

COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

INTRODUCTION

Central to the Our North Tyneside Plan is the aim to ensure North Tyneside is a great place to live, work and visit.

North Tyneside Council and its partners are committed to ensuring that:

Our people will:

- Be cared for, protected and supported if they become vulnerable

Our places will:

- Provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive, safe and sustainable environment.

In order to do this, we must work in Partnership to create and maintain safe and resilient communities.

We will work together with local partners to ensure that the most vulnerable people in our communities are protected and supported while improving community life overall for our residents, businesses and visitors.

The Partnership is made up of the following organisations:

- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbria Police
- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue
- National Probation Service
- Community Rehabilitation Company
- North Tyneside NHS Clinical Commissioning Group
- Director of Public Health
- VODA (Voluntary Organisations Development Agency) representation

This document sets out a five year strategy for the Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Partnership. The strategy covers the period from 1 April 2019 to 31st March 2024 and identifies multi agency priorities to tackle crime and disorder in the borough.

We will conduct a Strategic Needs Assessment annually and design activity around the results of this and in line with the priorities set out in this Strategy.

PRIORITIES

In North Tyneside, we recognise the following priorities:

SAFEGUARDING

The SNTP will coordinate and support work to safeguard people in our communities. This includes child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, hate crime and cyber crimes such as bullying and stalking. We will also coordinate a multi agency approach to counter terrorism. We will maintain links with the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

The SNTP will coordinate and support work to ensure that our communities are as safe as possible. This includes community resilience before, during and after emergencies and counter terrorism using the government's 'CONTEST' strategy. We will support a multi agency approach to tackling environmental issues such as dog fouling and fly tipping.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

The Partnership will explore the relationship between the misuse of alcohol and drugs in relation to crime and disorder including domestic violence, domestic homicide and crimes which cause harm and distress to our communities. We will maintain links with the Health and Wellbeing Board in order to develop work which will support the Alcohol and Drugs Strategy.

CRIME AND DISORDER

The SNTP will support partners to reduce crime and disorder in the borough. This includes acquisitive crime, crime and disorder associated with the night time economy and crimes against persons which cause harm, especially anti social behaviour.

GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING

Performance will be reported to the Safer North Tyneside Partnership Board who has primary accountability for delivery of the strategy. The Board then reports to the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership on a quarterly basis.

An annual report will be presented to Cabinet which will provide an update on progress made against the strategy. An annual report will also be provided to the Housing Sub Committee who have a scrutiny role on community safety matters.

STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

ASK FOR PEOPLE'S VIEWS

We want to listen to what our communities have to tell us in finalising this strategy and we will use the Council's Engagement Strategy to help us. We will consult on the priorities we have set out and ask what they mean locally for our communities. We will engage with groups and individuals who want to share their views about how safe community life feels in North Tyneside.

CONDUCT A GAP ANALYSIS

This will include hosting a workshop where we can ask our partners questions for each priority, such as:

- Current service provision
- Current data sets and intelligence available
- Current resource levels
- Current awareness/communications levels

ASK OUR PARTNERS

We will ask three main questions to members each year to form priorities and identify areas for joint working as a Partnership. These are:

- What are you doing?
- What could you be doing?
- How can the Community Safety Partnership help?

ANNUAL WORK PLAN

We will also take a seasonal approach so that known seasonal priorities (e.g. burglary spikes, light summer nights and ASB increases) can be considered in advance and any national campaigns can be incorporated into any multi agency approach. This will also help us to consider the work of other partnerships and the development of new national, regional and local areas of work.