



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION &
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform elected members about the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21 and the current arrangements for monitoring progress. The Plan seeks to ensure the Cwm Taf Community Safety Partnership is accountable for the delivery of actions in response to the priorities identified by the Cwm Taf Community Safety Needs Assessment 2017 undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership Board on behalf of the Public Services Board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members:

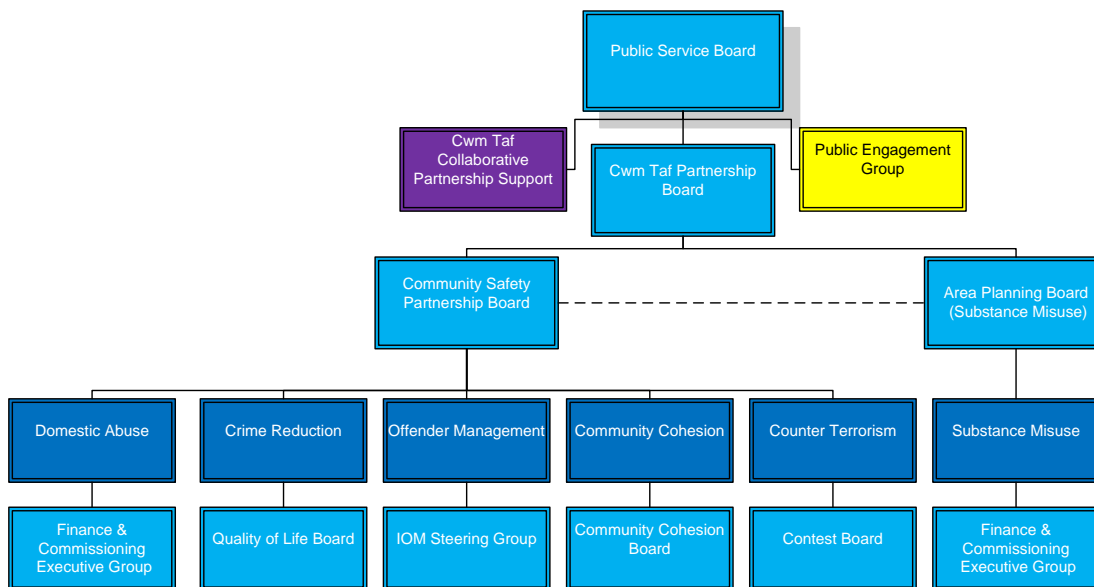
- 2.1 Scrutinise the content of the report and consider whether they wish to scrutinise in greater depth any matters in the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21 or other matters related to Community Safety in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Cwm Taf Community Safety Partnership Board (CSP Board) discharges the statutory responsibilities set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership at a Cwm Taf regional level. The CSP Board is the strategic leadership group for the planning, commissioning and delivery of community safety related services and activities, working across organisational boundaries to achieve better outcomes for the people of Cwm Taf.
- 3.2 The CSP Board comprises representatives of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC, Merthyr Tydfil CBC, Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB, South Wales Police,

Probation/CRC and Youth Offending Services, Natural Resources Wales, South Wales Fire and Rescue Services, Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chairs of each of the sub groups. The Cwm Taf Substance Misuse Area Planning Board (APB) is in alignment with the CSP Board so that both Boards now sit as a single meeting. The CSP Board is accountable to the Public Services Board and Figure 1 below illustrates the current Partnership Landscape.

Figure 1: Cwm Taf Community Safety Partnership



3.3 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended), requires the CSP Board to develop a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area, including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment. In 2017, the Cwm Taf Community Safety Strategic Assessment was prepared and scrutinised by the Communities and Prosperity- Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee. The Assessment reviewed existing service provision and delivery within Cwm Taf, to determine current issues in our communities and key strategic influences including those of the Public Service Board, Police and Crime Reduction Plan and broad community engagement programmes.

3.3 In response to the findings of the Assessment and as required by Act, the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21 was prepared and following further scrutiny by the Communities and Prosperity- Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, this Plan was approved by the CSP Board in March 2018. This Plan constitutes the three-year strategic plan to reduce crime and disorder in our communities. The Delivery Plan can be found [here](#).

3.4 The six Priority Areas included in the Delivery Plan are:

- A. Reduce the impact of alcohol and drug misuse on our communities.**
- B. Divert offenders and reducing re- offending**
- C. Tackle Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence**
- D. Promote Safe and Confident Communities**

- E. **Protect vulnerable groups from harm and victimisation**
- F. **Improve the environment by reducing environmental crime**

In addition, a **Cross Cutting Priority to “Improve Communication and Engagement with our Communities”** is a common and recurring theme for all of the Community Safety Priorities.

3.5 The principles that underpin the Plan development are as follows:

- i) **There is clear synergy with other Strategic Plans that contribute to delivery of the Community Safety Priorities.** This includes the Substance Misuse Plan, VAWDASV Plan (*Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence*), Youth Justice Plan and the Safeguarding Plans. These plans are already based on evidence within the Community Safety Assessment. This approach ensures coherence and avoids duplication by partners.
- ii) **The actions in the Delivery Plan are based on the evidence from the Assessment and drive improvement.** This will ensure the Delivery Plan is focused on addressing the needs of our communities and builds on the work already being done by single agencies or as part of existing core (*business as usual*) activities.
- iii) **Actions require a partnership approach and accountability for delivery of all actions is to a named Partnership Group within the Cwm Taf Partnership Landscape.** This ensures clear governance through partnership arrangements and accountability back to the Cwm Taf Community Safety Board and ultimately the Public Services Board.
- iv) **Monitoring of progress against the Delivery Plan is to the Community Safety Board on a quarterly basis, with Partnerships reporting by exception i.e. where actions are complete/ exceed targets set or where actions are not on target.** This minimises the burden on partners to produce onerous monitoring reports but ensures a mechanism exists to highlight good practice and outputs as they are achieved. It also ensures a route to escalate problems with delivering actions so the Board can intervene to resolve.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

5. **CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 A detailed Community Safety Needs Assessment was undertaken by the Cwm Taf Community Safety Board in 2017. The responsible Authorities are under an obligation from the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) to produce a Strategy to address the issues identified in the Assessment and this has been developed as the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan for 2018-2021. The Plan identifies six strategic priorities and commits the Community Safety Partnership to undertake actions to improve community Safety in Cwm Taf.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Paper:

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