



Report to Cabinet

Date:	11/10/2022
Title:	Safer Buckinghamshire Board Annual Report
Cabinet Member(s):	Cllr Steve Bowles - Cabinet Member for Communities
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Ward(s) affected:	None specific
Recommendations:	For information

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The Safer Buckinghamshire Board Annual Report provides an update on the activities and outcomes of the Community Safety Partnership in Buckinghamshire during 2021/22.

2. Content of report

- 2.1 The Safer Buckinghamshire Plan 2020-23 was approved by the Safer Buckinghamshire Board (SBB) in July 2020, with the aim that Buckinghamshire continues to be one of the safest places to grow up, raise a family, live, work and do business. The Plan set out the five priorities explaining how, through working in partnership, we will reduce crime and disorder and protect vulnerable people in Buckinghamshire.
- 2.2 This annual report provides an overview of the Partnership and SBB activity and impact during 2021/22. It covers a demanding time for the Partnership, following a review of the SBB processes and Delivery Plans, the introduction of Priority Sponsors, and a restructure within the Council's Community Safety Team.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 Not applicable

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1 Not applicable

5. Corporate implications

5.1 Not applicable

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

6.1 The report was reviewed and approved by Cllr Bowles on 10th May 2022.

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 The paper was taken to the Adults and Health Board for information on the 10th May 2022.

7.2 The paper was taken to the Safer Buckinghamshire Board for review and agreement on 17th May 2022.

7.3 The paper was taken to a senior officer meeting on 7th July 2022. A query was raised in relation to the reference within the report to an increase in serious violence, and the following explanation was provided.

7.4 The increase in serious violence is a small numerical increase, but as we were at a relatively low baseline it reflects as a large percentage increase. Our rates per 1000 population are still lower than the average for the Thames Valley, the Southeast and the figure for England.

7.5 There has been a general upward trend in reports of serious violence which is believed to be mainly due to increased reporting of sexual offences which has been reflected nationally. There is a drive to record and take positive action around this type of offence and recording standards have changed.

7.6 Youth Offending Service data shows there is no discernible increase in young people committing serious violence offences in Buckinghamshire.

7.7 Therefore, comparatively, the Buckinghamshire performance is still good when viewed at local, regional, or national levels.

8. Next steps and review

8.1 The report will be published on the Buckinghamshire Council website and work is underway to deliver the next steps outlined in the report, such as:

- Undertaking the Strategic Assessment

- Implementing a new anti-social behaviour case management system
- The Violence Reduction Unit data sharing tool, Thames Valley Together, is being implemented for Buckinghamshire, with data testing programmed in for later this year.

9. Background papers

9.1 [Safer Buckinghamshire Plan 2020-23](#)

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone [01296 382343] or email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk]