

Report to: Cabinet Meeting - 1 April 2025

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<b>Report Summary</b>	
<b>Type of Report</b>	Open Report / Key Decision
<b>Report Title</b>	Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership Strategy
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To present to Members for approval the new Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership Strategy
<b>Recommendations</b>	That Cabinet approve the adoption of the new Community Safety Strategy.
<b>Alternative Options Considered</b>	Community Safety Partnerships are required to have a strategy in place. This document has been adopted by Bassetlaw. There are no other alternative options.
<b>Reason for Recommendations</b>	To ensure Newark and Sherwood District Council meet the requirement from the Community Safety Partnership by adopting the strategy. This directly links to the reduction of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Objective from the Community Plan.

## **1.0 Background**

1.1 The existence of a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory requirement under Section 5 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (“the Act”), as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002 and the Police & Justice Act 2006. There are a number of ‘Responsible Authorities’ that form the partnership. They are:

- i. The District Council(s)
- ii. The County Council
- iii. The Chief Officer of Police
- iv. The Fire and Rescue Authority
- v. The Integrated Care Boards

1.2 The Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood CSP (BNCSPP) meets on a quarterly basis with wider partners through the Joint Strategic Group (JSG). The chair of the JSG represents the CSP at the Nottinghamshire Safer Neighbourhoods Board and this role alternates between the two district councils on a biennial basis.

- 1.3 The CSP and its priorities are determined by statutory requirements set by government and localised priorities and requirements through the Safer Notts Board and related strategic groups.

## **2.0 Proposal/Details of Options Considered**

### **Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy**

- 2.1 Every CSP should have in place a Strategy and a delivery plan that sets out the key themes within the CSP alongside the delivery plan on how actions, activities and other work programmes linked to the strategy to seek improvements for the community.
- 2.2 The Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Strategy is provided in Appendix 1. This document has been developed through the CSP, members of the CSP have reviewed the document in its draft form and had an opportunity to provide feedback. The strategy has been formally adopted by Bassetlaw District Council. The strategy document sets out the key legal requirements within the area of community safety and sets out key themes. The key themes are:
  - Serious Violence (SV), Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Domestic Abuse
  - Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Vulnerability and Contextual Safeguarding
  - Community Cohesion
  - Neighbourhood Crime
- 2.3 The strategy document provides the overarching roles, responsibilities and legal requirements and requires a local delivery plan to detail how each council is working towards the main themes. The NSDC Delivery plan is provided in Appendix 2.
- 2.4 This encompasses work and activities from the NSDC Community Plan, statutory requirements such as PREVENT, Serious Violence, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) to name a few. The local delivery plan enables a fuller picture to be provided and how our work feeds back through the key themes and statutory requirements.
- 2.5 The delivery plan will become the localised action plan for community safety matters and will replace presenting to this committee the previous limited set of priorities but instead enable the committee to have a full oversight of the work to be undertaken and the progress of those actions in line with the key themes. This will further enable the committee to have a broader conversation about prioritises for our communities and see the scale of the work being undertaken.
- 2.6 The strategy was presented to Policy Performance and Improvement Committee in February 2025 and no amendments were requested.

## **3.0 Community Safety Partnership Review**

- 3.1 A countywide decision was taken to complete a full review of the Community Safety Partnerships in place across the county. This work has been ongoing for the last 6 months and draft proposals have been submitted for consultation. A key benefit of this review is to look at the meetings that are attended, the documentation linked to the CSPs and how these can work more efficiently.

- 3.2 As the BNS CSP Strategy was the most recent document in place, it has proved a useful starting point for discussions. The other CSPs have also agreed to adopt the thematic approach developed by Bassetlaw as the basis of their strategies but also as a countywide approach to this work area.
- 3.3 The aim is to ensure that all the work activities and meetings set up, or new or emerging issues that come into place, will always fit within one of the key themes, with cross cutting issues embedded across the areas. This will ensure that any new emerging area is properly considered in line with existing meeting structures and delivery plans rather than creating another meeting, groups, panel etc.
- 3.4 The aim is to also provide a consistent approach at a district and borough for all multi agency meetings held by the district. This will ensure that all partners attending have a clear understanding of the meeting, the terms of reference and allow for more consistent attendance and information sharing. This review work is ongoing with agreed changes to take place during 25/26.

#### **4.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

##### **4.1 Financial Implications FIN24-25/1747**

There are no financial implications arising from this report

##### **4.2 Legal Implications LEG2425/7958**

It is a statutory requirement pursuant to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, to formulate and implement:

- (a) a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
- (b) a strategy for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area; and
- (c) a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area]; and
- (d) a strategy for—
  - (i) preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence in the area, and
  - (ii) reducing instances of serious violence in the area.

The suggested document will meet the requirements of the legislative requirement.

##### **4.3 Human Resources Implications**

There are no human implications arising from this report

**Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

10.02.25 - Policy & Performance Improvement Committee

Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership Progress and Performance Update and Review of Priorities.