

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods
2.	Date:	29th November, 2010
3.	Title:	The Safer Rotherham Partnership – Partnership Plan 2010/11
4.	Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5. Summary

The Partnership Plan is a statutory three year plan which is required to be reviewed and updated annually. Its function is to build on the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment which sets out the analysis of crime and disorder and helps identify the priorities upon which the partnership will focus its efforts. The partnership plan takes these forward and identifies ways in which they will be delivered.

The preparation of the Partnership Plan follows guidance within the Home Office document 'Delivering Safer Communities: 'A guide to effective partnership working' – *Guidance for Community Safety Partnerships*.

The plan is designed around a robust performance management framework to ensure that it is a 'living' document that partners can use to review and monitor progress against targets set for the identified priorities. The plan also offers opportunities to engage and interact with local communities to keep them informed of priorities, progress and the people involved in the partnership. The plan is shown as Appendix 1.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods endorses the 2010/11 Partnership Plan and supports its progress to adoption by the Safer Rotherham Partnership.

7. Proposals and Details

The structure of the Safer Rotherham Partnership and its current level of activity ensures a robust approach to the previously referred to Home Office guidance, with an effective performance management framework and dedicated multi-agency priority groups working towards achieving the targets set against their priority areas.

The last Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment for Rotherham recommended that the following should be seen as priorities for the Partnership for 2010/11.

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Serious acquisitive crime
- Reducing re-offending and managing offender behaviour
- Serious violent crime
- Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse
- Reducing and managing perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour and improving confidence and public satisfaction
- Improving the quality of life of our most vulnerable communities

Each of the priority groups have in place a delivery plan to drive activity and baselines and targets have been set against the crime categories that sit within the groups sphere of responsibility. Performance is monitored by the Safer Rotherham Partnership supported by information supplied by RMBC Service Performance Team and the joint RMBC/South Yorkshire Police Community Information Unit. The performance management framework has resulted in a number of performance clinics being called in respect of Criminal Damage, Anti-Social Behaviour, Domestic Abuse and Noise Nuisance.

Overall crime within the borough in 2010/11 continues to improve with 937 less victims of crime at the end of August compared to the same period last year.

Headline Recorded Crime – August 2010				
Class	Apr-Aug 2009	Apr-Aug 2010	% Change	Value
All Crime	8,431	7,494	-11.1%	- 937
Assaults with less serious injury	762	641	-15.9%	- 121
Burglary	1,092	1,028	- 5.9%	- 64
Criminal Damage	2,015	1,736	-13.8%	- 279
Thefts or Unauthorised taking	938	1,119	19.3%	181
Serious acquisitive crime	1,637	1,418	-13.4%	- 219
Serious violent crime	104	91	-12.5%	- 13
Theft of or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	269	251	- 6.7%	- 18
Violent crime	1,446	1,237	-14.5%	- 209

Work is due to commence on the 2010/11 statutorily required Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment which will make recommendations for partnership activity for 2011/12. As in previous years the proposed assessment will be presented to a wide range of partners in January 2011 with the full document published during February/March. The Partnership Plan will then be refreshed to acknowledge any changes in respect of priorities throughout 2011/12.

The new coalition government has made it clear that Community Safety Partnerships have a key role to play in the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour and that the Partnership Plan and Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment will remain as key elements in achieving locally and nationally set priorities.

8. Finance

Completion and delivery of the plan is achieved through existing partnership resources and the Area Based Grant.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The current Area Based Grant is in place until the end of March 2011. It is not clear at this time if/how that is to be replaced.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The preparation and production of the plan fulfils the requirements of the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 and meets Home Office Guidance and the coalition governments thinking in respect of the function of Community Safety Partnerships and the role they have to play in reducing crime and disorder.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment; Safer Rotherham Partnership, March 2010.

'Delivering Safer Communities: 'A guide to effective partnership working' – *Guidance for Community Safety Partnerships*.

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