

## Report of the Chief Executive

**VIOLENCE AND KNIFE CRIME ACTION PLAN 2022 - 2024**1. Purpose of report

To advise Committee of, and to seek approval for, the new Violence and Knife Crime Action Plan 2022 - 2024.

2. Background

Violent crime covers a variety of offences ranging from arguments, threats and common assault to murder and also encompasses the use of weapons. Violence is often linked to substance misuse or the supply of drugs. Violence perpetrated by someone of the same household is defined as Domestic Abuse and there is a separate Action Plan relating to this managed by Housing. A definition of knife crime and violence data for Broxtowe are included at appendix 1.

Positive action has been taken by the Safer Notts Board (SNB) and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) including the creation of a Violence Reduction Unit and a Knife Crime Strategy. While it is accepted that the police are the lead agency for prevention and reduction of knife crime, it is important that they are supported in their efforts to reduce the extent and impact of this type of crime by relevant partners such as the health care sector, charities, and local councils. Therefore, the attached Violence and Knife Crime Action Plan represents actions which Broxtowe Borough Council can take to assist. A copy of the Violence and Knife Crime Action Plan 2022-2024 is attached at appendix 2.

3. Financial implications

The total funding required to deliver the action plan is £1,500, including the provision of a project working with young people to create a short video on the consequences of violence and its distribution to schools. This cost can be met from existing budgets by way of appropriate budget virement approved by the Deputy Chief Executive.

**Recommendation**

**Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Violence and Knife Crime Action Plan 2022-2024 be approved.**

Background papers

Nil.

## APPENDIX 1

Knife crime is defined as an offence where a knife/blade is used or threatened. It is a persistent and worrying concern, especially as it impacts particularly upon young people and the disadvantaged. People carry knives predominantly for one of three reasons:

- Self-protection and fear
- Self-presentation - 'respect'
- Utility – to rob or harm another.

<b>Broxtowe – Violence Data</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
All Violence Offences	800	935	870	985
Possession of Articles with a blade or point	25	20	25	25
Violence Against a Person	25	30	25	35
Robbery	10	25	25	20
Sexual violence	0	<10	0	0
All Knife Crime	35	55	50	55