

# TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	17 July 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Safety Partnership Update
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<b>Corporate Lead:</b>	Robert Weaver, Deputy Chief Executive
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor K J Berry, Lead Member for Community
<b>Number of Appendices:</b>	One

## **Executive Summary:**

Community safety responsibilities have continued to evolve since the original formation of the Tewkesbury Community Safety Partnership almost 20 years ago. Successive changes to public services have resulted in less in-house capacity and a move away from localised services in other community safety partner agencies.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, in agreement with the Council Chief Executives, carried out a review of community safety across Gloucestershire. The review recognised that each of the Council's Community Safety Partnerships worked in different ways and there was little coordination between them. The review also noted that, whilst legal responsibility for community safety matters sits within each Community Safety Partnership, a coordinating group would be beneficial to provide some oversight and direction.

Over the last two years, the Community Safety Partnership has been in held in abeyance pending the creation of a countywide partnership to deal with community safety issues. This countywide partnership is now in place and "Safer Gloucestershire" is considering the countywide community safety priorities. Priorities are gained from an analysis of statistics across the county from a document called the Gloucestershire Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment (GCSSNA) which contains countywide data on crime, anti-social behaviour and safeguarding etc.

Locally we need to rejuvenate our Community Safety Partnership and decide what our priorities are. As some of our local priorities will also be drawn from the GCSSNA and some will likely be specifically to Tewkesbury Borough itself, it makes sense to align some of our priorities with the countywide group. In order to start this work a small community steering group has been meeting move this forward.

This report updates the Committee on the work of the community safety steering group and the progress it has made thus far.

## **Recommendation:**

**To CONISDER the update on local arrangements for community safety.**

## **Reasons for Recommendation:**

At its meeting in February 2018 where the annual review of community safety was discussed, members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee expressed a wish to have an update on the Community Safety Partnership prior to any Executive Committee report.

**Resource Implications:**

None arising directly from this report

**Legal Implications:**

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were set up under Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. They are made up of representatives from 'responsible authorities' which are the local authorities, police, fire and rescue, probation and health. Community Safety remains a responsibility of second tier councils.

**Risk Management Implications:**

None for this report.

**Performance Management Follow-up:**

An annual report on the work of Safer Gloucestershire and the local Community Safety Partnership will be produced for this committee to consider.

**Environmental Implications:**

None arising directly from this report

**1.0 INTRODUCTION/ BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** *Community safety* is about feeling safe, whether at home, in the street or at work. It relates to quality of life and being able to pursue and obtain the fullest benefits from your domestic, social and economic lives without fear or hindrance from harm, crime and disorder.
- 1.2** Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were set up under Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. They are made up of representatives from 'responsible authorities' which are the local authorities, police, fire and rescue, probation and health.
- 1.3** Locally, the CSP was suspended pending the outcome of the countywide review. Now that review is complete we need to consider our arrangements locally.

**2.0 SAFER GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

- 2.1** The review into community safety in Gloucestershire concluded that, whilst the responsibility for dealing with community safety and coordinating the local CSP sits with second tier authorities, it would be beneficial to have a countywide view of the work that is being undertaken. In addition, in terms of setting strategic priorities, taking a countywide view made more sense than each local CSP, although local CSPs should be free to set local priorities.
- 2.2** Safer Gloucestershire has commissioned a Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment and is in the process of setting the countywide priorities.

### **3.0 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (CSP)**

- 3.1** Locally, the CSP remains suspended meaning that arrangements for managing community safety is being done on an ad-hoc basis. This is not sustainable and the Head of Community Services has been tasked with rectifying this situation.
- 3.2** With the agreement of the Lead Member for Community, a steering group has been established to investigate how community safety can be delivered within the borough.
- 3.3** The steering group includes members of staff from some of the Council's key community safety partners including Gloucestershire Police Constabulary, Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service and Severn Vale Housing.
- 3.4** The steering group has agreed terms and conditions and these are appended to this report as Appendix 1.
- 3.5** A report will now be prepared for the Executive Committee to approve the reconvening of the Tewkesbury Borough CSP along the lines set out in the Terms of Reference.
- 3.6** If the Executive Committee agree, it is proposed to have the CSP reconstituted by the end of September. The first piece of work will be to consider the priorities for the partnership and an action will be drawn up to start April 2019 setting out those priorities and how the partnership will tackle them.

### **4.0 WIDER COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT**

- 4.1** Both Safer Gloucestershire and the Tewkesbury Borough CSP are keen to engage with all Councillors and are therefore proposing a number of annual events to keep Councillors updated on the progress of the community safety plans and discuss the priorities with them.

### **5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1** None

### **6.0 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1** None

### **7.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES**

- 7.1** None

### **8.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

- 8.1** None

### **9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)**

- 9.1** None arising directly from this report

### **10.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)**

- 10.1** None arising directly from this report

**11.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)**

11.1 None arising directly from this report

**12.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS**

12.1 None arising directly from this report

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**Background Papers:** None

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**Appendices:** Appendix 1 – Draft CSP Terms of Reference