



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 8 April 2019

Crime & Disorder Scrutiny – Safer Swansea Partnership

Purpose	This is the Committee's annual session focusing on the performance of the Safer Swansea Partnership, looking at partnership priorities, activities, and impact. Information will be provided in order for the Committee to carry out its role as the authority's designated Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee.
Content	Lead representatives from both South Wales Police and the Council, who are involved in the joint-chairing arrangement for the Safer Swansea Partnership Steering Group, will attend to present information and take questions on the work of the Safer Swansea Partnership.
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question the Safer Swansea Partnership representatives on relevant matters• Make comments, observations and recommendations as necessary
Lead Councillor(s)	Cllr Mary Sherwood, Cabinet Member for Better Communities (People)
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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. With reference to the Safer Swansea Community Safety Strategy 2018-2021, the Partnership is focussed on working together to make Swansea a safer, more cohesive and confident place to live, work and to visit.
- 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. It provides leadership on the Safer Swansea strategy and liaison with the Police and Crime Commissioner on funding and strategy, and monitors overall progress against Partnership objectives. There is a joint chairing arrangement for the Steering Group, between South Wales Police and Swansea Council.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The membership of the Steering Group consists of key representatives from statutory partners and other organisations with an interest and influence in community safety issues.

Statutory Members include:	Other Members include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Wales Police • City & County of Swansea • ABMU Health Board • National Probation Service • Wales Community Rehabilitation Company • Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service • Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and Crime Commissioners Office • Elected Member responsible for Community Safety • Western Bay Safeguarding Boards • Welsh Ambulance Service • HE/FE Representation • Public Health Wales • Third Sector representation • Others to advise as needed

1.6 Strategic Priorities

1.6.1 The agreed strategic priorities for the Safer Swansea Partnership are:

- Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV)
- Substance Misuse
- Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities
- Evening and Night Time Economy
- Hate Crime and Community Tension Monitoring

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.

Further information can be found at 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, and not any single organisation.

2.2. Following the presentation of information by Safer Swansea Partnership representatives 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

2.3 The following representatives will attend in support of Partnership activities:

- Chief Superintendent Martin Jones, South Wales Police
- Superintendent Jo Maal, South Wales Police
- Superintendent Simon Belcher, South Wales Police
- Adam Hill, Deputy Chief Executive, Swansea Council
- Paul Thomas, Community Integration Partnership Manager, Swansea Council
- Jane Whitmore, Partnership & Commissioning Manager, Swansea Council

2.4 The Safer Swansea Partnership is relevant to the Better Communities (People) cabinet portfolio. Councillor Mary Sherwood will also be present at the meeting and may be invited to talk about her involvement in the Partnership.

2.5 This session follows from the Committee's previous meeting on crime and disorder in March 2018 (see extract of minutes at **Appendix 1**).

2.6 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 5 March 2018