

Appendix B

Slough Safer Partnership – Discussion Report

Proposal - Fit for Purpose Review, Safer Slough Partnership

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Purpose of the report

- To set out a proposal to conduct a review across the Partnership to ensure that effective mechanisms are in place to deliver the SSP priorities.
- To secure partnership agreement to form a partnership task and finish group to carry out the review and to make recommendations to the SSP exec board.
- To agree the scope of the review and the timescale to deliver the review report.

Background

Partnership working has always been critical to ensure that Slough is a safe and prosperous town. With the continued cuts in public funding, it has become more important that the Safer Slough Partnership is able to respond to local crime and community safety issues and deliver positive outcomes in an effective way.

Officer time is becoming more valuable as each agency experiences cuts in staff and operational budgets. Staff are being asked to deliver and achieve more than they have in the past while focusing on value for money, increased effectiveness and securing sustainable outcomes.

The 2015 Strategic Assessment has identified the following priorities. The review will need to ensure that there are structures in place to deliver against these priorities and to ensure that there is appropriate strategic and operational oversight in place.

The priorities for 2015/16 are listed below,

Violent crime

- Reduce total crime, specifically high volume and serious crimes against the person.
- Alcohol as a contributory factor in violent crime and Domestic Abuse.

Safeguarding

- Support work around Child Sexual Exploitation and Female Genital Mutilation and protecting vulnerable adults.
- A focus on responding to ASB case work and Environmental ASB through enforcement and design.

Serious and Organised Crime

- Support TVP in disrupting Organised Crime Groups.
- Raising awareness of cyber crime.

Youth Crime

- Reducing first time entrants to the youth justice system by 3%.
- Reduce the rate of proven re-offending by young offenders by 3%.

Scope of the review

I am recommending that the review looks at three key areas of the partnership – Governance, Strategic and Operational.

Governance

- Review and refresh the Terms of Reference.
- Review the SSP Membership – representation from the third sector, civil society and technical specialists (covering Cyber Crime and online safety).
- Ensure that all forms of communications are up to date (web pages on all partner agencies)

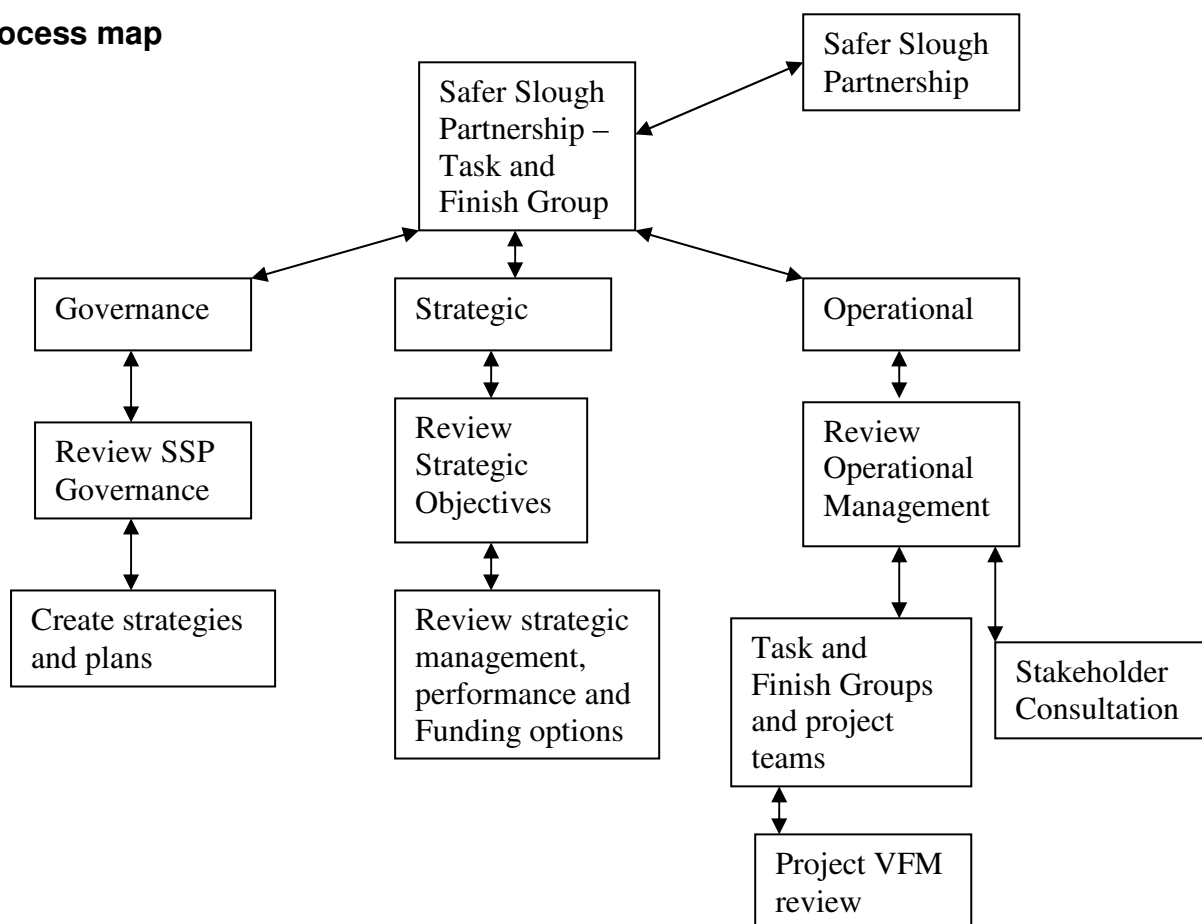
Strategic

- Confirm the strategic focus for the Partnership.
- Review the strategic management structure – oversight and direction of the action plan.
- Funding options.

Operational

- Develop an action plan for 15/16 – to deliver the priorities listed above.
- Review delivery structures (Partnership meetings and groups delivering outcomes).
- Review partnership finances and conduct a VFM audit on current projects
- Conduct a stakeholder workshop and consultation events to take into account stakeholder views.
- Review third sector relationships, including neighbourhood action groups

Process map



Planned Action and timescale.

W/C 28/09/15 – First meeting of the Task and Finish Group

- Agree the scope
- Terms of reference
- Membership
- Project plan
- Frequency of meetings

17/11/15 – report back to the SSP Exec with

- Plan of the current structure
- Recommendations and proposed structure
- Timescale for the implementation