

Report to: EXECUTIVE CABINET

Date: 26 January 2022

Executive Member: Councillor Alison Gwynne – Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment)

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Subject: COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

Report Summary: This report summarises the responses to the public consultation in respect of the draft Community Safety Strategy 2021 – 2024 and request approval that the strategy be adopted by the Community Safety Partnership.

Recommendations: That Council is recommended to approve that the Community Safety Strategy be adopted by the Tameside Community Safety Partnership.

Corporate Plan: Nurturing Communities to Live Longer and Healthier Lives

Policy Implications: This policy if approved will be the new Community Safety Strategy of the Tameside Community Safety Partnership.

Financial Implications:
(Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer) The Council (within the Place Directorate) has the following confirmed 2021/22 funding allocations as per the table below to support the strategy. All of the current year funding is committed.

Grant / Funding Organisation	£'000
Community Safety (GMCA)	243.90
Voluntary & Community Sector (GMCA)	100.00
Hate Crime (GMCA)	10.00
Domestic Violence (DLUHC formerly MHCLG)	547.84
Total	901.74

It should be noted that funding allocations are currently only confirmed on an annual basis via the respective funding organisation.

Therefore the required investment to deliver this multi-year strategy will need to be considered on an annual basis alongside all contractual liabilities once grant funding allocations are confirmed.

Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

As set out in the main body of the report, a 12-week consultation process has been undertaken and a number of comments have been received.

It is a requirement of a robust consultation process for all such comments to be 'conscientiously' taken into account.

The comments which arose from that consultation have already been incorporated within the amended strategy but it would still be advisable for the decision makers to carefully consider the

feedback from the consultation in order that they are fully aware of the context in which the suggestions and the amendments have been made.

Risk Management:

Pursuant to section 6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the CSP must produce and implement a Community Safety Strategy. Failure to do so could result in the Council acting unlawfully.

Background Information:

Appendix 1	consultation responses to this draft strategy
Appendix 2	response to the strategy on behalf of the Panel
Appendix 3	amended draft strategy
Appendix 4	Equality Impact Assessment

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the Report Writer, Dave Smith, Partnership Manager by:



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Tameside Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory partnership established in accordance with Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Partnership includes senior officers from Tameside Council, Greater Manchester Police (GMP), Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS), Public Health, Housing Associations, National Probation Service (NPS) and third sector partners.
- 1.2 The CSP is required to work together to protect their communities from crime and disorder, re-offending and substance misuse. The overall objective is to make Tameside a safe place to live, study, work and visit.
- 1.3 The duty includes producing a borough Community Safety Strategy which outlines out how the CSP will respond to local issues and promote the strategic objectives of the GM Deputy Mayor for policing & crime.
- 1.4 The Community Safety Strategy comprises of 5 key strategic priorities, which are:
- Building stronger communities
 - Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime & domestic abuse
 - Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour
 - Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs & alcohol
 - Protecting vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation
- 1.5 As part of the process for adopting the strategy, permission was sought and given by the Executive Member of the Council for Community Safety to conduct a 12-week public consultation.
- 1.6 The public consultation commenced on 3 December 2020 and concluded on the 25 February 2021.
- 1.7 At the conclusion of the consultation, amendments were made to reflect the consultation responses.
- 1.8 In addition, a full Equality Impact Assessment has been completed in respect of the draft strategy.

2. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

- 2.1 The consultation responses to this draft strategy are attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 As part of the consultation process, on the 10 November 2020 the Head of Service for Community Safety gave a presentation regarding the draft strategy to the Councils Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel. The response to the strategy on behalf of the Panel is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.3 Furthermore as part of the consultation process, on the 19 November 2020 the Partnership Manager based within Community Safety gave a presentation regarding the draft strategy to the Councils Public Engagement Network (PEN) attendees.
- 2.4 The draft strategy was also presented to the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) in Tameside on the 14 January 2021.
- 2.5 Following receipt of the consultation, the following amendments were made to the strategy;
- i. Under *Priority 2 – Preventing and Reducing violent crime, knife crime and domestic abuse* – amendment to the wording of the existing paragraph; *‘Reduce domestic abuse and the harm caused and ensure appropriate services are available for those*

affected by it'.

- ii. Under *Priority 3 - Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour (ASB)* – where reference has been made to the 'Youth Offending Service', this has been corrected to 'Youth Justice Service'.
- iii. Under *Priority 3 - Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour (ASB)* – with relevance to (ii) above, it was agreed to remove the sentence "*When dealing with children and young people the Youth Justice Service will adopt a "child first, offender second" approach*".

2.6 The final version of the draft Community Safety Strategy was presented to the Community Safety Partnership on the 12 April 2021 and approved by all partners.

2.7 The amended draft strategy is attached at **Appendix 3**.

3. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

3.1 It is recognised that the Equality Act 2010 places a legal obligation on public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; to advance equality of opportunity; and to foster good relations between persons with different protected characteristics.

3.2 In order to ensure compliance with this legislation and due to the fact that the Community Safety Strategy covers all areas of Tameside and potentially impacts on all residents it was necessary to conduct a full Equality Impact Assessment in respect of the draft strategy.

3.3 The Equality Impact Assessment is attached at **Appendix 4**.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 As stated on the report cover.