

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

11th July 2013

Report of: Safer Bristol

Title: Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment – Update Report

Ward: Citywide

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That members note and consider the report.
2. That members provide feedback on the proposal and framework that Safer Bristol Partnership will be following.

Summary

This report updates OSMB on the production of the strategic assessment.

The report contains the terms of reference for the assessment including; aim, purpose, scope, governance and timescales.

The assessment is a public document and will be completed and distributed in September 2013.

The significant issues in the report are:

n/a

Policy

1. This report is an update and does not impact on council policy. It is worth noting that under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Safer Bristol Partnership is required to produce an annual crime and disorder strategic assessment.

Consultation

2. N/A

Context

Background

3. Safer Bristol has produced its terms of reference (Appendix A) for the annual strategic assessment. This is a requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
4. This assessment will be produced in partnership with the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Public Health and Probation Service. Safer Bristol employs a partnership analyst (co-located with the Police's Intelligence Unit) who will be responsible for producing this document.
5. Data analysis will be broken down into thematic sections considering:
 - a review of performance
 - A profile of victim, offender, location – with a consideration of reoffending, repeat victimisation, substance misuse and youth offending
 - Challenges and recommendations for the partnership to consider including intelligence gaps and data recording
6. The Assessment will enable Safer Bristol Partnership to set priorities for the year ahead and allocate resources accordingly.
7. In addition to this local Strategic Assessment, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is required to produce an annual assessment. Safer Bristol's Assessment will feed into this. The timelines for these documents are aligned:

Safer Bristol Strategic Assessment – September 2013

OPCC Police and Crime Needs Assessment - November 2013

Proposal

5. That members note this report. No formal proposal is being presented.

Other Options Considered

6. N/A

Risk Assessment

7. N/A

Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)

8. No EqIA was produced for this update report. However, equalities data across all strands of crime, disorder and community safety will be utilised to inform the Assessment.

Legal and Resource Implications

9. N/A

Appendices:

Appendix A - Terms of Reference, Safer Bristol's Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 Background Papers:

None

Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment

Terms of Reference 2013

(Reporting on April 2012 – March 2013)

1. Introduction

In order to facilitate the production of the annual Strategic Assessment for Safer Bristol the following Terms of Reference (ToR) are submitted.

2. Aim

The Strategic Assessment is a public document that seeks to provide the direction for the Safer Bristol Partnership by presenting an overview of the current and long term crime and disorder and community safety issues affecting Bristol

3. Purpose

In more detail the document will:

- Examine longer term issues affecting Bristol
- Look forward, not just taking account of current priorities but also evaluating and reporting on emerging threats
- Determine resource allocation
- Be informative and relevant to managers and stakeholders
- Set strategic priorities for the partnership for 2013/14
- Identify challenges and opportunities
- Generate improved understanding of key issues affecting Bristol
- Create an accessible document to influence the production of the Crime Needs Assessment produced by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

4. Scope

The following themes will be covered throughout the assessment

- Crime Types: Acquisitive Crime, ASB, Hate Crime, Violence and Abuse Against Women and Girls, Violent Crime

- Each crime type will include:
 - a review of performance
 - A profile of victim, offender, location – with a consideration of reoffending, repeat victimisation, substance misuse and youth offending
 - Challenges and recommendations for the partnership to consider including intelligence gaps and data recording

- Neighbourhood profiles aligned to BCC new neighbourhood working programme (north, South and East Central)

- The report will have an introduction and executive summary

5. Information Sources

- Data Sources: Avon and Somerset Police, BCC including Public Health, the Council's annual Quality of Life Survey, Probation, YOT, Avon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, Public Health England and Ministry of Justice

- This document does not intend to replace other needs assessment linked to crime reduction (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Substance Misuse Treatment Needs Assessment and Youth Offending Team Annual Assessment) but will utilise data and intelligence to inform our strategic priorities

6. Governance

- The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires Community Safety Partnership's to produce an annual Crime and Disorder Needs Assessment. Therefore, the Safer Bristol Partnership is the accountable body for the production of this document

- Safer Bristol fund a Partnership Analyst, co-located with the Police, who will co-ordinate this work

7. Timeline

- Phase 1 – Scope document and agree Terms of Reference: June/July 2013
- Phase 2 – Themed section template production and agreement: July 2013
- Phase 3 – Data collection, intelligence gathering and analysis July/August 2013
- Phase 4 – Draft report for Safer Bristol Executive Board: September 2013
- Phase 5 – Strategic Assessment agreed and forwarded to Office of Police and Crime Commissioner: September 2013