

**ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
16TH DECEMBER 2016**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENTAL
SUMMARY BUSINESS PLAN 2017-20**

(relevant to the Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny regarding
Community Safety)

To consider and comment on the following issues:

Elements of the business plan relating to:-

- Community Safety

Reasons:

To give members an opportunity to review the Department's business plan alongside the budget.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The full business plan outlines the priorities for the department during 2017-20.
- The version below is an extract of the aspects relevant to the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny and identifies the elements of the business plan relating to Community Safety:-

Review and Evaluation

Current Strengths

- The summer edition of the Carmarthenshire News was used to publicise the police campaign to `Give Violence the Red Card` with details of where support for domestic abuse can be found. There were also articles targeting drink/drug drivers, schemes to improve driver safety and raised awareness of Paul's Pledge, a campaign to prevent alcohol related violence.
- In comparative terms, Carmarthenshire remains one of the safest areas in the UK, despite crime levels increasing overall during 2015/16. Levels of recorded crime went up by 10.1% amounting to a rise of 747 crimes. There were 8,128 compared to 7,381 the previous year. This increase was largely as a result of changes in recording data by the police to improve the accuracy of recording. Increases were seen across Dyfed Powys and it is important to note that crime rates continue to be significantly lower in Carmarthenshire compared to the national average.
- Reported anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents continued to fall during the year, from 7,624 to 6,443 which is positive. This 15.5% reduction with 1,181 fewer reported incidents almost doubled the level of reductions seen last year and potentially points to significantly lower numbers of victims of ASB. Targeted multi-agency work on addressing such problems has continued and improved partnership working has helped to reduce ASB.

Regulatory Report recommendations and Proposals for Improvement

A National Report by the Auditor General for Wales on [Community Safety in Wales](#) was published in October 2016. Its contents will be examined by the Public Services Board (PSB) Fair and Safe Communities Thematic Group (which replaces the Community Safety Partnership), the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and other Dyfed Powys Community Safety Managers at meetings during January 2017. Our response to the Community Safety in Wales Report and its recommendations will be a priority for the Fair and Safe Communities Thematic Group, in addition to a range of actions and initiatives contained in the Integrated Community Strategy (ICS) as mentioned below:-

Integrated Community Strategy Priorities	By When
Maintaining and striving to reduce further low levels of crime that are amongst the lowest in England and Wales	31/03/2018
Improving the confidence of local communities that we are tackling the issues that matter most to them and impacting on crime levels	31/03/2018
Reducing anti-social behaviour by working in partnership to tackle local problems	31/03/2018
Reduce the incidences of alcohol-related violence	31/03/2018
Reducing drug and alcohol misuse.	31/03/2018
Responding to the WAO Community Safety in Wales Report and its recommendations for Welsh Government, PCC's and Local Authorities in Wales	31/03/2018
DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	No

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Wendy Walters (Assistant Chief Executive)

Policy, Crime & Disorder & Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
Yes	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder & Equalities

This is an extract from the Chief Executive's Business Plan for Community Safety.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Wendy Walters (Assistant Chief Executive)

1. Local Member(s) - None

2. Community / Town Council - None

3. Relevant Partners - None

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - None

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Well-being of Future Generations Act		<u>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015</u>
WAO Community Safety in Wales Report		<u>Community Safety in Wales</u>