



## Report of the Chair

Special Scrutiny Programme Committee – 5 March 2018

### Crime & Disorder Scrutiny – Progress on Safer Swansea Partnership Performance

<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>	<p>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):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Superintendent Martin Jones, South Wales Police</li> <li>• Chris Sivers, Director – People</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 Will Evans, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities
<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	Chris Sivers, Director – People
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<b>Finance Officer:</b>	Paul Cridland

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.

- 1.3 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.swansea.gov.uk/saferswansea](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/saferswansea)

## **2. Questions on Safer Swansea Partnership Performance**

- 2.1 The focus of crime and disorder scrutiny is on the examining the work and performance of the Safer Swansea Partnership. Following the presentation of information by the Co-Chairs of the Safer Swansea Partnership about the work of the Partnership, the Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions. 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

- 2.2 This session follows from the Committee's previous meeting on crime and disorder in March 2017 (see extract of minutes at **Appendix 1**).

- 2.3 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.

## **3. Legal Implications**

- 3.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

**Background papers:** None

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Extract from Minutes of Scrutiny Programme Committee 9 March 2017