

Decision Pathway – Report



PURPOSE: Key decision

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 04 July 2023

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| TITLE | Bristol Community Safety Partnership - Joint local Police & Crime Plan / Community Safety Partnership Plan | |
| Ward(s) | City Wide | |
| Author: Clare Sims | Job title: Safer Communities Manager | |
| Cabinet lead: Cllr Ellie King Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities | Executive Director lead: Abi Gbago Executive Director Children and Education | |
| Proposal origin: BCC Staff | | |
| Decision maker: Cabinet Member Decision forum: Cabinet | | |
| Purpose of Report: For Cabinet to approve the Community Safety Partnership Plan on behalf of Bristol City Council as one of the five statutory Community Safety partners. | | |
| Evidence Base: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Under Section 17 of the 1998 Crime & Disorder Act, there is a duty on responsible authorities to do all it reasonably can in their area to protect communities and prevent crime, to prevent the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and prevent reoffending. The specific responsible authorities include Local Authorities, Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Probation Service & the Integrated Care Board (ICB). The Local Authority holds a further duty to facilitate Crime & Disorder Partnerships. That is, to bring the above specified authorities together in a Partnership which are widely referred to as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). In Bristol, the current arrangements bring both the Children’s and Adult’s Safeguarding Boards together along with the Bristol Community Safety Partnership, under the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership (KBSP) Arrangements. The KBSP Executive Board tasks the Keeping Communities Safe Group (KCSG) to undertake a Strategic Community Safety Needs Assessment, identify Community Safety Priorities for Bristol and produce a Community Safety Partnership Plan. The Office of Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) also has a statutory responsibility to formulate a Force Area Plan. The OPCC’s current Police and Crime Plan 2021 - 2025 OPCC for Avon and Somerset sets out the aims for the police to reduce crime and disorder, outlines information on allocation of police funding and provides reporting on progress. Bristol City Council, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, the wider Community Safety Partnership and the Avon and Somerset OPCC have worked closely to ensure that our local plan is aligned to that of the OPCC force wide plan. Together we have produced this one Joint Bristol Community Safety Plan. This is a high-level plan with the individual priorities being largely driven by the relevant partnership sub-group | | |

who in turn will hold a more detailed delivery plan, implement the actions and report into the Keeping Communities Safe group at regular intervals – outlining progress and any barriers to overcome.

7. The Chair of the Keeping Communities Safe Group will report into the KBSP Executive Board at regular intervals and BCC Officers will report to the Communities Scrutiny Commission annually to ensure that the Partnership is delivering on its duty to protect communities and prevent crime.

8. This plan has been developed over a 12-month period – informed by a Strategic Needs Assessment (to include the JSNA and Quality of Life Questionnaire). Extensive partner and stakeholder collaboration has taken place to include specialist input/conversations and wider consultation is currently underway as part of the KBSP consultation (KBSP Business Team). Lead elected members have also been consulted and have in turn contributed to the development of this plan.

Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

Approve the Joint local Police & Crime Plan / Community Safety Partnership Plan 2023-26 as set out in Appendix A1.

Corporate Strategy alignment:

1. Protect vulnerable children from exploitation and harm.
2. Provides a social care and safeguarding provision – which does focus on help & early intervention.
3. Enables people to support their community.

City Benefits:

The Bristol Community Safety Partnership Plan will enable Bristol City Council and its Community Safety Partners to collaborate more effectively in order to meet their statutory duties to prevent crime and disorder in the City. The combined Community Safety Partnership Plan/Local Joint police & Crime Plan will provide a clear partnership plan to tackle crime, support victims, and make Bristol a safer place to live for all of its citizens.

Consultation Details:

1. As stated above, significant collaboration has taken place between the City’s extensive Community Safety Partners to include BCC Officers, Elected members, the OPCC, Avon & Somerset Constabulary, Probation Services, Fire & Rescue, Health and Education partners.
2. A strategic Needs Assessment provided partners with data and insights to underpin decision making in the identification of the priorities and objectives that sit under them. This SNA included police crime data, key partner data, findings from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Quality-of-Life Survey.
3. The KBSP Business Unit is currently undertaking a wider public consultation to inform the KBSP Strategic Plan (23-25) and incorporates consultation relating to Community Safety and Crime Prevention to further inform how this plan is shaped in forthcoming years.
4. The draft plan was also taken to the BCC Community Scrutiny Commission in March 23.

Background Documents:

[Police and Crime Plan 2021 - 2025 | OPCC for Avon and Somerset](#) is a key document that was considered when developing the Bristol Community Safety plan.

See Appendix A2 for Bristol Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment Summary (October 2021)

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| Revenue Cost | £0 | Source of Revenue Funding | n/a |
| Capital Cost | £0 | Source of Capital Funding | n/a |
| One off cost <input type="checkbox"/> | Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/> | Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> | Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners: | | |
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| 1. Finance Advice: The report does not present any direct financial implications. Any actions and changes resulting from the implementation of the plan will be assessed individually for financial impact as they arise. | | |
| Finance Business Partner: Andrew Osei - Finance Business Partner 22 June 2023. | | |
| 2. Legal Advice: The Community Safety Partnership Plan complies with the Council's requirements under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to establish partnerships between police, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, probation service, and clinical commissioning group and to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in its area with the partner authorities. | | |
| Legal Team Leader: Husinara Jones, Team Manager/Solicitor 26 May 2023 | | |
| 3. Implications on IT: I can see no implications on IT in regard to this activity. | | |
| IT Team Leader: Alex Simpson, Senior Solution Architect, Bristol City Council - Policy, Strategy and Digital 18 April 2023. | | |
| 4. HR Advice: There are no significant HR implications arising from this report for Bristol City Council employees aside from the need to effectively communicate with teams/individuals involved in delivering the relevant services. | | |
| HR Partner: Debbie Hunt, HR People Manager 21 April 2023 | | |
| EDM Sign-off | Abi Gbago, Executive Director Children's and Education | 17 May 2023 |
| Cabinet Member sign-off | Cllr Ellie King, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities | 17 May 2023 |
| For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off | Mayor's Office | 5 June 2023 |

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| Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal A1 – Final Draft - Bristol Community Safety Partnership Plan / Local Joint police & Crime Plan 2023 - 2026 A2 – Strategic Needs Assessment Summary September 2021 | YES |
| Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external | NO |
| Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny | NO |
| Appendix D – Risk assessment | NO |
| Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal | NO |
| Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal | NO |
| Appendix G – Financial Advice | NO |
| Appendix H – Legal Advice | NO |
| Appendix I – Exempt Information | NO |
| Appendix J – HR advice | NO |
| Appendix K – ICT | NO |
| Appendix L – Procurement | NO |