

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL
PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2009 TO 2011

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Mike Webb
Responsible Head of Service	Deputy Head of Street Scene & Community
Non Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY

1.1 The report is to provide information to Members on the content of the Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategic Assessment (2008) and the Partnership Plan 2009 to 2011. The report also highlights the information used to identify areas of current and future concern with in the CSP tasking process.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The report seeks Members views/comments on:

- The Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan for the CSP.
- The performance information used to identify areas of concerns relating to Crime, Disorder and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 A requirement was established following Police & Justice ACT 2006 which enhanced the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for all CSP's to produce a Strategic Assessment of the partnership area and the areas performance in relation to:

- Local levels of reported crime, disorder & anti social behaviour.
- Residents perception of the local area in relation to the above factors.
- The changes that were required in the reporting of performance information due to the refreshed Local Area Agreements Inc the establishment of National Indicator sets and the use of place surveys.

3.2 The aims of the Strategic Assessment are to :

- Increase knowledge and understanding Community Safety issues with in the local area.

- Identify County wide and Local Strategic priorities for the partnership.
 - Identifies National & County Wide performance frameworks and allows the partnership to develop a partnership plan that contributes to these measure based on local need.
- 3.3 The sources of information/data that are used to draw the assessment together include:
- West Mercia Police Strategic Assessment
 - Trading standard assessment linked to alcohol
 - Worcestershire Joint strategic needs assessment
 - DAAT Alcohol needs assessment
 - North West Public Health Observatory report
 - Local Authority Environment data Inc NI 195
 - Citizens panel on BVPI's relating to crime
 - West Mercia Police Crime and Safety Survey
 - PACT priorities
 - Prolific & Priority Offenders data (PPO's)
 - Youth Offending Service data
 - Children's Services data
- 3.4 The 2006 Act also resulted in the following changes to the delivery of CSP's functions:
- Removed the requirement for a fixed 3 year strategy and replaced it with an annual Strategic Assessment of the partnership.
 - Introduced a 3 year rolling partnership plan to be reviewed/refreshed annually based on changes to the local need as identified by the Strategic Assessment.
 - Removed the requirement for plans to be approved by Government Office (West Mids).
 - Introduced a self assessment methodology called the Hallmarks for Effective Partnership Working that are reported to the LAA Safer Communities.
 - Suspended the need to produce an annual report to Government Office (West Mids).
 - Enhanced the requirement/duty for all partners to shared depersonalised information for the purpose of reducing crime and disorder.
- 3.5 The strategic assessment for Bromsgrove can be found as appendix 1.

- 3.6 The Partnership Plan for the Bromsgrove CSP runs for 3 years and is revised & updated annually following the completion of the annual Strategic Assessment.
- 3.7 The partnership plan is produced and adopted by the following organisations as statutory partners in order to priorities resources and proved guidance to staff on the delivery of services to address crime, disorder & ASB:
- Bromsgrove District Council
 - Worcestershire County Council
 - Primary Care Trust
 - West Mercia Police
 - Hereford & Worcestershire Fire Service
 - West Mercia Probation Trust

For the first time in 2010 the plan will be linked to the Local Strategic Partnership's priorities for safer communities as established at the recent LSP planning sessions.

- 3.6 The current plan with in Bromsgrove has been designed to address the following priorities that were highlighted with the strategic Assessment:

County:

- Dealing with crimes committed by re offenders (PPO's).
- Alcohol related violent crime
- Youth Issues
- Public Reassurance
- Monitoring performance

Bromsgrove:

- Youth related ASB
- Criminal damage Inc environmental crime (NI195)
- Alcohol related ASB (youth related)
- Alcohol related crime (night time economy)

- 3.7 Examples of the specific action in these areas can be found with in the full partnership plan (appendix 2).

- 3.8 With in the partnership plan there is also a section that relates to the communication and engagement of the partnership with residents. The purpose of the action is to increase the promotion of the overall partnership and to ensure the key messages around crime, disorder and ASB are consistent, meet the objectives of the partnership plan and reach the target audience. Due to difficulties with in the Worcestershire Partnership around this issue and the delay in the release of the NI data

sets work in this area has not progressed as the partnership would have liked. It has now been decided that we can not wait any longer over a county wide position/approach and Bromsgrove will move this issue forward in the next 2 months and review the processes agreed once the county position is established.

- 3.9 The tasking process has recently evolved following a full review undertaken by the community safety team. Improvements have been implemented over the last 12 months. The main improvements included:
- The introduction of a pre-tasking meeting
 - Additional data sets to be made available to the CDRP analyst
 - New partners to be invited into the tasking process
 - Trend analysis carried out against the partnership priorities
- 3.10 The CDRP tasking process now follows a format known as SARA which is an acronym used for a well known problem solving technique - Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment. The scanning element of this process has taken the form of a pre-tasking meeting which will broadly look at all crime, ASB and disorder issues affecting Bromsgrove. This scanning exercise is undertaken in two ways; firstly by looking at all performance data including IQuanta and ASB reports (see appendix 3), PACT information and local intelligence; secondly through a trend analysis which identifies potential future trends based on historical data.
- 3.11 The pre-tasking group will then identify the main focuses for the full CDRP Tasking group and will task the analyst to carry out a detailed analysis which is presented at full Tasking. The CDRP analyst is now able to draw on a number of sources to breakdown the details of a problem. We are able to identify peak days, times of day, locations, types of disorder and sometimes causes. This helps the Tasking group to find the most appropriate intervention to reduce and/or solve the problem.
- 3.12 A record of the actions needed to deliver the chosen intervention(s) is recorded as an action plan. All interventions are finally assessed at an appropriate time and collated into a SARA document which shows how the group came from identifying a problem, delivering their response and assessing its impact.
- 3.13 The introduction of a pre-tasking process ensures the tasking meetings remain outcome focused. The pre-tasking group is attended by the tasking Chair, Vice Chair and CDRP analyst one week prior to the full tasking meeting. At the pre-tasking meeting the chair will set the agenda and hand pick agencies to be represented at the full tasking meeting which they feel are best suited to contribute to the solutions. Although no partners are excluded from the meeting, by suggesting invitees, ensures that officer's time is well spent and not wasted in matters that may not affect them.

- 3.14 Other items the Tasking group may also look at are key dates to align resources such as Halloween, Christmas, School Holidays, and coordinate awareness campaigns. The CDRP Tasking group is also collating intelligence and tasking agencies to deal with problematic premises in relation to underage and proxy alcohol sales.
- 3.15 The CDRP Tasking Group reports directly to the Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership Steering Group.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications contained with in the report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications contained with in the report.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 The recommendations in this report support the Council objective of Improvement and sense of community.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The main risks associated with the CSP Partnership Plan are contained with in the Street Scene & Community Risk Register.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no customer implications contained within this report.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equality and diversity implications contained within this report.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no VFM implications contained within this report.

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues – None
Personnel Implications – Non
Governance/Performance Management – None

Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – None
Policy – None
Environmental – NI195

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director - Partnerships and Projects	No
Executive Director - Services	No
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	No
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

13. WARDS AFFECTED

All wards

14. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Bromsgrove Strategic Assessment

Appendix 2 – CSP Partnership Plan

Appendix 3 – Example of CSP Iquanta and Monthly ASB Data set- Aug 09.

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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