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**PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY,
COMMUNITIES & PROSPERITY - CRIME
& DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

22nd FEBRUARY 2018

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

Agenda Item No. 3

**Development of the Cwm Taf
Community Safety Delivery Plan
2018-21**

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1. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To update elected members about the development of the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21 and the proposed 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 (Draft) undertaken by the Community Safety Board on behalf of the Public Services Board.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members:

- 2.1 Scrutinise the progress made with developing the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21;
- 2.2 Scrutinise and comment on the proposed Key Actions identified in the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 On the 26th October 2017, the Communities and Prosperity- Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee received a report and scrutinised the findings of the Cwm Taf Community Safety Strategic Assessment (Draft) prepared by the Cwm Taf Community Safety Board. The Assessment was undertaken to review existing service provision and delivery within Cwm Taf, determine objectives following analysis of current issues in our

communities and key strategic influences including the Public Service Board, Police and Crime Reduction Plan and broad community engagement programmes.

- 3.2 The Cwm Taf Community Safety Board is now required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) 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. At its meeting on the 16th November 2017, the Cwm Taf Community Safety Board resolved to accept the findings and strategic priorities identified by the Cwm Taf Community Safety Needs Assessment 2017 (Draft) and move forward to develop the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21. This will constitute the three year strategic plan to reduce crime and disorder in our communities.
- 3.3 The six Priority Areas to be 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”** has been identified and will be a common and recurring theme for all of the Community Safety Priorities.

- 3.4 In order to facilitate the development of the Delivery Plan, the Cwm Taf Community Safety Board established a “Task and Finish” Group to comprise representatives of all organisations that are members of the Board and other organisations that make a significant contribution to the strategic priorities identified by the Assessment.

Development of the Delivery Plan

- 3.5 The “Task and Finish” Group was established in January 2018. The first meeting of the Group sought to agree the principles that would inform the Plan development and arrangements for monitoring and measuring progress against the Priorities of the Cwm Taf Community Safety Assessment. These Principles were:
- i) **There will be 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. Ensuring these plans fit together in the wider Delivery Plan will ensure coherence of approach and avoid duplication by partners.
 - ii) **The actions in the Delivery Plan will be based on the evidence from the Assessment and be actions that 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 will require a partnership approach and accountability for delivery of all actions will be to a named Partnership Group within the Cwm Taf Partnership Landscape.** This will ensure 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 will be 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 will minimise 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.
- v) **The Delivery Plan will aim to measure success through a single performance indicator, namely that “people living in Cwm Taf tell us they feel safe in their communities”.** Fear of crime levels reported by residents has increased with 69.4% of residents (2017) reporting they feel safe in their communities, down from 82.8% in 2014/15. Existing performance frameworks (qualitative and quantitative) will be used to monitor progress against key actions and to ensure we are “turning the curve” in ensuring a higher proportion of our population feel that Cwm Taf is a safe place to live.

Progress and next steps

- 3.6 The “Task and Finish” Group has met twice and has prepared a Draft Delivery Plan. All key priorities identified in the Assessment have appropriate actions identified that aim to reduce crime and disorder in Cwm Taf. A performance framework is being built as part of the Delivery Plan to ensure we monitor progress against the priorities.
- 3.7 Appendix 1 of the report outlines the Key Actions under each of the six Priorities that have been identified from the Assessment and through the work of the Group. In addition, Members will receive and have an opportunity to scrutinise a detailed presentation at Committee which will outline the critical milestones (specific activities) that are being developed to ensure these key actions will be delivered by the Partnership over the next three years.
- 3.8 Having regard to the Cwm Taf Community Safety Partnership Landscape, the governance and accountability for some actions within the Plan is currently unclear. The Cwm Taf Community Safety Board has therefore identified a need to review the Delivery Plan in the context of the current Partnership Arrangements and identify where there is a need to strengthen

governance and wider commitment to partnership working. This may require a further review of the Community Safety Partnership arrangements for some priorities and actions, such as environmental crime and homelessness prevention, to ensure these are adequately supported by all partners. The Cwm Taf Community Safety Board will meet in March 2018 to undertake a review of the Draft Delivery Plan and the Partnership Landscape.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 A detailed Community Safety Needs Assessment has been undertaken by the Cwm Taf Community Safety Board. 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 is being developed as the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan for 2018-2021. Progress in developing this Plan has been positive since January 2018 and the aim is to complete this plan by the end of March 2018.

Appendix 1:

Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21 (Draft)- Proposed Key Actions

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Paper:

Draft Cwm Taf Community Safety Needs Assessment 2017 (Version 10.1)

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Appendix 1:**Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21 (Draft)- Proposed Key Actions**

Priority A	Reduce the impact of alcohol and drug misuse on our communities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and Engagement: Ensure the views from service users are included in the planning and development of new services and in evaluation of existing provisions. • Communication and Engagement: Improve awareness and engagement with residents and the wider community about substance misuse issues. • Implement the Cwm Taf Area Planning Board recommendations following a review of secondary care substance misuse services to ensure that wherever an individual lives in Cwm Taf they are entitled to receive the same support, treatment and quality of service. • Ensure substance misuse co-occurring with mental health problems is managed effectively. • Reduce the number of fatal and non-fatal incidents in Cwm Taf. • Understand the scale of drug related litter within Cwm Taf and develop a plan to reduce its impact which includes training sessions on the safe use and disposal of needles. • Work with Partners to improve intelligence gathering in relation to known and emerging Organised Crime Gangs and enforcement opportunities.
Priority B	Divert offenders and reducing re- offending
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and Engagement: Improve communication and engagement with the wider community, particularly in relation to safeguarding concerns. • Lead and support externally funded programmes to reduce adult offending and re-offending. • Deliver Youth Justice Services as set out in the Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan, with the overall aim of reducing rates of offending and reoffending • Work in partnership to facilitate early intervention and prevention programmes and divert young people from the youth justice system to reduce first time entrants (FTEs) • To continue with a clear focus on restorative justice/approaches within the Cwm Taf YOS, whilst monitoring victim satisfaction.
Priority C	Tackle Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and Engagement: Increase awareness of violence against women, (non gender specific) domestic abuse and sexual violence across Cwm Taf • Enhance education provision in relation to healthy relationships and gender equality • Hold perpetrators to account for their actions and support them to change their behaviour • Enable professionals to provide effective, timely and appropriate responses to victims and survivors • Increase the number of specialist services that are of high quality across Cwm Taf • Strengthen collaborative working across the sector to understand and meet the needs of our communities, increasing the sustainability and capacity of the sector
Priority D	Promote Safe and Confident Communities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and Engagement: Improve Communication and engagement with residents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to promote a culture of responsible drinking in our communities. • Deliver effective Anti Social Behaviour Partnership approaches to reducing incidents and tackling repeat offenders • Ensure the PACT Community Engagement programme continues to meet the needs of Communities • Develop and deliver a Business Crime Reduction Strategy for our Town Centres. • Implement proactive initiatives to reduce the prevalence of problem, public place drinking in our communities
Priority E	Protect vulnerable groups from harm and victimisation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and Engagement: Improve Communication and engagement with residents • Contribute to the Place Based approach in Cwm Taf (Community Zones) to target resources and interventions at families at risk of adverse experiences • Deliver the Homelessness Prevention Strategies • Actively and effectively contribute to the delivery of the UK Counter Terrorism Strategy • Actively support the effective delivery of the Refugee Resettlement Programmes in Cwm Taf • Work as a partnership to strengthen provision of mental health service in Cwm Taf for people in the Criminal Justice System. • Encourage and facilitate volunteering opportunities for community members to get involved in community safety activities and projects • Work as a partnership to improve collection and sharing of intelligence in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. • Work as a partnership to identify and tackle rogue traders to protect vulnerable people from scams that result in harm
Priority F	Improve the environment by reducing environmental crime
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and Engagement: Improve Communication and engagement with residents • Deliver road safety initiatives that contribute to the targets and vulnerable groups identified in the Road Safety Framework for Wales. • Develop a partnership approach to tackling and reducing the incidence of off road vehicle crimes • Deliver the "Healthy Hillside Project"- to improve hillside conservation and management to reduce the risk of grass fires occurring • Deliver the SWFRA Plan to reduce grass fires in Cwm Taf • Deliver effective interventions to reduce the incidence of illegal fly tipping