

SAFER WOKING PARTNERSHIP, COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

Summary

This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2020-23.

The plan for 2020-23 remains very similar to previous plans with 5 key priority areas of: Anti-Social Behaviour; Crime; Drugs and Alcohol, Preventing Violent Extremism and Reducing Reoffending.

The draft plan is being reviewed by the Community Safety Task Group at its meeting on 25 March 2020 where it will hopefully be approved for publication, taking into account the scrutiny by this Committee. The Joint Committee agreed to delegate approval, in consultation with the Chair of the Community Safety Task Group, to make any minor amends as a result of scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee so that the Partnership Plan may be published as promptly as possible after this meeting. Should the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have any significance issues of concern, these matters will be referred to the Community Safety Task Group to consider prior to publication.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RESOLVE That

The Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2020-23 be endorsed

Background Papers: Overview and Scrutiny Committee 25 March 2019, 26 March 2018, 27 March 2017, 4 April 2016, 23 March 2015, 31 March 2014, 25 March 2013, 19 March 2012, 21 March 2011, 6 December 2010 and 29 March 2010
Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2019-2022
Police and Justice Act 2006
Guidance for the Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Matters - England
Sustainability Impact Assessment
Equalities Impact Assessment

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Safer Woking Partnership, Community Safety Plan

Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2020-23. There was an assessment carried out by the key agencies that has supported the decision making on the priorities for the plan, looking at data, such as crime and anti-social behaviour, Surrey and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and officers' knowledge and experience.
- 1.2 The Police and Justice Act 2006 gave local authorities new responsibility for considering crime and disorder matters. On 6 December 2010 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed a recommendation in a report on a suggested scrutiny agreement. This agreed that each new Safer Woking Partnership Plan would be brought annually to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for appropriate scrutiny.

2.0 Woking Strategic Assessment 2020

- 2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a new duty on the police and local authorities to work together to develop and implement three year strategies to tackle crime and disorder. These strategies are now based on an annual strategic assessment which aims to provide partnerships with intelligence and evidence of the priorities and problems for their partnership that will inform effective and responsive delivery structures.
- 2.2 The annual strategic assessment work identifies current and possible future crime, disorder and substance misuse issues from sound evidence and analysis of data obtained via Surrey, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and relevant agencies. Locally officers have considered appropriate data and information which, when coupled together with their knowledge and experience, has led us to agree to carrying forward the current key priorities for the production of the draft Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2020-23 (see Appendix 1).
- 2.3 The plan has 5 key priority areas as follows:
 - a) Anti-Social Behaviour - includes identifying and supporting victims and addressing key hotspot locations and problem individuals.
 - b) Crime - targeting domestic abuse, child exploitation (a national and local priority), hate crime and serious organised crime, while supporting victims appropriately.
 - c) Drugs and Alcohol - addressing the priorities contained in the Surrey Substance Misuse Strategy.
 - d) Preventing Violent Extremism - awareness raising and training for frontline staff.
 - e) Reducing Reoffending - focusing on the support and development of the current multi-agency approaches with suitable interventions targeted at the most prolific offenders.
- 2.4 Following scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the final plan will be published on the Woking Borough Council web site. If there is a significant issue the matter will be discussed at the Community Safety Task Group. The implementation of the plan will be monitored by the Community Safety Task Group of the Joint Committee with quarterly action plan reports. The quarterly reports will continue to be circulated to all borough and county members.

3.0 Implications

Financial

- 3.1 It is anticipated that the work on the implementation of the partnership plan can be accommodated within existing resources.

Human Resource/Training and Development

- 3.2 It is anticipated that the implementation work can be accommodated within existing resources.

Community Safety

- 3.3 The production of the strategic assessment and the publication of the partnership plan fulfil some of the statutory requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Risk Management

- 3.4 There are no implications.

Sustainability

- 3.5 There are no implications.

Equalities

- 3.6 There are no implications.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1 The scrutiny of the draft proposals for the Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2020-2023 is an important function of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee this year and helps it meet the requirements of the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, section 20 (3) and (4) of the Police and Justice Act 2006. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is designated the Council's crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to scrutinise the plan and either endorse the plan, or if there is a significant area of concern feedback such to the Community Safety Task Group for them to consider this prior to publishing.

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