



Report of the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 8th April 2025

Crime & Disorder Scrutiny – Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership

Purpose	To update the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee on Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership objectives and priorities, activities and achievements during 2024.
Content	The report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Safer Swansea Partnership with more detailed information attached as Appendices.
Councillors are being asked to	Make comments, observations and recommendations as necessary.
Lead Councillor(s)	Cllr Alyson Anthony, Cabinet Member for Wellbeing – Safer Swansea Partnership Representative Cllr Hayley Gwilliam, Cabinet Member for Community Support – Safer Swansea Partnership Representative
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1. Context

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership was established in 1998 as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. In Swansea this is known as the Safer Swansea Partnership
- 1.2 The Partnership consists of key representatives from statutory partners and other organisations with an interest and influence in community safety issues.
- 1.3 The Safer Swansea Steering Group is the management and leadership group for the Safer Swansea Partnership where all key decisions are made on behalf of the Partnership.

2. Overview

- 2.1 Working across the partnership the **Safer Swansea Annual Partnership Review 2024 Report (Appendix 1)** provides an overview of Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership objectives and priorities, and significant partnership activities and achievements during the year.
- 2.2 This report also addresses the Scrutiny Programmes Committee request for further details as identified in the previous session held in April 2024. Details of which can be found in the link under Background Papers.
- 2.3 *The Committee noted that they were keen hear more about the progress around the Tackling Hate Crime, Community Tensions & Extremism objective.*

Response – This is covered within the main annual report (Appendix 1)

- 2.4 *The Committee noted that an independent Drugs Commission, set up by the Western Bay Area Planning Board for Substance Misuse, to explore the high number of drug-related deaths in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot is expected to report later this year with recommendations for action and improvement and would be grateful if the report of the Drugs Commission could be shared with the Committee when available.*

Response - The report is nearing completion, with responsible authorities working with the Commission to finalise details. An outline plan with regards to the Report's release and publication, which is scheduled for the summer, has been drafted and will be shared with key partners in due course.

- 2.4 *The Committee noted that there is a public perception that nothing is being done about drugs and the Police and/or the wider Partnership should do more to put into the public consciousness the work that is being done, whether through social media or other means, to make what you are doing more visible and promote successes. There is also more that can be done to educate young people about the dangers of drug use.*

Response: Western Bay Area Planning Board has just established a Children, Young People & Families Sub-group to lead on the recommendations made by a recent independent review of specialist substance use services for young people that was commissioned by the APB. Part of that work is establishing a coordinated response to prevention and education in schools. The recommendation in the report is around involving key partners in delivering this such as public health, education and specialist service providers and the Sub-group will steer progress on this (and other recommendations). The Sub-group is due to hold its inaugural meeting within the next month.

- 2.5 *The Committee heard that a new system “Right Care Right Person” would be in place by February 2025 which will connect people to the correct services as early as possible to improve outcomes and asked for an update to be provided in due course on the impact, recognising that services for mental health remained a challenge.*

Response: Right Care Right Person has been established by South Wales Police and detail on progress and implementation can be found at the following link [Right Care, Right Person | South Wales Police](#)

3. Main Report

- 3.1 Community Safety Priorities - The Safer Swansea Partnership is focussed on working together to make Swansea a safer, more cohesive and confident place to live, work and to visit and deliver on the Safer Swansea Community Safety Priorities 2023-26.

- 3.2 The current priorities for the Safer Swansea Partnership are:

- Reducing Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Tackling Hate Crime, Community Cohesion and Extremism
- Challenging Substance Use
- Reducing reoffending and tackling the drivers of crime
- Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Safeguarding those at risk of violence and exploitation

These priorities are complemented by two over-arching themes:

- Reassurance Communication - effective reassurance provided at every available opportunity to help change perceptions of crime, reduce fear of crime, and promote positive outcomes of Safer Swansea.
- Community Engagement - improving the way partners engage with members of the public to build relationships based on trust and respect.

- 3.3 The Safer Swansea Partnership Annual Review outlines how local agencies and partners have worked together to make Swansea a safer, more cohesive and confident place to live, work and visit and reduce the fear of crime.

- 3.4 The Safer Swansea Partnership six key priorities provide the focus of its work for 2023 - 2026. The Safer Swansea Partnership Annual Review 2024 report highlights performance and achievements is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.5 The Anti-Social Behaviour Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook an in-depth inquiry during 2023/24 and presented its final report with conclusions and recommendation to Cabinet on 21 December 2023. The inquiry looked at How can the Council ensure that it is working with its partners to appropriately and effectively tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in Swansea. Cabinet made a decision on the Scrutiny recommendations at its meeting on 18 April 2024. The Cabinet Member response and action plan were agreed.
- 3.6 In March 2025, as the final stage of the Scrutiny inquiry process, the original Panel reconvened in order to assess the impact of the work to understand;
- What has changed since the report was presented to Cabinet?
 - Have the agreed recommendations been implemented?
 - What has been the impact of the scrutiny inquiry?
- 3.7 The Inquiry Panel thanked Cabinet Members and Officer for providing a detailed report on the progress and impact of the inquiry recommendations and for answering the Panels questions and were pleased with the progress of the recommendations and the ongoing work of the council and wider partners. Details of which can be found in the link under Background Papers.

4. Legal implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

5. Finance Implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications associated with this report.

6. Integrated Assessment Implications

- 6.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage.
 - Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
 - Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

6.1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

6.1.2 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

6.2 This is an information report, an IIA screening will be completed before taking forward new actions during 2024.

Background papers:

The Committee is required to hold a session, at a minimum, annually, and follows the last meeting on this on 16 April 2024, details of which can be found below

[Agenda for Scrutiny Programme Committee on Tuesday, 16 April 2024, 4.00 pm - Swansea](#)

[Agenda for Scrutiny Inquiry Panel - Anti-Social Behaviour on Thursday, 13 March 2025, 2.00 pm - Swansea](#)

Appendices:

Appendix 1	Safer Swansea Partnership Annual Review 2024
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