

West Cumbria Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

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Summary and Recommendation:

This report sets out the amendment to the strategic priorities and the 2009/10 budget for the West Cumbria Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). It also highlights the purpose and key principles of the partnership agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding, for the CDRP.

The Executive are requested to:

- a) endorse the strategic priorities for 2009/10 and pass these through to full council for their endorsement;
- b) note the budget to deliver on these priorities in 2009/10; and
- b) support in principle the Memorandum of Understanding as set out in the final draft and delegate the final signing off on behalf of the Council to the Leader, Cllr Elaine Woodburn, and the Portfolio holder, Cllr Norman Williams.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under CDRP Reform there is a requirement to carry out an annual strategic assessment covering the following issues:
 - a) analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder and substance misuse in the area
 - b) an analysis of the changes in those levels and patterns since the previous report
 - c) an analysis of why the patterns have changed
 - d) the matters that the responsible authorities should prioritise in their work
 - e) the matters which people living or working in the area consider should be prioritised to combat crime and disorder and substance misuse
 - f) an assessment of the extent to which the previous partnership plan had been implemented
 - g) the matters which should be brought to the attention of a county strategic group where one exists.
- 1.2 The structure for managing the CDRP, comprises a Strategy Group (with representation at Chief Executive/Leader level or equivalent) and a Performance Group, at practitioner level. There are five themed Task Groups linked to the identified priority themes. The September 2009 Safer Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

revisited the Copeland Borough Council Membership on the task groups with the result that all the task groups have a named Member representative and reserve.

2. ARGUMENT

- 2.1 The annual strategic assessment was undertaken at the end of 2008/9 and the outcomes presented to the CDRP Strategy Group. The priorities for action for 2009/10 have been confirmed as being the same as last year with an addition of burglary. A new priority theme of Burglary has been included and a Task and Finish group established to develop actions to address the issue. This group will aim to improve community resilience to this crime when people are more vulnerable and to safeguard good performance.
- 2.2 To assist the partners to contribute effectively together and in line with the CDRP Improvement Plan a Partnership Memorandum of Understanding has been developed with the Strategy Group.
- 2.3 At the meeting of the CDRP Strategy group on 24th July, 2009, a Final Draft Memorandum of Understanding was agreed. This agreement identifies the roles and responsibilities of Partnership members and will assist new members in understanding their role.
- 2.4 The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership is not a legal body in its own right and yet has to exist by law, with responsible bodies having a duty to co-operate to deliver on key requirements set out in legislation and Guidance. This is an innovative way of working and as such benefits from having a Memorandum of Understanding to underpin it. Effective partnership working supports the delivery of outcomes across the responsible bodies in line with the Sustainable Community Strategies and associated local Area Agreement.
- 2.5 The CDRP partners intend the Memorandum of Understanding to remain constant over time but that some of the information in the Appendix to the Memorandum will be reviewed periodically to ensure currency and reflect developing practice and circumstances.

3. OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 3.1 The Strategic Priorities are set out in Appendix A. Under each priority the strategic approach is reflected in the key headings: Leadership, Tackling strategic issues, Enforcement, Improving/developing service infrastructure, Advice and support. **The Executive is recommended to endorse these priorities.**
- 3.2 Copeland Borough Council is being formally asked to agree in principle and sign up to the final agreed Memorandum of Understanding for the CDRP. This will set out clearly the detail and improve the working arrangements and commitments of the partners

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The CDRP has systematically developed its strategic priorities for 2009/10 from the 2009 Strategic Assessment. This has enabled a strong commitment to continuing core themes in the Strategic Priorities for 2009/10 and enable additional focus on the rising concerns around Burglary. The CDRP is using its additional resources to deliver against these priorities whilst continuing to underpin the strategic work through the work plans of the key delivery partners.
- 4.2 The CDRP, including Copeland Borough Council, have participated in developing the draft partnership agreement on the basis that a formal memorandum of understanding will help improve the working of the partnership.

5. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)

- 5.1 The work of the CDRP is 100% funded through external resources. Funding for the work of the CDRP comes via Cumbria County Council to Allerdale BC, acting as the Accountable Body, and from the Home Office where funding is channelled through mainstream Police Basic Command Unit (BCU) budgets. These funding streams are coordinated within the CDRP Budget strategy.
- 5.2 For 2009/10 financial year the amounts are as follows:

Cumbria CC funding – revenue	£106,961
Cumbria CC funding – capital	£ 35,654
	£142,615
Home Office/Police BCU	<u>£ 87,900</u>
Total	£ 230,515

(Note: £30,000 of Home Office/ Police BCU budget is unallocated in the current budget pending discussion around wider West Cumbria Partnership support activities.) The spend profile is approved by the Strategy group of the CDRP.

- 5.3 Copeland Borough Council continues to employ the CDRP staff and undertakes the associated admin on an in kind arrangement to the partnership. Allerdale BC offers in kind support by providing premises and financial services to the Partnership.
- 5.4 Members should be aware of developing discussions within the Safer and Stronger Communities Thematic Partnership. The expectation from the County Council is that Area Based Grant should not be funding CDRP support team costs which means that Partners to the CDRP will need to consider how the Support Team is to be funded in the future (ie from April 2010) through mainstream budgets of partners. There are

also proposals to move to a commissioning approach.
This will be the subject of a further report.

6. PROJECT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The CDRP is a partnership body with a small service team currently funded for 2009/10. Our engagement with the task, performance and strategy group of the CDRP is via existing member and staff resources including a shared Community Safety Officer post with Allerdale Borough Council.
- 6.2 As detailed in 5.4, future funding is not secured for the partnership facilitation of the CDRP and this is an identified risk to the co-ordination of the strategic priorities ongoing work programme.

7. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN

- 7.1 The CDRP plays a key role in delivering the community safety objective within the Corporate Improvement Plan, specifically 'reduce crime and disorder and help people feel safe' (ref 2.6).

List of Appendices

Appendix A – West Cumbria CDRP Strategic Priorities 2009-10

List of Background Documents:

Strategic Assessment 2009,
Final Draft West Cumbria CDRP Memorandum of Understanding (available in the members room).

List of Consultees: Cllr Norman Williams, Corporate Team, Amanda Crane

CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed . This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	This targets activities to maximise positive impact within resource limitations.
Impact on Sustainability	Activities are undertaken to support existing partners deliver longer term solutions.
Impact on Rural Proofing	The strategic assessment considers rural impact.
Health and Safety Implications	Supports.
Project and Risk Management	The CDRP performance group will monitor delivery and update risk assessments.

Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	Strategic priorities enable inclusion and support to west Cumbria residents.
Children and Young Persons Implications	Priorities pick up on specific issues for young people and families.
Human Rights Act Implications	Supports
Monitoring Officer Comments	Approval of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy is a Council function under the Constitution. If therefore there are to be amendments to it then Council would have to formally approve them.
Section 151 Officer Comments	Financial resources for 2009/10 are identified in the report. A further report is awaited with respect to the funding options for 2010/11.

Please say if this report will require the making of a Key Decision NO

APPENDIX A West Cumbria CDRP Strategic Priorities 2009/10

Strategic Priority	Key Headings
Violent crime	<p>Leadership – race and diversity and equality</p> <p>Tackling strategic issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing the economy • reducing stresses in everyday lives <p>Effective licensing and enforcement arrangements</p> <p>Infrastructure - Enabling better communication and knowledge between partners, Pub watch co-ordinator and robust Pubwatch structure</p> <p>Advice and support – engaging with young people</p>
Domestic Abuse	<p>Leadership – equal, consistent access across the county</p> <p>Tackling strategic issues – creating a supportive environment through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring housing shortfalls are identified and rectified • identifying challenging areas, such as gaining confidence of those with drug and alcohol issues in reporting domestic violence • developing effective support for children etc • acknowledging and working on issues such as the role and treatment of women in society

	<p>Enforcement – arrests, convictions</p> <p>Infrastructure – IDVAs, specialist domestic abuse courts</p> <p>Advice and support :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • education to prevent domestic abuse through children's services • support to victims of domestic abuse • rehabilitation of perpetrators of domestic abuse • availability of services to reduce stress and improve wellbeing • accessible support and advice to people to manage their relationships • accessible support and advice to people at risk of being subject to abuse
Criminal Damage and Antisocial Behaviour	<p>Leadership – good quality of life regardless of locality</p> <p>Tackling strategic issues – developing the range and quality of opportunities and environments for local people and business</p> <p>Enforcement – Police and Housing meetings, School Inclusion meetings, Prevent and Deter, Intervention Panel</p> <p>Infrastructure – Admin support for enforcement</p> <p>Advice and support – raising awareness about Anti Social Behaviour. including through schools, criminal damage campaign, drug and alcohol awareness for young people in schools</p>
Casualty reduction	<p>Leadership - co-ordinated countywide approach supported</p> <p>Tackling strategic issues – ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those most at risk are identified • driving policies are in place in the workplace • road network is effectively managed and developed • adequate opportunity for local people to have themselves and their vehicles tested for safety • adequate access to car maintenance facilities and access to safety equipment such as child car seats and properly controlled sales of vehicles • a fit for purpose fire and rescue service and health service including acute facilities is available • buildings and planning developments are in line with best practice for fire and road

	<p>safety</p> <p>Enforcement – specific A roads with established higher casualty figures, drink / drug driving, mobile phones</p> <p>Infrastructure – Improving signage to reduce casualties amongst motorcyclists</p> <p>Advice and support – Fire and rescue work in schools around road and fire safety and through referral and special events</p>
Drugs and alcohol	<p>Leadership – priority issue supported across county, working towards co-ordinated county wide approach being supported together with equal access to services</p> <p>Tackling strategic issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development and improved management of the economy, including leisure and tourism opportunities which incorporate alcohol • ensuring housing requirements are met <p>Enforcement – Licensing panels for Allerdale and Copeland, Trading Standards and other test purchasing</p> <p>Infrastructure – Development of satellite centres in West Cumbria through Drug and Alcohol Action Team</p> <p>Advice and support :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning of services for drugs and alcohol through Drug and Alcohol Action Team, including ones for young people • Healthy schools • Ensuring the needs of young people, including effective protection are met • For parents and carers • For young carers
Public Perception and Engagement	<p>Leadership – ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engagement includes those whose voice is at risk of not being heard • frameworks and structures for engagement are robust • issues raised are responded to effectively, including changing the allocation of resources or changing service design if required • assured accountability <p>Tackling strategic issues – ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engagement activity is co-ordinated to maximise citizens' time • marketing and communications

	<p>activity is co -ordinated to minimise and cross – check for potentially conflicting messages</p> <p>Enforcement – ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local people are clear as to what will be enforced • outcomes of enforcement activity <p>Infrastructure – ensuring that proper arrangements are in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for engagement activity • to document issues raised through engagement activity • to monitor outcomes and ensure participants are aware of them • to ensure best practice in terms of effective marketing and communication is used and developed <p>Advice and support – ensure proper advice and support arrangements are in place for those who may wish to be heard</p>
Neighbourhoods and Localities	<p>Leadership – Place shaping</p> <p>Tackling strategic issues – Neighbourhood policing, Neighbourhood management – reducing inequalities</p> <p>Enforcement – ensuring the higher needs of neighbourhoods with greater problems are met through involving local perspectives on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sufficient and effective enforcement activity • partners working on the preventative agenda <p>Infrastructure – Ensuring there are effective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ways of capturing needs • responding to the needs of localities and engaging with local people, organisations and businesses • ensuring that improvements have been delivered and services adapted and responsive to developing or endemic issues <p>Advice and support - ensuring that people in neighbourhoods and localities have opportunities to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how they can become involved in decisions and developments affecting their local area • the positive outcomes which can come from it

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support available to participate
Burglary	To adopt a problem solving approach towards the issues of burglary in West Cumbria with a view to achieving long term sustainable reductions.