

## Report of the Chair

### Scrutiny Programme Committee – 14 March 2016

#### CRIME & DISORDER SCRUTINY - PROGRESS ON SAFER SWANSEA PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE: QUESTIONS TO CO-CHAIRS

<b>Purpose</b>	To provide information about the performance of the Safer Swansea Partnership (SSP) to enable the Committee to carry out its role as the authority's Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee.
<b>Content</b>	The co-chairs of the SSP will attend to provide information and take questions on the work of the Safer Swansea Partnership (e.g. key activities, achievements, and impact): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chris Sivers, Director - People</li><li>• Chief Superintendent Joe Ruddy, South Wales Police</li></ul>
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Question the co-chairs of the SSP on relevant matters</li><li>• Make comments, observations and recommendations as necessary</li></ul>
<b>Lead Councillor(s)</b>	Cllr Mark Child, Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City
<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	Chris Sivers, Director - People

1. The Scrutiny Programme Committee is designated as the Council's Crime & Disorder Committee under the Police & Justice Act 2006. The scrutiny of the local Community Safety Partnership forms a significant part of this role.
2. The Community Safety Partnership for Swansea is the Safer Swansea Partnership. It works to reduce crime and disorder, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in Swansea. The police, council, fire, health and probation services, along with many other organisations and charities, work together to address community safety issues, and make the city a safer place with less crime. It is recognised that making communities safer and stronger cannot be achieved by one agency alone and success at partnership working will lie in significant reductions in crime. Further information can be found at [www.saferswansea.org.uk](http://www.saferswansea.org.uk).
3. The focus of crime and disorder scrutiny is on the examining the work and performance of the Safer Swansea Partnership. At this meeting the committee will have the opportunity to question the co-chairs of the Safer Swansea Partnership. Broadly speaking the committee will want to explore what has been done, how well it has been done and what impact that has made, e.g.

- what are the headlines
  - key activities and achievements / progress against strategic priorities
  - effectiveness of the partnership working
  - relevant performance and crime statistics (including trends / comparisons elsewhere)
  - evidence of improvement and impact made
  - key challenges ahead and plans to tackle these
4. This session follows from the committee's previous meeting on crime and disorder in February 2015 (see extract of minutes at **Appendix 1**).
5. It is up to the Committee to determine future engagement in crime and disorder scrutiny and how best to incorporate the scrutiny of the Safer Swansea Partnership into the overall work programme.

**Background papers:** None

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