

Safer and Stronger Communities

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2022

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Purpose of the report

1. To agree a Delivery Plan to co-ordinate work to achieve the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership's [the Strategic Partnership's] objectives for 2021/22.

Background

2. Statutory Instrument 2007 No 1830 states that each Community Safety Partnership must prepare a Partnership Plan to make explicit:
 - (a) a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder and for combating substance misuse in the area.
 - (b) the priorities identified in the strategic assessment prepared during the previous year;
 - (c) the steps the strategy group considers it necessary for the responsible authorities to take to implement that strategy and meet those priorities;
 - (d) how the strategy group considers the responsible authorities should allocate and deploy their resources to implement that strategy and meet those priorities;
 - (e) the steps each responsible authority shall take to measure its success in implementing the strategy and meeting those priorities; and
 - (f) the steps the strategy group proposes to take during the year to comply with its obligations.
3. The Safer and Stronger South Gloucestershire Plan fulfils the requirement for a statutory Partnership Plan, and also includes the strategy for delivery of the stronger communities agenda. It is supported by an annual Delivery Plan to bring greater clarity to the activities for each particular year.

Delivery plan

4. The Strategic Partnership considered the priorities identified through the Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder at a workshop held on 5 March 2021.
5. The Delivery Plan lays out how these will be achieved, including
 - (a) How responsible authorities will implement the strategy and meet the priorities;
 - (b) The allocation and deployment of resources to implement the strategy and meet those priorities;

- (c) Performance management arrangements and targets to monitor success in implementing the strategy and meeting those priorities;
6. In line with the outcomes of that workshop an initial draft Delivery Plan for 2021/22 has been prepared. This is attached as Appendix 1. The demands of responding to Covid-19 has meant much of the work included in the Delivery Plan for 2020/21 has not been carried out, and those actions have been repeated in the 2021/22 Plan.
 7. The Delivery Plan includes a section on the allocation of resources. The only finance the Strategic Partnership has a direct role in allocating is the Police and Crime Grant provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
 8. A number of performance measures are also regularly used to evaluate the extent to which our actions are improving outcomes for residents of South Gloucestershire. In assessing these results we will be mindful that performance measures should not be used to drive behaviour which is not in the best interest of our residents.
 9. Delivery of the final Partnership Plan will be monitored regularly by the Senior Officer Group, and included in the regularly scheduled performance reports presented to the Strategic Partnership through 2021/22.

Priorities

10. Following the Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder 2020/21, the following topics have been identified as the Strategic Partnership's priorities for 2021/22
 - Child Exploitation
 - Serious Sexual Offences
 - ASB
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Serious Organised Crime
 - Serious Violence
 - Drug Offences (other than cannabis)
 - Hate Crime
11. In considering how these may effectively be addressed the following may be helpful

Child Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local response is carried out through South Gloucestershire's Risk Management Pathway, led by Integrated Childrens Services and by Safeguarding. The Violence Reduction Unit plays a key role throughout this process.
Serious Sexual Offences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a significant overlap between sexual violence and domestic violence, with sexual assault a feature of higher risk domestic violence.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious sexual offences outside the domestic setting are dealt with solely by the Police and there is no identified role the Strategic Partnership could play in this..
ASB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For some individuals ASB is a gateway into other forms of crime. It can be a valuable indicator of wider criminal activity. • As described in the Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder, the pattern of ASB over the past 12 months has changed. Reported cases of ASB have increased 7.4%, and the pattern of ASB has changed, with neighbour disputes and community based issues coming to the fore. This pattern is expected to continue in 2021/22. • South Gloucestershire Council has allocated extra funding to deal with community based ASB in 2021/22. • The Strategic Partnership currently funds emotional and practical support for the victims of ASB most in need of this help. The provider is not able to provide this service in 2021/22.
Domestic Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Partnership currently funds an Independent Domestic Violence Co-Ordinator dealing in complex cases, and the Freedom Programme for medium risk victims of domestic abuse. • As reported elsewhere to this meeting of the Strategic Partnership a new domestic abuse strategy is due to be developed in 2021/22. • It is recommended the Strategic Partnership continues to fund this work in 2021/22, and that a decision on support beyond 2022 is taken in light of the new strategy.
Serious Organised Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a clear overlap between organised crime and child exploitation, serious violence and Anti-Social Behaviour and forms of these crimes such as county lines, cuckooing, and related crimes. • There is an existing Serious Organised Crime Reduction Panel which co-ordinates intelligence gathering and disruption activities targeted at Organised Crime Gangs based or operating in South Gloucestershire. • There is no request for support from the

	Strategic Partnership that would improve the effectiveness of this.
Serious Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Violence Reduction Unit exists to identify those involved in serious violence, and to reduce the level of this. • Many young people drawn into serious violence are victims as well as perpetrators. These are some of the young people the Risk Management Pathway and Violence Reduction Unit look to identify and work with.
Drug Offences (other than cannabis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much of the drug trafficking in South Gloucestershire is aligned to the work carried out by the Violence Reduction Unit. • No other ways in which the Strategic Partnership could help address drug offences have been identified.
Hate Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The past year has seen a significant increase in hate crime and this upward trend is expected to continue. • Case work for individual victims is already funded by South Gloucestershire Council. • The Community Cohesion Group is currently reviewing the hate crime and community cohesion strategy.

Police and Crime Grant

12. A major feature of the Partnership Plan is the allocation of the Police and Crime Grant. This has been extended to run until end March 2022. The value of the grant for 2021/22 is £92,680 but future funding cannot be guaranteed, as the new Police and Crime Commissioner may choose to change or withdraw the grant.
13. Having reviewed the priorities, the needs in these areas, and bearing in mind the above, it is recommended that the following allocation of the Police and Crime Grant is made:

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Priority	Service	Recommended amount
Domestic abuse	<p><u>Towards Freedom Programme</u></p> <p>The Towards Freedom programme involves group work to support women who have experienced or are experiencing domestic abuse. The programme runs in Kingswood and in Patchway (match funding provides a service in the other hot-spot of Yate) matching Domestic Violence hotspots.</p> <p>The service works with some 200 victims of domestic abuse per annum. Over 85% of clients currently report reduced risk of domestic abuse, and that their social and health needs have been improved, as a result of the course.</p>	£20,705
	<p><u>Complex Needs IDVA)</u></p> <p>This money funds a 0.5 fte Complex Needs IDVA who is CAADA trained and works with 21 open high-risk cases a month. The IDVA specialises in victims from BAME background, and in complex cases, working with 60 complex cases a year, of whom 75% report positive outcomes from the service.</p>	£19,275
Drug Offences	<p><u>Youth Offending Team</u></p> <p>This money provides the Youth Offending Service's substance abuse service working with young offenders. Drug abuse plays a significant role in the behaviour of young offenders and helping them stop using drugs is a proven pathway to reducing the frequency and severity of their offending. Some 65 young people a year successfully complete the programme.</p>	£28,000
TOTAL		£67,980

15. If this is agreed, the Strategic Partnership has a further £24,700 available to commission work to address its priorities.

Recommendation

16. To allocate the Police and Crime Grant for 2021/22.
17. To agree the content of the Delivery Plan for 2021/22.
18. To agree a method to approve the final Delivery Plan for 2021/22.

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Background Papers

Safer and Stronger South Gloucestershire Plan 2017-2021, Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership, March 2017.

Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder, South Gloucestershire, 2020/21, Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership, March 2021.

Appendices

1. Draft Delivery Plan 2021/22