

**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 17 July 2018

**Report Title**

Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report 2018 - 2019

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

In accordance with the requirements laid down within the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009<sup>1</sup>, the Borough's Community Safety Partnership, the Safer Rotherham Partnership, presents its annual report for scrutiny.

The report also seeks to address the following recommendation made as a result of the presentation of last year's annual report:

*"2. That further work be undertaken to establish protocols for sharing local offender management plans or information supporting such plans to ward councillors."*

Additionally, at its meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board discussed the Hate Crime outcome rate, which is a measure within the Council plan. OSMB requested further information be provided in relation to this measure as a part of this report, which is now detailed below. The measure refers to the percentage of positive outcomes recorded by the Police in relation to hate crimes.

**Recommendations**

1. That Overview and Scrutiny Management Board note the content of the Annual Report.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/942/made>

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report 2018 - 2019

**Background Papers**

None

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

None

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report 2018 - 2019

### 1. Background

- 1.1 As a result of the legal provisions within the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, the Council is required to scrutinise at least annually the discharge of the functions of statutory agencies in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998. This Act creates the requirements for statutory bodies to form a Community Safety Partnership within the local area. In Rotherham, this partnership is called the Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP).
- 1.2 This covering note, and the attached annual report of the SRP, seeks to provide an opportunity for the Council to scrutinise the activity during the period between March 2018 and April 2019.

### 2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Aside from the content noted in the attached annual report, Overview and Scrutiny Management Board have previously made recommendations in respect of the release of offenders and the sharing of information in local communities. During the previous year the SRP and its statutory partners worked to create a new meeting structure to ensure the exchange of information between the Police, the Council and local ward Councillors. These meetings are known as Community Action Partnerships (CAPs). Throughout the year, there have been positive examples of exchange of information in relation to the release of offenders however, partners are aware that issues remain. In one example, information in relation to prolific offenders was shared openly at a public meeting with both Councillors and members of the public in order to explain action taken and offer reassurance. Further guidance continues to be offered to officers to continue to encourage the exchange of information where relevant and appropriate. Further work has also been undertaken to increase the use of restrictive orders such as Criminal Behaviour Orders. These orders give officers the opportunity to limit the movement of individuals where they may have targeted specific areas previously.
- 2.2 With regards to Hate Crime. The full year performance is as follows:

Measure	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year End 18/19
% of positive outcomes over the year, for reported Hate Crime cases (Target is 20%)	12.9%	19.7%	14.3%	6.9%	13.4%

- 2.3 As can be seen from the above, the target of 20% has been missed consistently throughout the year. Investigations can often take some time to investigate and conclude. This means that the more recent data remains subject to change, as incidents reported in that period may take a number of months to conclude. Given that, the data has recently been refreshed, which has seen performance for quarter two and three improve. It is anticipated that similar improvements will be seen in quarter 4 as more cases conclude when

the data is updated. Despite the better than previously reported performance, further work is required, given that performance has still failed to meet the target.

- 2.4 During May 2019, South Yorkshire Police launched a new restorative justice partnership across the region. The Police and Crime Commissioner has also recommissioned key services which support the work of the Police and partners. The response to hate crimes is an area which is identified to benefit from an increase in the use of restorative solutions which are outside of any court process. This renewed approach is consistent with what community members tell services they want to see in response to hate crime, focussing on education and prevention. In addition, the Safer Rotherham Partnership and the Cabinet Member for Waste, Roads and Community Safety have instructed the development of a Hate Crime Strategy to continue to drive partnership efforts and engage communities in ensuring hate is not tolerated.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 As this report is drafted to meet legal requirements, no alternative options have been considered.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 The Annual Report has been signed off by the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board, following consultation with all partners.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 No direct legal implications.

### **8. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 Improving equalities is integral to the work of the Safer Rotherham Partnership. Representatives from protected characteristic organisations and groups were involved in consultation to set the Safer Rotherham Partnership's 3-year priorities in 2018. Elected Members were also consulted to take account of the concerns of residents within their wards. Actions within each SRP priority take account of the duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination and advance equality of opportunity. Fostering good relations between diverse communities and groups is a key part of the Building Confident Cohesive Communities priority.

- 8.2 Examples of how equalities is integrated includes actions to tackle hate across the five hate crime strands required by the Home Office (disability, gender identity, race, religion, sexuality). The Rotherham Independent Hate Crime Scrutiny panel provides a voice for protected characteristic groups. Other examples are a domestic abuse commissioned project (Call It Out) to address the barriers preventing LGBT+ people from accessing mainstream domestic abuse support services. Recent consultation on the Fitzwilliam Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) implementation was carried out with local community organisations, with information in community languages and interpreters, to facilitate access for Black and minority ethnic residents who may otherwise face barriers in taking part. A meeting was also held with the Roma Forum and young people from YMCA White Rose. Work is continuing with these groups on signage and translated and pictorial information.

## **9. Implications for Partners**

- 9.1 This report does not contain any recommendations or decisions.

## **10. Risks and Mitigation**

- 10.1 The production of this report for scrutiny ensures that minimum legal requirements are met.

## **11. Accountable Officer(s)**

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