

Community Safety Partnership – Update to Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

13th October 2023

The Public Services Board (PSB) recognises the important work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in managing and responding to the key issues being faced in NPT in terms of crime, crime prevention and community safety. The work of the CSP falls mainly under Well-being Objective 2 'All our communities will be thriving and sustainable'. The CSP is and will help the PSB deliver on the Well-Being Plan and the partnership is leading on delivering the following step:

Collaborate with our communities to reduce crime, the fear of crime and to make our communities safer and more cohesive.

By way of background the Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety Partnership (CSP) established by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, is made up of representatives from the five responsible authorities, NPT Council, South Wales Police, Swansea Bay UHB, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Services and the National Probation Service. Our Board is also well supported by other partners including Tai Tarian.

The Police and Local Government hold joint leadership for community safety, the Safer NPT CSP is co-Chaired by Claire Jones (NPTCBC) and Superintendent Eve Davis (SWP). Through the CSP each responsible authority contributes their own particular local knowledge, professional expertise and resources to ensure that the issues of most concern to local people are prioritised and addressed. The CSP is supported by the work of the Councils' Community Safety Team with co-ordination of the Board provided by the Principal Officer, Elinor Wellington.

The partnership is committed to working together to achieve sustainable reductions in crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour and has agreed six priority areas for 2024-27 and the delivery against these is how we will make a difference.

These six priorities will be further outlined in a new Strategic Intent Document which is in development and will be formally consulted on in the New Year. An early draft is attached at Appendix 1. Progress will be monitored against an implementation plan which has yet to be developed.

We need then to develop a way of measuring the difference we have made. The PSB has asked that all work-streams produce a logic model to enable the PSB to monitor and evaluate progress on actions and therefore against the Well-being Plan. This will be developed once the strategic intent document has been finalised.

The presentation will outline the six priority areas and the work in progress or planned, giving examples such as our community engagement events, tasking meetings etc. The six priority areas are: Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, Anti-social Behaviour. Community Cohesion, Substance Use, General Crime Prevention including Community Engagement and Acquisitive Crime and Serious Violence.

The presentation will also outline that the Community Safety portfolio is growing and crime trends/fear of crime is changing. We as a Board and as local services have a challenge to keep abreast of these issues and ensure we best support our local communities to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour across Neath Port Talbot.

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