

HEREFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP - PARTNERSHIP PLAN

Report By: Director of Regeneration

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

To inform Council that the Strategy Group of the Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership (HCSDP) has approved the Partnership Plan (2008-2011).

To request that Council considers the contents and adopts the plan.

Key Decision

This is a Key Decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards.

It was included on the Forward Plan.

Recommendation

THAT: It be recommended that Council adopts the Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership Plan.

Reasons

- 1 Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership (HCSDP) is the county's merged Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) and Drug Action Team (DAT). HCSDP has a statutory obligation¹ to undertake a Strategic Assessment to evaluate the performance of the partnership against the 2005-2008 strategy and to propose future partnership priorities and to produce a three-year Partnership Plan setting out how priorities will be addressed. This enables partnerships to develop plans and tackle short, medium and long-term priorities aligned with other planning cycles, most notably, the Local Area Agreement planning process.
- 2 The Plan must contain information about the role of each partner in contributing to and supporting delivery of the agreed priorities. It should also cover information about the way in which performance against priorities will be measured and how the partnership will address the performance management of their work; as well as information about the way in which the partnership will engage with their communities.

¹ [Statutory Instrument *Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations (2007)*]

- 3 The plan must be revised annually as priorities will not necessarily remain the same, with the partnership able to incorporate any new priorities emerging from the annual Strategic Assessment.
- 4 A copy of Herefordshire's first Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan is attached for Members attention. As a partner within HCSDP, Herefordshire Council needs to formally adopt the Partnership Plan and support its delivery.

Considerations

- 5 Information within the Strategic Assessment was gathered from interviews and consultations with local communities via focus groups, annual surveys and public meetings. Information was also analysed from West Mercia Constabulary, Herefordshire Council, Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, and other partner data systems.
- 6 Analysis of the information within the Strategic Assessment enabled the Strategy Group to determine the key partnership priorities affecting the County and fundamental to the 2008-2011 Partnership Plan. The five broad priorities identified are:
 - a. Reducing Crime through Offender Management and other interventions;
 - b. Reducing Drug and Alcohol Harm;
 - c. Promoting and Delivering increased Road Safety;
 - d. Providing Community Reassurance in Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Crime;
 - e. Multi-Agency and Community Dynamic Tasking and Co-ordination.
- 7 Two other themes were identified as having such impact across all other areas, that they should be considered within each of the other 5 groups individually. These are:
 - f. Young People (victims and offenders);
 - g. Violent Crime.
- 8 To deliver the priorities the HCSDP is made up of the following key partners:
 - Herefordshire Council;
 - Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service;
 - Herefordshire Housing (representing the Registered Social Landlords Forum);
 - Herefordshire Primary Care Trust;
 - Worcestershire and Herefordshire Youth Offending Service;
 - West Mercia Constabulary;
 - West Mercia Police Authority;
 - West Mercia Probation Trust.
- 9 There is strategic level membership from each of these agencies on the Strategy Group that considered and approved the Partnership Plan.

Legal Implications

- 10 Partnerships are required by legislation to produce this strategy, as laid out in the review of the Crime and Disorder Act (2007). Non-adoption of this plan will put the council in breach of a statutory requirement and may consequently be the subject of a judicial review.

Financial Implications

- 11 The funding of the activity is largely from external sources and partner contributions. The funds will be targeted at the priority areas and spend monitored through the Strategy Group and reporting arrangements to funders.

Risk Management

- 12 Risks and associated mitigating actions are set out in the risk register within the Partnership Plan. A key risk to the delivery of the plan is the resources available to address the priority areas and ensuring an effective partnership is continued to address issues that cannot be solved by a single organisation approach.

Alternative Options

There are no Alternative Options.

Consultees

HCSDP partners

Local communities

Appendices

Appendix 1 The Strategic Assessment.

Appendix 2 The Partnership Plan (draft).

Background Papers

- None identified