

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

BROXTOWE CRIME REDUCTION ACTION PLAN 2023-20261. Purpose of Report

To advise Members of the merger of the Crime Reduction Action Plan with the Violence, Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls, Anti-Social Behaviour, Child Criminal Exploitation, Child Sexual Exploitation Crime Prevention, Hate Crime, Substance Misuse, Modern Slavery and Counter Terrorism action plans into one plan to reduce the number of action plans being managed and duplication creating efficiencies and to seek approval of the new Action Plan.

2. Recommendation

The Policy Overview Working Group RECOMMENDS to Cabinet that the Broxtowe Crime Reduction Action Plan 2023-26 be approved.

3. Detail

The Council, Police and partners are committed to working together to deliver improvements for the people living in Broxtowe and have successfully delivered crime reduction plans in partnership to achieve this for the last 7 years.

This Action Plan has been created to reduce the resource required to manage existing crime reduction action plans by combining and aligning the action plans for Violence, Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls, Anti-Social Behaviour, Child Criminal Exploitation, Child Sexual Exploitation Crime Prevention, Hate Crime, Substance Misuse, Modern Slavery and Counter Terrorism.

The plan contains actions delivered by The Community Safety Team, our partners who have committed to actions using their own resources and actions which are the subject of successful funding applications to address Police priorities.

The Action Plan was prepared following an action planning meeting of the Broxtowe Crime Reduction Group in January with agencies from all sectors being involved and the updating on community safety internal action plans.

The Action Plan is a 'live' document and new actions will be added throughout its lifetime.

While it is accepted that the Police are the lead agency for all types of 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.

A copy of the Action Plan is attached at Appendix 1 and a copy of the Community Safety Funding can be found at Appendix 2.

Members of the Policy Overview Working Group requested a map be sent to Councillors of the locations of the Council's CCTV cameras.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications to consider with all actions being contained within existing budgets, both for the Council and its partners. Any significant budget implications in the future, over and above virement limits, would require approval by Cabinet.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) 2011, established partnerships between police, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, probation services, and clinical commissioning groups. The purpose of these partnerships is to ensure that all these agencies work together to tackle local crime and disorder. The 1998 Act placed a central duty on these 'responsible authorities' to produce audits of the area's local crime problems and implement strategies to tackle them. Under s.6 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, the Council (with other partner authorities) has a duty to formulate and implement a plan for the reduction of crime and disorder in its area. By merging this plan with the other plans ensures a streamlined process.

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

No comment

7. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows.

No comments

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

There are no Data Protection issues as all information shared is exempt under the Data Protection Act (2018) Schedule 2, Part 1, (Paragraph 2) the sharing of information for the purpose of detecting or preventing crime. In addition, a secure information sharing system (ECINS) is used wherever possible to share information between agencies.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

No Equality Impact Assessment is required.

10. Background Papers

Nil.