

**Meeting:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2014

**Title:** Community Safety Strategy 2011-2014 - Final Proposals

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**Wards affected:** All

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report presents Safer North Tyneside's and the Cabinet's final proposals in respect to the 2014-2019 Community Safety Strategy.
- 1.2 As the 2014-2019 Community Safety Strategy forms part of the Council's budget and policy framework, the committee is required to consider the Cabinets initial and final proposals.
- 1.3 The initial proposals were presented to the committee at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013, when the committee referred its comments to Councillor C Burdis, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, to be taken into account in finalising the proposals.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The committee is invited to consider the final proposals for the Community Safety Strategy, along with the action plan that shows how Safer North Tyneside will deliver the Strategy, and, where appropriate, make comments and/or recommendations on the proposals to the relevant Cabinet Member.

## **3. Statutory Responsibility**

- 3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002, the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Police and Crime Act 2009 and the Crime and Disorder Regulations 2011, places a duty on 'responsible authorities' to work together, with other agencies, to tackle crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending within the community. The responsible authorities for North Tyneside are: North Tyneside Council, Northumbria Police, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority, Northumbria Probation Trust and North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group.

- 3.2 It is a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (known in this borough as Safer North Tyneside) to prepare an annual 'strategic assessment' of crime and disorder issues impacting on the local community and for this to shape how the Partnership responds to emerging issues. This process informs an annual review of the Partnership's Community Safety Strategy.
- 3.3 The current Community Safety Strategy covers the period April 2011 to March 2014. This means that the Partnership is now required to undergo a formal review process. Previously Community Safety Partnerships were required, statutorily, to review their strategy every 3 years. However, in 2011 this requirement was repealed. At a meeting of the Safer North Tyneside Board on 17 April 2013 the Partnership agreed that its next strategy should cover the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2019.

#### **4. Details**

- 4.1 In examining the initial proposals at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, the Overview and Scrutiny suggested that engagement should take place with pupils from School Councils of senior schools and previous offenders to gain an insight to their perceptions and experiences. With specific need to look at reasons for reoffending.
- 4.2 Since November, Safer North Tyneside has consulted residents of North Tyneside and Council Members on the priorities for the Community Safety Strategy 2014-2019 via:
- North Tyneside Council's website.
  - Focus group work.
  - The Residents Panel.
  - All Members Briefings.

Consultation has also taken place with The Mayor, Schools, Offenders working with Northumbria Probation Trust, North Tyneside Strategic Partnership and other key partners including the Police and Crime Commissioner and Victim Support.

- 4.3 The responses received were analysed and confirmed that Safer North Tyneside has identified the priority issues of greatest concern to our communities.
- 4.4 With regard to the issue of reoffending, the majority of offenders stated accommodation and employment were priorities for them. This information has been shared with Safer North Tyneside's Reducing Reoffending Thematic Group. 'Improving Housing Outcomes' and 'Improving Employment, Education and Training Opportunities' are both priorities of this Group.

#### **5. Appendices**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Draft 2014-2019 Community Safety Strategy.  
Appendix 2 – Draft Our Safer North Tyneside action plan.

#### **6. Background Information**

- 6.1 The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available for inspection at the offices of the author of this report.
- Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013
  - Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013
  - Part 4.7 - North Tyneside Council Constitution



## INTRODUCTION

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This strategy covers the big things that we need to do to improve community safety. The following priorities have been identified to help us reduce crime, disorder and offending and to tackle our communities concerns.

To make sure that Safer North Tyneside is focusing on the priorities that matter most to our communities, the Partnership shared their proposals with residents and listened to what they were saying. What you told us has helped to shape our final proposals.

Alongside this strategy our Partners will continue to deliver high quality, value for money services. Cuts in government funding over the next five years will mean that partners need to prioritise what they will do. This strategy will help us all to do that.

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## OUR SAFER NORTH TYNESIDE PRIORITIES

**Crime** – we will make a difference by:

- Safeguarding our most vulnerable residents
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- Tackling Hate crime

**Disorder** – we will make a difference by:

- Tackling anti-social behaviour
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- Providing priority support to vulnerable and repeat victims and witnesses of anti-social behaviour

**Offending** – we will make a difference by:

- Ensuring the right targeted interventions are in place to deter offenders
- Ensuring young offenders have access to a range of services designed to assist them to reach their true potential

**Community Concerns and Confidence** – we will make a difference by:

- Listening to our communities
- Tackling problems that matter at a local level
- Communicating progress and results to promote reassurance and confidence



## HOW WILL WE KNOW IF WE ARE BEING SUCCESSFUL?

### Crime

1. We will be the safest metropolitan borough in England
2. There will be a reduction in repeat victimisation.
3. We will have improved case closure satisfaction scores for victims of anti social behaviour and hate crime.
4. Young people will be more likely to recognise domestic abuse in their own relationships and seek support.
5. Victims of domestic abuse will be identified, supported and safeguarded.

### Disorder

1. We will have improved the satisfaction of victims of anti social behaviour.
2. There will be a reduction in incidents of anti social behaviour

### Offending

1. There will be a reduction in reoffending by an identified cohort (based on cohort identified on 1st April 2014)
2. There will be an increase in referrals and successful completions in relation to Alcohol Treatment Requirements and Drug Rehabilitation Requirements
3. We will increase the number of young offenders in suitable education, training or employment upon completion of intervention.
4. We will increase the number of young people that successfully complete a Community based Criminal Justice Intervention.
5. There will be a reduction in first time entrants into the Criminal Justice System

### Community Concerns and Confidence

1. More residents will feel safe in the borough
2. We will have anti social behaviour procedures focussing on supporting victims and taking robust action against perpetrators.
3. We will have improved crime and anti social behaviour perception levels.



# **Our Safer North Tyneside Action Plan 2014-2019**

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A.	Complete a risk assessment for category 1 anti social behaviour cases, and share high scores with adult safeguarding and the police. (i.e. physical violence, domestic abuse, hate related incidents, verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, threatening behaviour)	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
A.	Maintain weekly contact with victims of category 1 anti social behaviour cases and signposts to support agencies where necessary.	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
A.	Harm Plans, managed by Neighbourhood Inspectors, reported upon at weekly Sector Review meetings with Area Command Senior Management Team	Ch/Insp. Jamie Pitt	Northumbria Police
A.	Partnership Tasking and Coordination Group to run on a five weekly basis - vulnerability discussed as part of the agenda.	Ch/Insp. Jamie Pitt	Northumbria Police
A.	Ensure sufficient domestic abuse specialist services are available to meet the needs of victims and their children	Lesley Pyle, Domestic Abuse Coordinator	Domestic Abuse Partnership

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B.	Healthy relationship sessions for young people delivered across the borough in school and youth settings.	Lesley Pyle, Domestic Abuse Coordinator	Domestic Abuse Partnership
B.	MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) to facilitate, monitor and evaluate effective information sharing to enable appropriate actions to be taken to increase a victims safety.	Lesley Pyle, Domestic Abuse Coordinator	Domestic Abuse Partnership
B.	Police Officers to receive ‘brief interventions’ training from Turning Point to improve operational response to alcohol issues.	Ch/Insp. Jamie Pitt	Northumbria Police
B.	Police officers to proactively visit offenders and explain the implications of further offending.	Ch/Insp. Jamie Pitt	Northumbria Police
C.	North Tyneside Housing will respond to reports of hate crime within one working day (i.e. agreeing action plan with victim to tackle issue, with timescales).	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team

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C.	Joint Engagement Group process established within North Tyneside for actual or potential rise in tension (provides structure for coordinated engagement activity between police, council and partners).	Supt. Paul Orchard	Northumbria Police
C.	Hate Crime discussed at Area Command Daily Management Meetings to ensure that the response is appropriate.	Ch/Insp. Jamie Pitt	Northumbria Police



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A.	Provide sign-posting support to perpetrators of anti social behaviour to help them change their ways and reduce re-offending. (e.g. mental health, drug and/or alcohol abuse)	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
B.	Where appropriate, use civil tools and powers against perpetrators, following the conclusion of criminal investigations. (e.g. tenancy breach, Injunctions).	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
C.	Provide weekly contact to repeat victims, including category 1 anti social behaviour cases, updating them regularly on the progress of their case..	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
C.	Increase the number of volunteers to the 'Victim and Witness Support Group'.	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
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A.	North Tyneside to pilot 'Making Every Adult Matter', a project specifically aimed at developing a cross sector partnership approach across criminal justice, substance misuse, homelessness and mental health services to tackle very chaotic individuals who often appear to fall between the cracks.	Richard Booth, Reducing Reoffending Manager	Reducing Reoffending Thematic Group
A.	Continue to effectively manage high crime causers whilst going through a period of restructuring within the Criminal Justice System.	Richard Booth, Reducing Reoffending Manager	Reducing Reoffending Thematic Group
A.	Ensure offenders access the appropriate substance misuse pathways to address their addictions.	Richard Booth, Reducing Reoffending Manager	Reducing Reoffending Thematic Group

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A.	Review social housing providers allocations practices and ensure allocation decisions do not unreasonably restrict access to social housing for offenders.	Richard Booth, Reducing Reoffending Manager	Reducing Reoffending Thematic Group
A.	Consider how welfare rights services and local advice agencies are represented on the Reducing Reoffending Thematic Group and whether these agencies are able to provide evidence of unmet need amongst prisoners and their families to support the local financial inclusions work	Richard Booth, Reducing Reoffending Manager	Reducing Reoffending Thematic Group
B.	Acceptable behaviour agreements to include positive provisions that encourage young perpetrators to engage with support agencies where their behaviour is linked to drug and alcohol misuse.	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
B.	Young people have an appropriate statutory educational placement or appropriate training/employment to assist in reducing further offending.	Pete Xeros, Operations Manager	Youth Offending and Prevention Service

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B.	Young people have access to a range of accredited Arts projects linked to national qualifications.	Pete Xeros, Operations Manager	Youth Offending and Prevention Service
B.	Young people are engaged in creative educational opportunities.	Pete Xeros, Operations Manager	Youth Offending and Prevention Service
B.	Young people identified as 'at risk' are targeted at the earliest opportunity.	Pete Xeros, Operations Manager	Youth Offending and Prevention Service
B.	The Youth Offending and Prevention Service will work in partnership with the Troubled Families programme to delivery the "early help" offer.	Pete Xeros, Operations Manager	Youth Offending and Prevention Service

<b>4. Community Concerns and Confidence</b>		<p>A. Listening to our communities .</p> <p>B. Tackling problems that matter at a local level.</p> <p>C. Communicating progress and results to promote reassurance and confidence.</p>	
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A.	Analyse feedback from anti social behaviour case closure satisfaction surveys, and other community surveys, and using results to improve anti social behaviour procedures.	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
A.	Introduce a programme of on-line meetings.	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
B.	Regular (4 – 6 weekly) Safer Estate meetings with partners to develop action plans to tackle issues of local concern.	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
C.	North Tyneside Housing and Northumbria Police issuing joint news releases to media, reporting on successes in the county court. (i.e. use of civil enforcement tools and powers).	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team
C.	Joint (council/police) newsletters/leaflets delivered to communities reporting on local success and encouraging residents to report crime and anti social behaviour they witness.	Colin Boxshall, Safer Estates Manager	Safer Estates Team