



Report to the Environment, Transport and Locality Services Select Committee

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Purpose of Agenda Item

This is a report to provide the Committee with an update on the progress of developing the Safer Bucks Plan – crime & disorder priorities for the County Safer Communities team, 2015/16.

Background

There is a statutory duty in two-tier area to produce a *Community Safety Agreement*. This should identify what our priorities are and how we will work (with our partners) to address them. In Bucks, we also include reference to local, district priorities as many will complement each other.

This document must be *evidence based*. We look at a minimum of one year of crime and disorder data and information and look at trends, emerging areas, changing nature of crime etc. This evidence base is called the *Partnership Strategic Assessment* and is carefully written over approx. 3 months, culminating in a detailed analysis document looking at victims, offenders and locations of crime.



On 3rd Dec, a paper was brought to this committee with proposals for 7 new county level priorities. The Committee were largely supportive of the proposals and requested some amendments be made to the priorities, and that the Safer Communities Team obtain feedback from Buckinghamshire's residents.

Following initial feedback from a variety of stakeholders:

- The 7 priorities were narrowed down to 5
- The 5 remaining priorities were re-worded to be more explicit about what was within the scope of the partnership and to ensure it was as jargon free as possible before being placed in public view
- A short online survey was developed to obtain feedback from residents and a number of other key groups (e.g. the voluntary sector)

Survey respondents

As at 4th March, over 480 responses have been received.

Almost half said they were between 51-70 years old with a further quarter saying they were over 70 and the final quarter being between 30 and 50 years old. Less than 3% of responses came from the under 30s.

Most people gave us their postcode so we could see which locations were responding. A surprising majority, over 85%, gave their postcodes as being within Chiltern & South Bucks.

Survey results

In terms of which of the 5 priorities were "most important" to respondents, **protecting children and young adults from risk and harm** came out on top but there wasn't a significant gap between this priority and the next two important ones which were protecting vulnerable adults and tackling stealing and re-offending. Tackling substance misuse and dealing with hidden crimes scored the lowest. However, none scored so low as to count them as unworthy of attention.

Just over a fifth of people chose to provide free text comments and these mentioned (in order of quantity):

- Increased / better policing / visibility
- Traffic related issues (e.g. parking, speeding, road safety)
- Anti-social behaviour (including littering, nuisance behaviour etc.)
- Fraud & scams, especially against older people

These will be fed back to the relevant organisations / departments and the fourth issue is already included in our priority areas.



Report – Safer Bucks Plan in draft

This work has enabled us to draft the Safer Bucks Plan 2015-16, which is attached to this report.

Feedback and views are welcomed from the Committee to assist in the development of the final Safer bucks Plan which will go to the Safer & Stronger Bucks Partnership Board for approval and Cabinet for endorsement.