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West Midlands Police

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Cllr G. Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities

Report:

To assist in informing the discussion with West Midlands Police this briefing note reports on the role and priorities of the Safer Walsall Partnership.

Safer Walsall Partnership is the strategic partnership with responsibility for addressing crime, disorder and drug and alcohol misuse within the borough of Walsall. The partnership has adopted an intelligence-led problem-solving approach and undertakes annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment, to determine strategic priorities.

The Safer Walsall Partnership Strategy is a three-year strategic commitment, which will be reviewed annually, and outlines our key strategic priorities. The Safer Walsall Partnership (CSP) is presently discussing and considering its key priorities for the coming years. At their next meeting, in mid-April 2022, it is expected they will agree and confirm their strategic priorities, for the 2022-23 period.

It is likely that the current themes will largely remain the same however the focus will be on the location or method of delivery. The areas of focus will be informed by both hard information (crime data, case numbers, and incidents) and soft information (public perception & concerns) and this will inform how an issues is addressed and tackled.

The current Safer Walsall Partnership strategic priorities are:

Strategic Priority 1: Crime, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour

Strategic Priority 2: Supporting Vulnerable Communities & Individuals

Strategic Priority 3: Reducing Serious, Organised Crime & Exploitation

These in turn are supported by the following thematic priorities:

- Reduce Antisocial Behaviour
- Violent Crime & Harm Prevention
- Prevent & Reduce Hate Crime
- Prevent Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence
- Prevent Extremist Activity

- Protect Communities from Financial Abuse
- Stop all forms of Exploitation
- Reduce & Prevent Offending & Reoffending
- Reduce Harm caused by Alcohol & Drug Misuse

Having agreed its priorities the Partnership Board will establish and empower multi-agency delivery Sub-Groups who, in turn, are expected to co-ordinate and deliver activity against each priority. The Partnership Board will receive, at its quarterly meetings, progress updates and issues of, say, an issue that might be impacting on the successful delivery of a project or stream of work.

Key Headline Performance Measures

- a. Reduction in Violent crime and Harms
- b. Reduction in the Incidents of Disorder and ASB
- c. Reduction in number of Incidents of Domestic Violence and Abuse
- d. Perception – Local Authority, Police and Partners are dealing with the issues that matter
- e. Perception – people feeling safe in the Borough


Community Safety Team

The Council's Community Safety Team is the co-ordinating body for both the Partnership Executive (Safer Walsall Partnership) and the various sub or delivery groups. It therefore works with a wide range of internal and external partners and acts as the spider at the centre of a large and diverse web.

The functions of the Community Safety team includes:

- Co-ordinating the functions of the Partnership
- Supporting information sharing
- The development of an annual strategic assessment
- Co-ordinating partnership plans
- Monitoring project performance
- Oversight of and accountability for external funding, for example PCC funds.

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