

## Report of the Chief Executive

**SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME STRATEGY**1. Purpose of report

To update members on progress in respect of the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy.

2. Detail

Serious and organised crime is defined in HM Government's 2018 Serious and Organised Crime Strategy as "*Individuals planning, coordinating and committing serious offences, whether individually, in groups and/or as part of transnational networks.*" The strategy goes on to state that the main categories of serious offences covered by the term are child sexual exploitation and abuse; illegal drugs; illegal firearms; fraud; money laundering and other economic crime; bribery and corruption; organised immigration crime; modern slavery and human trafficking; and cybercrime.

According to the Government's strategy, "*serious and organised crime affects more UK citizens, more often, than any other national security threat and leads to more deaths in the UK each year than all other national security threats combined. It costs the UK at least £37 billion annually. It has a corrosive impact on our public services, communities, reputation and way of life.*"

Although the National Crime Agency leads the UK's fight to cut serious and organised crime, it is essential that the approach involves action and input from all relevant partner agencies. Public sector organisations and law enforcement agencies, including councils, police, health, social care, education services and immigration enforcement, have a duty to protect the wellbeing of their local communities.

In 2019, this committee approved a strategy which set out the actions Broxtowe Borough Council would take to contribute to the targeting and disruption of serious and organised crime.

The appendix shows the actions which have been taken to date.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to NOTE the progress against the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy.**

Background papers

Nil