undertaken with female offenders, offenders with alcohol problems and with offenders' families. Funding opportunities will be sought to deliver Restorative Justice.

Redcar and Cleveland Community Safety Plan 2011-2014

Redcar and Cleveland Community Safety Partnership vision

To make Redcar and Cleveland a safer place to live, work and visit by responding to priorities that have been identified in consultation with the local community.

Strategic priorities

As identified through the strategic assessment, and to be delivered using a Neighbourhood Management Model.

Acquisitive crime – specifically dwelling burglary and other theft (in particular shoplifting and metal theft). Dwelling burglaries will be tackled by focusing on prevention through awareness raising, and by identifying and targeting prolific offenders. The top 10 streets initiative will also be used to focus on hot spot areas. No Cold Caller Zones will be used to tackle distraction burglaries. High visibility policing combined with covert policing will be used to tackle other theft.

Anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and associated crime/incidents – focusing specifically on youths on the street (drunk and rowdy behaviour), alcohol misuse, drug use/dealing and environmental issues such as fly tipping, litter, dog fouling, vandalism and graffiti. This priority will be delivered through the use of the Acceptable Behaviour Campaign, multi agency 'Weeks of Action' and the well established Operation Equinox which runs over the Halloween and bonfire period. Young perpetrators will be targeted for early intervention, prevention and diversionary activities.

Counter terrorism – aiming to stop people becoming or supporting terrorists and violent extremists through the Prevent Strategy.

Drug use, dealing and alcohol related harm – overseeing the implementation of the four strands of the National Drug Strategy (Enforcement, Adult Drug Treatment, Prevention, Public Information Campaigns). Also focusing on youth alcohol misuse, through use of the under 21 scheme and test purchasing.

Reducing re-offending and offending – through the recently established Integrated Offender Management team which targets resources at the most prolific offenders within the Borough.

Violence – including domestic, sexual and alcohol related violence. The Partnership will make use of the appropriate powers to tackle alcohol related violence. Multi agency patrols will be deployed at peak times in hot spot areas. Domestic violence will be tackled through the specialist Domestic Violence Court and the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate.

Middlesbrough Community Safety Plan 2011-2014

Middlesbrough Community Safety Partnership vision

Working in partnership to reduce crime, anti social behaviour and substance misuse across Middlesbrough.

Strategic priorities

As identified through the strategic assessment.

Drug misuse – maintaining and improving access to treatment, with a specific focus on improving the transition between young persons and adult services and improving outcomes for those with mental health issues. Delivering recovery and progress within treatment, including a review of the intensive support provision for families and further work to involve and support carers. Achieving successful outcomes, focusing on improving employment, education, training and housing outcomes for substance misusers. Also looking to increase the number of clients leaving treatment in a planned way. Reducing the supply of illicit drugs through coordinated activity in priority areas.

Alcohol misuse – focusing on reducing alcohol related harm and identifying and resolving alcohol related issues.

Victims and witnesses – developing a coordinated approach to increase reporting of crime by vulnerable groups and reduce victimisation. Continued partnership working to identify and address repeat victimisation.

Reducing re-offending – delivering an Integrated Offender Management scheme to reduce re-offending and identifying and addressing any increases in crime due to the economic crisis. Also looking to reduce re-offending in domestic violence perpetrators through the Healthy Relationships Programme.

Neighbourhood safety – focusing on dwelling burglary, other theft, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour through developing a coordinated neighbourhood approach. As part of this close links with schools will be maintained and work will be undertaken to ensure that local communities are involved in Neighbourhood Safety.

Town centre safety – developing a coordinated approach to the reduction of alcohol related violence, utilising improved Accident and Emergency data.

Terrorism – continuing to support Force operations and developing and delivering the Counter Terrorism Local Profile Action Plan.