

## **WYCOMBE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN – 2018/19 UPDATE**

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### ***What is the Commission being asked to do?***

The Commission is requested to note and support the updated Wycombe Community Safety Partnership priorities and actions for 2018/19

### **Executive Summary**

The Wycombe Community Safety Partnership Plan (Appendix A) sets out the aims and objectives for the Partnership for the period from April 2017 to March 2020. The Plan explains the structure and system for conducting business and the contribution and commitment of partners. The plan is forward looking with a focus on community and tackling the issues that matter most to residents, businesses and visitors.

The Wycombe Community Safety Partnership regards the Plan as a living document that will build upon successes and identify areas where there is a need to focus resources and expertise.

### **Background and Issues**

The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, in conjunction with Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006, set out the requirements for discharging crime and disorder overview and scrutiny arrangements. Every local authority is required to have a designated crime and disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee with power to make recommendations regarding the functioning of their local Community Safety Partnership. Wycombe District Council uses the Improvement and Review Commission for this purpose.

### **Wycombe Community Safety Plan 2017-2020**

Wycombe Community Safety Partnership priorities are identified using two analysis documents: The Thames Valley Police Force Strategic Assessment and the Buckinghamshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment.

Both documents are produced annually and are complemented by regular monitoring of partnership activity, detailed analyses that explore the key and emerging problems, and consultation with community groups. This process helps the Partnership to direct its resources so they remain focused on the main priorities, adapt to new issues, and are delivered in a manner that gets to the root causes of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Following this research the following have been identified as priorities for the Wycombe Community Safety Partnership:

- Tackling anti-social behaviour and crime
- Safeguarding our communities from exploitation
- Working together to address Child Sexual Exploitation
- Building community resilience

## **Wycombe Community Safety Partnership Plan Priorities 2017 - 2020**

The Community Safety Partnership has agreed the following four priorities for the next three years. Each priority has a delivery plan, with details of the key actions for each during 2018/19 included below.

### **Priority 1 – Tackling anti-social behaviour and crime**

Crime and anti-social behaviour continue to be a priority concern for the residents of the district. The Wycombe Community Safety Partnership understands that certain crimes occur in peaks and troughs throughout the year, so we need to continue to plan for these peaks and make every effort to limit any increases during these periods.

Year one actions:

- To coordinate the Street Community Group meetings, exploring opportunities for engagement and enforcement where necessary, to deal with the key nominals causing problems with within High Wycombe town centre.
- To launch an effective communications campaign, educating and raising awareness of town centre related issues amongst members of the public.
- Agree across relevant partners the new prohibitions for the town centre Public Spaces Protection Order, and once in place undertake planned enforcement.
- To deliver targeted anti-social behaviour campaigns and operations in identified hotspots and at peak times (for example at Halloween, and working with Bucks New Uni when the new students start).
- A number of agencies/services have participated in the ASB Task and Finish Group and look forward to seeing the final report.
- To deliver targeted crime prevention campaigns and operations in identified hotspots and at peak times – such as when people go on holiday, and when the clocks go back.
- Reduce repeat victims of burglary by increasing support to victims through advice, homes surveys and property marking schemes.
- Provide appropriate crime reduction advice to as many residents as possible via various methods of communication, including setting up Pop-Up Police Stations.
- Undertake targeted interventions with partnership support, to disrupt/dismantle Organised Crime Groups.

### **Priority 2 – Safeguarding our communities**

It has become clear across the country that adults within our communities are subject to different forms of exploitation. Although the public may not be able to identify this as an area of concern locally, the crime statistics and knowledge from service providers in the district and county indicate that this is indeed a key priority

Domestic abuse is a very under-reported crime and it is believed that those who are brave enough to come forward represent only the tip of the iceberg in terms of those who experience it. Consequently, organisations find it difficult to measure the true extent of domestic abuse in the district as they are not able to get a full picture and extent of domestic abuse.

Modern slavery is the illegal exploitation of people for personal or commercial gain. It covers a wide range of abuse and exploitation including sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, forced labour, criminal exploitation and organ harvesting. Victims of modern slavery can be any age, gender, nationality and ethnicity. They are tricked or threatened into work and may feel unable to leave or report the crime through fear or intimidation. They may not recognise themselves as a victim.

Year one actions:

- To include information on domestic violence and abuse in publications and through social media to signpost victims to the support agencies in both the district and nationally.
- TVP will be creating a Domestic Abuse Repeat Incident meeting to develop a multi-agency response – this will be led by the newly appointed Safeguarding Sergeant.
- Agencies to promote HBV support details via their websites and all other media.
- Work closely with relevant partners to establish premises and individuals at risk of county lines.
- To undertake training with Evening and Night Time Economy premises such as bars, pubs and late night eateries on safeguarding issues.
- Targeted initiatives and campaigns within the Evening and Night Time Economy premises, such as taxi and private hire checks and effective monitoring and enforcement of alcohol licensing conditions.
- To promote and support the launch of The Willow Project service, who supports victims of exploitation within Buckinghamshire, across agencies and communities.
- To undertake partnership operations to susceptible or suspected locations of modern slavery

### **Priority 3 – Working together to address Child Exploitation**

Last year the focus of this priority was solely child sexual exploitation. However, there is a move across the county to focus on the wider issue of child exploitation, which would include sexual exploitation, but also other issues such as criminal exploitation, and the risk of radicalisation etc.

Year one actions:

- Support the National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness day in March – raising awareness locally.
- A training package on safeguarding children to be developed and delivered to taxi drivers, as part of their licensing conditions.
- Awareness raising campaign and training materials to be provided to late night eateries.
- Creation of Safeguarding Sgt to manage expectations and allow the sharing of information.
- TVP to establish and lead a multi-agency approach to prevent escalation from Medium/Low to High of Child Exploitation victims
- Partners to promote FGM support agencies and information, via their website and other appropriate media.
- To undertake a further two test purchase operations of hotels/licensed premises within the town centre.

## **Priority 4 – Building community resilience**

A large part of the work of the Community Safety Partnership is to educate and inform the public – for example explaining how to prevent becoming a victim of crime, or explaining where specific help can be obtained for a certain issue (such as domestic abuse, or cybercrime) etc.

It is important, in these more challenging financial times, to build community resilience into the work of the Partnership. Together we need to enhance the personal and collective capacity of the community to anticipate risk, limit its impact and help them to bounce back rapidly.

Year one actions:

- To promote the Safe Place scheme amongst potential service users, their families and potential care providers, whilst encouraging new businesses to sign up.
- TVP and WDC to work with Neighbourhood Watch and to support their campaigns and encourage membership
- Utilise NHW and Thames Valley Alert to educate the community about crime trends that are most likely to affect them.
- TVP Neighbourhood Teams to deliver the Community Cop Card Scheme within the Marlow area.
- To ensure effective communication particularly with the elderly and vulnerable – to raise awareness of scams and people can stay safe.
- The Street Association Coordinator to develop a toolkit for other Parish Councils to use to start-up their own schemes

### **Partnership work so far:**

- Operation Goat (the town centre multi-agency operation to deal with current anti-social behaviour issues) continues to be successful. Utilising ASB tools such as dispersing problem individuals where appropriate and undertaking effective engagement, alongside partners such as One Recovery Bucks.
- In July a 2 day licensee event took place. Firstly 19 off-licenses attended a presentation from the police and licensing to discuss the issues within the town centre, and how they can assist with tackling the problems. This was followed by a joint operation whereby 11 premises were selected and all were subject to two tests (under age sales, and a secondary test relating to the integrity of the premise license. (e.g buying a single can from a retailer prohibited from sales of single cans or have a restriction on the ABV limit of 6%)). All premises passed these tests, however some issues were highlighted that are now being dealt with accordingly.
- A partnership campaign around spring crime and garden security was undertaken, through social media and Thames Valley Alert.
- Domestic Abuse Information was included in the summer 2018 edition of Wycombe District Time – promoting the support agencies for victims.
- The regular monthly MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Committee – dealing with high risk domestic abuse cases) meetings are changing to dynamic daily meetings – this is currently being rolled out across the county.

- Currently working closely with licensing to produce a safeguarding training package for taxi and private hire license holders on issues such as child exploitation, slavery and dementia – as a mandatory condition of their license.
- Currently all safeguarding leads at all schools in Wycombe LPA have been spoken to 'face to face' with the new Safeguarding Sgt. All schools have been able to communicate their needs in terms of safeguarding packages. A bespoke training package for each school will be created post Sept 2018 ready for new term.
- Marlow Neighbourhood Policing Team have completed their Cop Cards project for 2018 and the winning schools have been given their prize.

## **Conclusions/ Recommendations**

Whilst the remit of the Community Safety Partnership has broadened to new and challenging areas, such as modern slavery, we have ensured our Partnership Plan continues to address the more 'traditional' themes of community safety, which are still a priority for the community, such as acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Commission is asked to support its priorities for 2017-2020, and the actions outlined.

## **Corporate and Financial Implications**

The legal requirements are outlined earlier in the report.

## **Next Steps**

The Partnership Delivery Plans for 2018-19 will be monitored via the Wycombe Community Safety Strategy group meetings.

## **Background Papers**

The Wycombe Community Safety Plan 2017-2020 is held by Community Services Team and published on the Council's website.