

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Neighbourhoods and Community Services Scrutiny

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PART I

FOR INFORMATION **SAFER SLOUGH PARTNERSHIP – UPDATE**

1. **Purpose of Report**

This paper is being submitted to update members of progress made to the Safer Slough Partnership Board and how this board functions.

2. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

The Committee is requested to note the report.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

3a. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

Central to discharging its responsibility, the Board through regular performance management reports, ensures that the vision and objectives of the Strategy are delivered through the priority actions being led on by each Priority Delivery Group (PDG) such as those described in detail below.

The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP) seeks to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. It seeks to reduce the harm that drugs and alcohol cause to individuals, families and the wider community and create a safer and cleaner environment for all those who live, work, learn, visit and invest in Slough. Therefore the SSP meets the following priorities:

- Health
- Regeneration and Environment
- Safer Slough

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The Safer Slough Partnership supports the Council's Five Year Plan, against the following outcomes;

- Our children and young people will have the best start in life and opportunities to give them positive lives.
- Slough will be an attractive place where people choose to live, work and visit.
- Our residents will have access to good quality homes.
- Slough will attract, retain and grow businesses and investment to provide jobs and opportunities for our residents

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

There are no financial implications arising from this report

(b) Risk Management

There are risk management implications arising from this report.

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no human rights or other legal implications arising from this report.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

Feedback and close monitoring of data would be analysed according to SBC equalities monitoring categories, thereby enabling any differential impact on particular groups to be identified.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP) is the local statutory Community Safety Partnership for Slough. The purpose of the Partnership is to provide a strategic and co-operative approach for addressing local crime and anti-social behaviour within the Borough. The Safer Slough Partnership is chaired by the Chief Executive and co-chaired by the Police Borough Commander with representatives from statutory and community partners in attendance.

5.2 This report will provide an update on how the SSP is refocusing to ensure that it has the capabilities, skills and mechanisms to oversee the work of the statutory and non-statutory agencies represented at the Partnership. As a local authority which we can't control all crime and perceptions of crime, we can use our influence at the SSP to monitor, review and help shift partners toward collaborative interventions based on known risks in Slough and to develop sustainable solutions that stem from evidence and a foundation of research.

5.3 Over the last 12 months, the SSP has focused on providing support and coordination of a multi-agency response to crime and disorder, while reviewing Board membership, the performance management framework and the number and focus of the operational sub-groups that sit under the SSP.

- 5.4 As part a review of membership, the SSP Chair and Vice Chair have agreed that the independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children’s and Adult Board is to become a co-opted member of the SSP. This draws together the important work of the two safeguarding boards and the SSP and strengthens the partnership focus on people and particular vulnerable adults and children.
- 5.5 The SSP has developed a new one page strategy (see appendix A). The strategy under pins the focus of the board and sub-groups, supporting corporate strategies (for example the TVP Policing plan and the SBC Five year Plan). The SSP strategic goals have been developed around three core themes. These three themes are strategic and therefore do not specify in detail the operational objectives, but underpin the focus of the priority groups sitting under the SSP (see figure 1).

Theme	Specific Focus	Delivery Mechanism
Violence – Protecting People	Domestic Violence	VAWG group
		World Café Events
	Alcohol	DAAT Partnership Board
	Youth and Gang Crime	Youth Violence Group
Serious Organised Crime Group		
Resilience – People and Place	Crime Prevention	Parks and Open space T&F Serious Organised Crime Group
	Fear of Crime and Perception of Slough	Intensive Community Engagement Communication and media group (TBA)
		Performance Management Group
	Designing out Crime	Slough Plan
Emerging Risks	Cyber Enabled Crime	TBA
	Modern Slavery	Modern Slavery and Exploitation Group

Figure 1

- 5.6 The creation of a new Performance Management Group, and a new performance management framework, provides the SSP with a valuable tool to manage the delivery of the strategy, oversight of the three key thematic areas and operational groups – Business as usual, Priority Delivery and Task and Finish Groups (See figure 2)

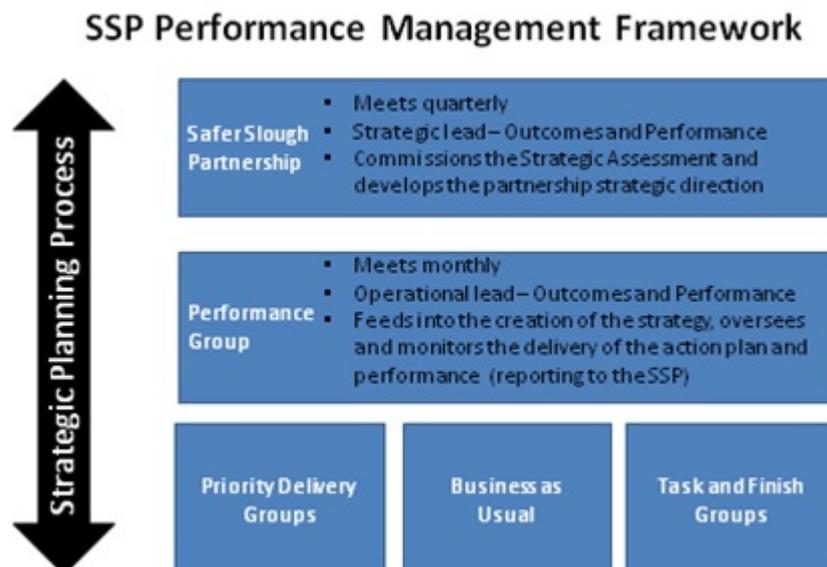


Figure 2

5.7 A review and consolidation of sub-groups has led to the formation of a number of new priority delivery groups.

5.7.1 Violence Against Women and Girls group (VAWG) – focused on Domestic Abuse, FGM, Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence. This group draws together the DA Strategic group, operational delivery group and the FGM LSCB sub group.

5.7.2 Modern Slavery and Exploitation group – this is an emerging area of work for the SSP and aligns the SSP with the work of the Anti-Slavery Commission and the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner

5.7.3 Two groups focusing on Youth Crime – the Youth Violence Group focused on the operational delivery and support of young people and the Multi-Agency Serious Organised Crime Group, with a focus on gangs and disruption

5.7.4 A process of forming specific task and finish groups to provide a short and focused response when needed has already provided tangible results at a time when partner resources are limited. The success of this approach is covered by the report from Gavin Wong on Sexual assaults.

6. **Conclusion**

6.1 The changes to the SSP will enable the partnership to support agencies to focus on the risks faced by Slough residents from what are seen as traditional crimes to the unknown and unquantified emerging risks. The Performance Management Group provides an invaluable function of monitoring and horizon scanning, allowing the SSP Board to keep a strategic view of Slough.

6.2 A refocus of the operational groups (including a merger of groups) provides a specific focus where needed, while recognising the need for sustainability and collaboration.

6.3 While there are many challenges facing the members of the SSP, the review and subsequent changes to the SSP Board in membership and structure will provide the SSP with the skills, knowledge and ability to monitor, review and to best use of the resources available to deliver local priorities for Slough.

7. **Appendices Attached**

'A' - Safer Slough Partnership Strategy

8. **Background Papers**

None