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|  | OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | Agenda Item No. 7 |
| Title: South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership | | |
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1. Duty

1.1 Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships were created as part of the Crime & Disorder Act (1998). They are the responsible bodies for reducing crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending.

1.2 The two Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships for Stratford-on-Avon & Warwick Districts were formally merged in September 2008. This is the South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (SWCSP) or Safer South Warwickshire.

1.3 The duties on the SWCSP are:

- produce an annual picture of crime and disorder (Strategic Assessment)
- agree annual priorities and realistic and challenging targets
- produce a 3 year partnership plan updated annually
- review performance six monthly
- hold an annual public meeting
- carry out a review of any domestic homicides

1.4 The Responsible Authorities for South Warwickshire are:

- South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Stratford-upon-Avon District Council
- Warwick District Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- Warwickshire Fire Authority
- Warwickshire Probation Trust

1.5 Due to poor attendance at its public meetings it was decided to produce a video which details the priorities, approach and performance. This video is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qS83zJOQgo>

2. Organisation

2.1 The review of the partnership provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) in the Police & Justice Act (2006) proposed a split between the strategic and operational decision making responsibilities of Community Safety Partnerships.

2.2 SWCSP has a board at the executive/strategic level and the South Warwickshire Operational Group (SWOP) at the tactical/delivery level. (see terms of reference – appendix 1)

2.3 The Strategic Member Board (SMB) is required to deliver continuous partnership performance and meets in order to fulfil its responsibilities including directing the work of SWOP as follows:

- May – to review annual performance
- November – review 6 monthly performance and consider additional priorities
- January – receive and agree the Strategic Assessment, endorse any new priorities, set strategic priorities for the next 12 months
- *Special meetings may also be convened as required eg Domestic Homicide.

2.4 The six-monthly meetings, with elected members, is where the strategic direction will be decided for SWCSP, based on the latest strategic intelligence data and advice, thus clearly separating strategy from operational delivery.

2.5 Where there is a Portfolio Holder for the community safety service the Portfolio Holder's participation in the strategic decision making process is mandatory. That Councillor must serve on the CSP. This top-level strategic meeting will include the portfolio holders and other key elected members, with representation from all the responsible authorities listed above.

2.6 The review of the partnership provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) in the Police & Justice Act (2006) requires CSP's to adopt an intelligence-led, problem-solving and outcome-orientated approach to community safety along the lines of the National Intelligence Model

2.7 The second tier operational and tactical group (SWOP), comprising only officers, adopts this approach and produces the Partnership Plan including action plans for each priority.

2.8 SWOP meets quarterly in February, May, August and November is responsible for:

- Developing an intelligence-led action planning approach based on the priorities agreed at the Strategic Board as a result of the findings of the Partnership Strategic Assessment
- Commissioning quarterly analysis of recorded crime
- Receiving quarterly reports on progress towards strategy targets
- Receiving detailed trend analysis and hot-spotting in relation to the strategic priorities agreed at the Strategic Board
- Evaluating the effectiveness of action plans

2.9 Should SWOP be unable to take the necessary action to bring performance back on track, because, for example, additional partnership resource is required, or a partner is not contributing as required, this will be referred to the Strategic Member Board for action.

3. Membership of Strategic Member Board

3.1 Members

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| Cllr Gillian Roache (Chair) | Stratford-on-Avon District Council |
| Cllr Peter Oakley | Stratford-on-Avon District Council |
| Cllr Michael Coker | Warwick District Council |
| Cllr Alan Boad | Warwick District Council |
| Cllr Chris Williams | Warwickshire County Council |
| Cllr Kate Rolfe | Warwickshire County Council |

Cllr Les Caborn
Supt Debra Tedds
Donald McGovern
Anna Burns

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue
Warwickshire Police
CRC lead (Probation)
SW Clinical Commissioning Group

3.2 Also invited Ron Ball (Police & Crime Commissioner), Eric Wood (DPCC) and a magistrate representative.

4. Funding

4.1 Originally The Home Office made an annual allocation directly to each Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership. The amount was calculated using a complex 20 point socio-economic formula.

4.2 Warwick District and Nuneaton & Bedworth each used to receive £179,000, Stratford & Rugby around £139,000 and North Warwickshire around £119,000.

4.3 In 2006 funding was given to Warwickshire County Council to administer but the amount made available by The Home office reduced steadily and significantly until a total of £37,000 was made available for all of South Warwickshire in 2011/12.

4.4 In November 2012 the responsibility for allocating the award from the Home Office moved to the Police & Crime Commissioner. In the first full financial year of his office (2013/14) the awards to the Warwickshire CSP's was maintained. A further bid of £15,000 was successful to a new Innovation Fund for a summer campaign to reduce neighbour nuisance.

4.5 In 2014/ 15 SWCSP successfully bid to the PCC for £130,000.

5. Priorities & targets

5.1 Priorities are agreed following consideration of the annual Strategic Assessment which includes analysis of community forum priorities. At the meeting of SWCSP on January 2014 it was agreed that the targets for 2014/15 would be:

- **to reduce violent crime*** - lead agency Warwickshire Police
- **to reduce anti-social behaviour***- lead agency District Councils
- **to reduce re-offending*** - lead agency Probation

* compared to 2013/14

5.2 Violent Crime

- ∇ To maintain violent crime as a priority.
- ∇ Focusing on alcohol/drug related violence, concentrating efforts on town centre violence in both Leamington and Stratford.
- ∇ Focusing on offender management and early intervention in relation to young people, with the 16 to 25 year old age group being the key offending group in both districts.
- ∇ Focusing on domestic violence across both Stratford and Warwick Districts.

5.3 Anti-Social Behaviour

- ∇ To maintain anti-social behaviour as a priority with a focus on alcohol related anti-social behaviour. It is also recommended to target anti-social behaviour occurring in the town centres.
- ∇ To support the early intervention of ASB victims through a coordinated partnership approach towards ASB.

5.4 Re-Offending

- ∇ It is proposed that 'reducing re-offending' is monitored as a priority for South Warwickshire CSP.
- ∇ To focus on preventing and reducing re-offending and prioritising the offenders of violent crime and vehicle crime.
- ∇ It is recommended that South Warwickshire CSP continue to focus on and support and closely monitor offender management, especially with the changes to the Probation Service, both nationally and locally.

5.5 Drugs and Alcohol

- ∇ To maintain alcohol as a key theme within the priorities of violent crime, anti-social behaviour.

5.6 Emerging Issues

- ∇ South Warwickshire CSP to monitor levels of theft from vehicle offences and focus on offenders of these offences.

6. Approach & Plans

6.1 Plans to reduce reoffending are organised at a county level by Probation. Plans for violence and anti-social behaviour are at South Warwickshire level and produced and monitored at SWOP.

6.2 An early intervention approach is set out in the Partnership Plan (Appendix 2) together with action plans for tackling violence and anti-social behaviour. These are monitored using a traffic light system.

6.3 Based on the findings of the Strategic Assessment the focus is on the hot-spots for violence and rowdy behaviour being Leamington & Stratford town centres.

7. Performance

7.1 One of the key factors the Home Office look at when considering the merger of CDRP's is that performance will improve as a result. Appendix 3 shows a continued improvement in terms of priorities and total recorded crime.

7.2 Performance in 2013/14 improved against the most similar family group of CSP's.

7.3 Appendix 4 gives a performance comparison of level of crime in Warwick District since 1998 and shows significant reductions.