



## Report of the Cabinet Member for Better Communities

Council – 21 June 2018

### Safer Swansea Community Safety Strategy

<b>Purpose:</b>	The report presents a strategic partnership response for delivering priorities as identified in the Safer Swansea Community Safety Strategy.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 South Wales Police & Crime Reduction Plan 2017-2021 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Swansea Public Services Board Local Wellbeing Plan
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance and Legal All statutory partners of the Community Safety Partnership Public Consultation
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) Council approves the Safer Swansea Community Safety Strategy.
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Safer Swansea Partnership was established in 1998 as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- 1.2 The Safer Swansea Partnership has a statutory responsibility to undertake annual reviews of Crime and Disorder. The purpose of the review is to become aware of the nature of Crime and Disorder, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse within the City & County of Swansea, and then to identify methods of developing and implementing effective action to reduce these problems and direct resources to address them.

1.3 The Safer Swansea Partnership will seek to support the Public Service Board in meeting and delivering on the local strategic objectives and priorities

## **2. Partnership Strategy**

2.1 The Safer Swansea Community Safety Strategy is a partnership document attached as **Appendix A**.

2.2 The strategic priorities agreed with statutory partners and key stakeholders for the Safer Swansea Partnership are:

- Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV)
- Substance Misuse
- Stronger Communities
- Evening and Night time Economy
- Hate Crime and Community Tension monitoring

## **3. Equality and Engagement Implications**

3.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) 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 Act.
- 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.

Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above

An EIA screening has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full EIA report is not required as the strategy provides an overall broad framework for all partnership activity around the key priorities identified for action. There are five specific areas to be developed and they will undergo the EIA process in their own right, e.g. the VAWDASV objective already has a full EIA report completed.

3.2 The Strategy went out for public consultation and closed on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Consultation responses are attached as **Appendix B**.

3.3 A summary of responses to the public consultation are:

- A total of 26 survey responses were received.
- 73% of those who completed the survey were a member of the public.
- 96% of respondents agreed that the Strategy was easy to read.
- 83% agreed that the Strategy was easy to understand.
- 83% agreed that the Strategy was informative.
- 92% agreed that the vision / purpose was appropriate.

- 82% agreed that the vision / purpose was achievable.
- 88% agreed that the vision / purpose is the right one for Swansea.
- Most of the respondents strongly agreed that the five priorities outlined in the strategy were appropriate and the right ones for Swansea.
- 64% agreed that it was clear how progress on the Strategy would be measured.

3.4 In response to the public consultation, the following amendments have been made to the strategy.

- Strategic Priority 3 was retitled Stronger Communities which links to one of the key objectives in the Public Services Board Local Well Being Plan
- Under the heading 'Performance Framework' the following sentence has been included. 'The strategic priorities are not listed in order of importance, as each one has an equal level of standing'

#### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 puts a Well-being duty on specified public bodies to act jointly and establish statutory Public Service Boards (PSBs) for each local authority area in Wales.

5.2 The Safer Swansea Community Safety Strategy will support in the delivery of the PSB strategic objectives and priorities.

5.3 Future work and priorities of the Safer Swansea Partnership will link into the development of Local Well-being plans.

#### **Background Papers: EIA assessment**

#### **Appendices:**

Appendix A Safer Swansea Community Safety Strategy

Appendix B Consultation Responses