

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Neighbourhoods and Community Services Scrutiny Panel  
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### **PART I** **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

#### **SAFER SLOUGH PARTNERSHIP**

1. **Purpose of Report**

To update members on the work and focus of the Safer Slough Partnership.

2. **Recommendations**

The Panel is requested to note the report.

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

The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy (SJWS) is the document that details the priorities agreed for Slough with partner organisations. The SJWS has been developed using a comprehensive evidence base that includes the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

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:

1. Protecting vulnerable children
3. Improving mental health and wellbeing

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

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

- Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful
- Slough will be an attractive place where people choose to live, work and stay
- Our residents will live in good quality homes
- Slough will attract, retain and grow businesses and investment to provide opportunities for our residents

4. **Other Implications**

a) Financial

There are no financial implications of proposed action

b) Risk Management

None

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) reports on progress annually to the Neighbourhood and Communities Services Scrutiny Panel. On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the partnership reported on progress made in changing the governance and reporting structure. This report will provide an update on these changes and provide an overview of the areas of focus.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 As the Local Authority, whilst 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 towards collaborative interventions based on known risks in Slough, and to develop sustainable solutions that stem from evidence and a foundation of research.

- 5.4 The SSP is focused 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. 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.

### **Strategy and Priorities**

- 5.5 The SSP created a single page strategy to provide strategic direction and thematic focus (see appendix A). The strategy underpins the focus of the board, sub-groups and supports 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. We have refined these themes in 2018 down to two strategic themes, Protecting People and Emerging Risks. Captured within these two strategic areas are more specific areas of focus, which link to operational delivery groups and action plans. The role of PMG is to oversee the delivery of outcomes, through these delivery groups, and to monitor performance and direction of travel (see appendix B).

### **Specific Area of Focus – Protecting People Violence Against Women and Girls (plus Boys and Men)**

- 5.6 In 2017 we adopted the Home Office Violence against Women and Girls strategy. Our delivery of this Strategy is focused in four key areas, Domestic Abuse, FGM, BAME and Perpetrators (see appendix B). Each of the key areas is delivered through focused group, reporting back to the SSP through the PMG.
- 5.7 In 2017 the highlights are:
- SBC re-commissioned the specialist DA service in Slough, moving the contract to Hestia.
  - SBC is funding specialist IDVA provision and medium risk out reach
  - The Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) is funding a BAME Development Officer and Medium Risk Safety Planner (the PCC posts also covers Windsor and Maidenhead and Bracknell).
  - We trained 60 Domestic Abuse Champions, and 80 Slough practitioners in the MARAC process, including risk assessment and safeguarding victims, as well as promoting the use of Claire's Law disclosure scheme.
- 5.8 In addition to this, the partnership supported the two National Women's day events, a conference in which 250 people attended from across Slough Businesses and statutory authorities, and a music and dance event in Slough town centre June 18.

### **Youth and Gang Violence**

- 5.9 The SSP has funded two dedicated youth gang YOT workers to provide a specific focus on youth violence, and commissioned a review of youth violence and gangs in advance of the creation of a local gang's strategy.
- 5.10 The findings of this review will be ready by mid June 18. In 2017, we supported a local County Lines Review for Slough; this has developed into a Thames Valley Wide Strategic Framework Review, completed in April 2018.

- 5.11 The Development of our Healthy Choices Programme for Primary Schools is now complete, and being delivered in 4 schools; universal roll out to all primary schools is expected in September 18. In the meantime, we have started the development of the Secondary School phase. Both Primary and Secondary phases make up our early intervention and resilience focus. Moving forward into 2018, we are near the end of a Gangs review, this will lead to the development of a local strategy and gangs exit plan.

### **Modern Slavery and Child Exploitation**

- 5.12 Our multi-agency Modern Slavery Group has developed an action plan to deliver the anti-slavery commissioner's priorities in Slough. As part of this strategy, we are developing our own 'Modern Slavery Statement'.
- 5.13 We have trained over 900 taxi drivers in Safeguarding, and 300 professionals have received modern slavery awareness training. We have launched a 'concern card' to front line services, as a way of enabling easy identification and disclosure of concerns. Finally, we have completed audits to ensure that agencies are training frontline staff, and have an understanding of the different signs of exploitation.
- 5.14 2018/19 will witness this focus area develop as we improve our understanding of the risks to Slough and the delivery of a Slough wide awareness campaign.

### **Complex and Chaotic**

- 5.15 This is, as the title suggests, a complex area of focus, working with some of the most challenging and 'chaotic' clients in Slough. We are piloting intensive engagement with a small cohort of people, who are persistent and frequent service users across the partnership. As a MEAM area (Making Every Adult Matter), we are focusing on those who are at risk of homelessness in Slough.
- 5.16 Our public space ASB group is working to identify people who are sleeping rough in the town, offering support, and understanding what options we have regarding their offending behaviour. This group is focused on the Town Centre and immediate car parks.

### **Cyber Crime**

- 5.17 Since the publication of the Thames Valley multi-agency cyber crime strategy, we have been exploring delivery options and scoping our partnership response. This is a developing area of focus, and one we are working with partners to progress.

### **Child Sexual Exploitation**

- 5.18 The SSP is supporting the Local Safeguarding Childrens Board in delivering a multi-agency response to CSE. We have provided CSE training for over 900 taxi drivers, evaluated by University College London. We have also provided training for professionals on spotting the signs of CSE, and raised parents knowledge and awareness of CSE, through a series of student led performances.
- 5.19 Missing children are a key priority, owing to possible links with CSE and child drug exploitation. We have a full-time return home interviewer in place, to enable us to support young people who may find themselves in 'risky' situations. The focus continues to include training and awareness, while focusing on supporting victims.

## **Specific Areas of Focus – Emerging Risks**

### **Design and Development of Slough**

5.20 The Safer Slough Partnership has started a conversation about the future developments in the town centre, and impacts on services. This will consider the future policing requirements of the town centre for residents and businesses.

5.21 In March 2018 the Partnership received a presentation from Slough Urban Renewal (SUR) on the changes planned for Slough and how SUR are ensuring that their work force is free of Modern Slavery.

### **Acquisitive Crime and Drug Use**

5.22 While we are working on risk and exploitation (including youth violence and gangs), the Safer Slough Partnership is aware that parts of Thames Valley have seen increases in this offence type over the last year. It was agreed that we will continue the work focused on gangs and youth violence (including County Lines), whilst monitoring acquisitive crime levels enabling prompt reactions and interventions.

## **6. Comments of Other Committees**

This report has not been considered by any other committees of SBC.

## **7. Conclusion**

7.1 The SSP provides a multi-agency focus on specific areas of harm to communities, providing a joined up response. Due to the complexity of the community safety agenda there is a need to regularly review priorities and focus, keeping in mind that we are all operating with limited resources, and that some areas of community safety and crime reduction sit within the 'business as usual' category for agencies.

7.2 Over the last year the partnership has continued to develop and grow, with 2018 seeing a new logo and website. The Healthy Choices Programme will be offered to all primary schools in Slough. Our focus on Gangs and Organised Crime will develop into specific, targeted interventions to protect those trapped in the cycle of violence and abuse. The SSP will continue to monitor all crime and adjust our priorities accordingly, so to ensure a focus on reducing harm to our communities is maintained.

## **8. Appendices Attached**

'A' - Safer Slough Partnership Strategy

'B' - SSP Priorities and Governance Map 2018/19

## **9. Background Papers**

None