

Community Wellbeing & Housing



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Title	<i>Community Safety Partnership Plan & Priorities 2024-2026</i>
Purpose of the report	To approve
Report Author	<i>Will Jack – Community Safety Manager</i>
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	N/A
Corporate Priority	Community Resilience Services
Recommendations	<p>Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the Report; and 2. Approve the Community Safety Partnership Plan and Priorities 2024-26
Reason for Recommendation	Approval of the new Community Safety Partnership plan and Priorities is required.

1. Summary of the report

What is the situation	Why we want to do something
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of the new Community Safety Partnership Plan and Priorities 2024-2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A requirement of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 under Section 5
This is what we want to do about it	These are the next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renew previous plan incorporating statutory and local crime and disorder reduction measures through the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Acknowledge and note</u> the plan and send out a public consultation to assess the community perception of crime & disorder.

1.1 **Summary**

- 1.2 This report seeks to outline the Community Safety Partnership Plan for Spelthorne Borough within the Community Safety Partnership. It includes the partnership processes for the management of anti-social behaviour, crime & disorder. The report also highlights the priorities that have been identified through consultation with partners and the analysis of crime statistics both at a national and local level.

2. **Key issues**

- 2.1 This report covers two issues. The first being the legal requirement to maintain an active Community Safety Partnership. In this borough this is referred to as Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership or 'SSSP'. The Community Safety Team are agents of the SSSP and as such represent the SSSP at various partnership groups and meetings pertaining to the reduction of crime & disorder throughout the borough. They are also responsible for safeguarding victims and creating processes to actively prevent harm to all.
- The second part of the report covers local priorities. This is where the partnership will be concentrating efforts in the reduction of crime & disorder. Some of the priorities are dictated by government, other priorities have been drawn from the findings of annual Crime Strategic Assessment, the Organised Crime Local Profiles and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.
- 2.2 The Community Safety Partnership Plan and Priorities 2024-26 is attached at appendix A.

3. **Options analysis and proposal**

- 3.1 The only options detailed within the report are those of the priorities as outlined above. Due to the fluid nature of crime patterns, crime types and changes to government policy, it can be challenging to ensure that the SSSP is working to the correct priorities at all times. An example of this was the national response to the 'violence against women and girls' strategy. This was implemented quickly and the priorities had to be amended. To ensure that the SSSP responds appropriately, the Community Safety Partnership Plan & Priorities 2024-2026, will be reviewed every 6 months. The review will be supported by crime pattern analysis to ensure that appropriate priorities at the appropriate time are being addressed.

4. **Financial management comments**

- 4.1 None

5. **Risk management comments**

- 5.1 Bespoke risk assessments are created at an operational level.

6. **Procurement comments**

- 6.1 None

- 6.2 Procurement Comments:

7. **Legal comments**

7.1 . Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were introduced by Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (CDA) and bring together local partners to formulate and implement strategies to tackle crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour in their communities. The responsible authorities that make up a Community Safety Partnership are the police, fire and rescue authorities, local authorities, health partners, and the Probation Service. CSPs work on the principle that no single agency can address all drivers of crime and antisocial behaviour, and that effective partnership working is vital to ensuring safer communities. In accordance with section 5 and 6 of the CDA 1998, and related regulations, the responsible authorities for a local government area are required to, formulate and implement strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder, the reduction of re-offending, the prevention of people from becoming involved in serious violence, and the reduction of instances of serious violence in the local area. In doing so, regard should be had to the police and crime objectives set out in the police and crimes plan for the local area. When formulating and implementing a strategy regard must be had to the objectives to be addressed, performance targets in relation to those objectives, the sharing of information between responsible authorities, the publication and dissemination of the strategy, and the preparation of reports on the implementation of a strategy. The requirement to implement a strategy includes keeping it under review in order to monitor its effectiveness, and making any changes to it, that appear necessary or expedient.

8. Other considerations

8.1 None.

9. Equality and Diversity

9.1 Equality and diversity forms the backbone of community safety operations with the team at the forefront of liaison with organisations such as StopHateUK, True Vision and other charities across the borough and County-Wide. The report seeks to mitigate factors by including Hate Crime as one of the key priorities.

10. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

10.1 N/A

11. Timetable for implementation

11.1 To be implemented on 1st October 2024

12. Contact

12.1 Will Jack – Community Safety Manager Spelthorne.

Background papers: *None*

Appendices:

Appendix A - Community Safety Partnership Plan & Priorities 2024-2026

Appendix B – Crime Overview