



Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 04 November 2020

Report Title

Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report

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 2009¹, the Borough's Community Safety Partnership, the Safer Rotherham Partnership, presents its annual report for scrutiny.

Recommendations

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

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Safer Rotherham Partnership Report

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

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

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report

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 introductory report, 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 As can be noted, the report this year focusses on achievements over the previous three years, in line with the Safer Rotherham Partnership strategy which also covered a period of three years. The review will go on to become a key document to inform future priorities in the full partnership refresh of priorities planned for 2021 – 2022.

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 (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)

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

7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)

- 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 organisations and groups who work to represent groups with protected characteristics were involved in consultation to set the Safer Rotherham Partnership's three-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 are 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.

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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