

# Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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**Title:** Initial proposals for the development of the Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy 2019-2024

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## 1. Purpose of Report

This report provides details of Cabinet's initial proposals in respect of the Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy 2019-2024 ('the Strategy') which; under the Budget and Policy Framework; is to be considered by the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.

The Committee are invited to consider these initial proposals, approved by Cabinet on 11 December 2017 and provide any comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, to be taken into account in formulating the final strategy.

## 2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the development of the draft Strategy detailed in this report;
- b) Consider Cabinet's initial proposals in respect of the Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy 2019-2024, attached as **Appendix 1** to this report; and
- c) Provide any comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement to consider as appropriate.

## 3. Details

### 3.1 Background and Context

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on responsible authorities to work together to tackle crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending within the community.

Our established Community Safety Partnership, Safer North Tyneside (SNT) oversees this statutory responsibility. A key requirement of the Partnership, is the production of a Community Safety Strategy. The current Community Safety Strategy covers the period April 2014 to 31 March 2019. Council approved the current Strategy at its meeting on 13 March 2014.

### **3.2 Developing the Community Safety Strategy**

The draft Strategy has been developed within the multi agency Safer North Tyneside Partnership Board (SNTPB). The membership currently includes the following organisations:

- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbria Police
- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Community Rehabilitation Company
- North Tyneside NHS Clinical Commissioning Group
- Director of Public Health
- VODA

The SNTPB have considered the latest available strategic assessment which helps us to identify crime trends and national legislation in determining the priorities set out within the new draft Strategy. The draft Strategy has links to the Police and Crime Plan, developed by the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the SNT Board also attends the Police and Crime Panel at a strategic level.

The Strategy has also been written to take account of the key priorities in the Our North Tyneside Plan and supports the many strategic plans and projects that the Authority and its partners are delivering. This will include making links to the scoping work underway on the Drugs and Alcohol Strategy and the Transport Strategy, which has regard to creating safe and sustainable travel options in the Borough.

There are some priorities which are the responsibility of several partners and which form pieces of work and strategies already in place across several other forums and partnerships. Child sexual exploitation and modern day slavery are examples of this type of cross cutting work. A cross reporting structure will also be in place across the various partnerships to capture this work and ensure that effective coordination is in place.

### **3.3 Community Safety Strategy Priorities**

The Partnership has identified four key priorities for North Tyneside: Safeguarding, Public Protection, Alcohol and Drugs and Crime and Disorder. These are set out in full in the draft Strategy in **Appendix 1**.

For each identified priority, the Partnership will consider what current service provision exists, what current data sets and intelligence may be available, what current resource levels are available and what current awareness/communication strategies exist. This will help to shape the annual work plan and identify what actions need to be taken to support delivery of the Strategy over each of the five years the Strategy will be in place.

### 3.4 Consultation Process

The proposed timetable, having regard to the Budget & Policy Framework Rules, to develop and seek approval for the draft Strategy is as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Action</b>
Cabinet	<b>11 December 2017</b>	Consideration of initial proposals.
Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee	<b>9 January 2018</b>	Consideration of initial proposals.
Consultation	<b>January to February 2018</b>	Cabinet Member consults and considers the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee recommendations.
Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee -	<b>5 March 2018</b>	Final proposals presented and recommendations considered.
Cabinet	<b>14 May 2018</b>	Final proposals presented and recommendations considered.
Full Council	<b>June 2018</b>	Final proposals presented and recommendations considered.

The draft Strategy was considered by the Authority's Senior Leadership Team and Lead Member Briefing before being considered by Cabinet on 11 December 2017. Comments received to date have been incorporated into the current draft version of the Strategy. Wider Members' feedback has also been considered through recent Members' Enquiries which identify community safety issues.

The SNTPB report into the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership (NTSP) and the membership of that governing board will also be invited to help shape the strategy as part of the overall consultation process.

As well as the NTSP, a range of other groups who may have a particular view on elements of the SNT Strategy have been identified as follows:

- The current Residents Panel membership
- Any specific groups currently engaged with relevant workstreams, such as project work with the Council's Community Engagement Team
- The Safer North Tyneside Hate Crime Group membership
- The membership of the local Police led Joint Engagement Group
- The Local Safeguarding Children's Board
- The local Safeguarding Adults Board
- The local Health and Wellbeing Board

This is not necessarily an exhaustive list; if more key partners and forums are identified during the development of the draft Strategy they will be included in the consultation as necessary.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria will be invited to comment separately. The content of the Strategy has been written to help support the objectives in the local Police and Crime Plan.

The draft Strategy was also discussed during a workshop session at the recent State of the Area event in October 2017 with young people. The session was developed by young Cabinet Members and explored community safety issues that are a concern to young people. The issues highlighted have contributed to the development of the draft Strategy and will be added to the supporting delivery plan.

General public consultation will begin in January and will end in February 2018 so that the Strategy can be finalised. This will be done electronically on the Safer North Tyneside website and the North Tyneside Council website and the opportunity to comment will be promoted via social media.

## **Background Information**

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

- (1) [Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy 2014-2019](#)
- (2) [Report to Cabinet, 11 December 2017](#)
- (3) [Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021](#)
- (4) [Our North Tyneside Plan 2016-2019](#)
- (5) [The Crime and Disorder Act 1998](#)
- (6) [The Crime and Disorder \(Formulation and Implementation of Strategy\) Regulations 2007](#)
- (7) [Crime and Disorder Regulations 2011](#)