

Report to:	CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Jennifer Clayton, Acting Head of Public Protection
Date of Meeting:	5 July 2023

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and its priorities and work.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To consider the work of the CSP and plan at Appendix 7(a), asking relevant questions and identifying any future scrutiny focus reports and reviews related to the groups work.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To provide an overview of the work of the CSP, providing members with the opportunity to ask questions and consider areas for further enquiry or review.

- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5.0 Council priority:

- 5.1 The relevant Council priority is
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

6.0 Background information

- 6.1 The purpose of the Blackpool Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse and re-offending in Blackpool, as well as supporting the victims of crime and the communities affected by crime, antisocial behaviour and substance misuse.

- 6.2 The membership of the Blackpool Community Safety Partnership includes Blackpool Council, Lancashire Constabulary, Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group, Blackpool Teaching Hospital, Blackpool Coastal Housing, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the North West Ambulance Service. However, as and when required other organisations may be opted in from the public, private, third, voluntary and community sector.
- 6.3 Over and above these organisations, a number of additional agencies from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors also support the CSP.
- 6.4 BSafe Blackpool, the Blackpool Community Safety Partnership, meet quarterly to take forward strategic issues relating to addressing crime and antisocial behaviour, as well as the misuse of drugs and alcohol. The group is chaired by the Director of Community and Environmental Services and attended by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Street Scene and Neighbourhoods.
- 6.5 Actions and decisions made at the meetings are then cascaded to the operational arm of the Partnership, such as the monthly partnership Tactical Tasking and Coordination Group and a number of additional thematic subgroups identified within the Community Safety Plan. The partnership is robust and effectively working together as a partnership to gain a wider insight into the issues within Blackpool and applying multi-agency responses to these problems aiming to build resilience of our communities.
- 6.6 The priorities on which the partnership focuses are identified by using an annual Strategic Assessment, a process which analyses the crime, disorder and harm data from Blackpool in order to identify the areas which require particular attention. The Strategic Assessment also identifies key threats, any specific trends in crime, disorder and substance misuse and any changes since the previous assessment. The way in which performance against these priorities is measured has significantly changed in the past couple of years, with the focus progressively shifting from volume crime and reduction target to a more harm and risk-based perspective on crime and its impact.
- 6.7 The Community Safety Partnership is taking a 'public health approach' to preventing and tackling serious violent crime. A 'public health approach' treats violence like an infectious disease and involves using scientific evidence to identify what causes violence and find interventions that work to prevent it from spreading. Preventing rather than reacting to serious violence has both human and economic benefits for individuals, families, communities, services and society as a whole. Therefore, we have implemented early interventions to prevent people from becoming involved in violent crime.

7.0 Priorities

- 7.1 The identified CSP priorities for 2022-2025 are as follows:

1. Violence and Serious Violence
2. Sexual Offences, Rape and Prostitution
3. Domestic Abuse
4. Antisocial Behaviour
5. Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation

- 6. Burglary
- 7. Road Safety

7.2 **Violence and Serious Violence**

Blackpool Community Safety Partnership has regular meetings with the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network (VRN) made up of partners from across public services and the third sector who are working to shift the mindset towards early intervention and prevention to facilitate a culture change and embed new approaches to supporting Lancashire communities.

➤ **Serious Violence Duty and Strategy**

Statutory Partners (Local authorities, Police, Fire Service, Health and Justice) are now required to come together with education and prisons to tackle serious violence, with a requirement for the CSP to develop a Blackpool Serious Violence Strategy by January 2024. A Serious Violence Working Group is currently being established, partners identified and a draft strategy is being worked up.

7.3 **Sexual Offences, Rape and Prostitution**

The Aquazure Working Group has been created following Sexual Assault and Rape being set as a priority as part of the Blackpool Community Safety Plan 2022-2025 and the Strategic Assessment. The purpose is to bring together key partners to problem solve Sexual Assaults and Rape as a whole using the Victim, Offender, Location (VOL) methodology and to assist the Police in regard to prevention and detection.

7.4 **Domestic Abuse (DA)**

The Domestic Abuse Partnership Board meets quarterly and oversees the Domestic Abuse Partnership Strategy and associated Plan. The board entails of a wide range of partners including representatives from local authorities, victims and their children, domestic abuse charities or voluntary organisations, health care providers and the police or other criminal justice agencies.

7.5 **Anti-Social Behaviour**

The Community Safety Team (CST) attend the monthly Police led partnership Tactical Tasking and Co-ordination Group (TTCG) where risks and threats are discussed and the CST supports police colleagues to problem-solve issues debated, including using civil powers where appropriate.

The CSP holds a quarterly multiagency ASB Working Group which focuses on preventing and deterring emerging ASB. An analytical performance product is provided by the Lancashire Constabulary Partnership Intelligence Analyst. The ASB Performance Report is shared with partners and identifies problem people and places.

The multiagency monthly Youth ASB Working Group focuses on preventing and deterring emerging ASB involving Children.

7.6 Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation

Representatives of the partners in the CSP attend the Daily Exploitation and Missing Meeting (DEM) where children at risk of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) or those missing from home are discussed. Plans are put in place to reduce vulnerability, as well as tackling places and people of concern. Where appropriate, the CSP work with the Awaken Team and issue Community Protection Warnings and Notices (CPWs/CPNs) and Civil Injunctions, which are used to put restrictions on problematic behaviours. The DEM partners also focus on Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) referrals that may come in overnight and gathering intelligence around exploitation in the locality to put plans in place to protect children and young people from criminal and sexual exploitation.

7.7 Burglary

A quarterly Burglary Working Group has been formalised following burglary being set as a priority as part of the Blackpool Community Safety Plan 2022-2025 and Strategic Assessment. The purpose is to bring together key partners to problem solve burglary as a whole using the 'Victim, Offender, Location' (VOL) methodology and to assist the Police in regards to prevention and detection. The Burglary Working Group aims to tackle: Domestic and Commercial burglary and Emerging Challenges.

7.8 Road Safety

This area of work is led by Highways and traffic Management Division, working in conjunction with the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership.

7.9 Additional Priority Work of the CSP

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Homicide reviews are also part of the CSP work and highlighted in the CSP plan.

7.10 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

8.0 List of Appendices:

8.1 Appendix 7(a) –Community Safety Plan for consideration and along with this report, provides the opportunity for members of the group to gain an understanding of the priorities and work of the CSP and ask relevant questions and identify any future scrutiny focus reports and reviews related to the work of the CSP.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The partnership receives and bids for financial support for a range of initiatives.

10.0 Legal considerations:

10.1 The CSP is a statutory partnership.

11.0 Risk management considerations:

11.1 Risk at threat management underpins much of the work.

12.0 Equalities considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

13.1 None.

14.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

14.1 None.

15.0 Background papers:

15.1 None.