

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 29th March 2023

Subject Safer Newport Community Safety Partnership

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Designation
Rhys Cornwall	Strategic Director – Transformation and Corporate
Janice Dent	Policy and Partnership Manager
Rhian Tilley	Partnership Officer
Dr Carl Williams	Local Policing Area Commander, Chief Superintendent – Gwent Police (Co-Chair)

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider the report on the Safer Newport Partnership.
2. Assess the contents of the report and decide if there has been satisfactory progress against the initial aims of the partnership.
3. Establish whether there is any additional information needed in future reports.
4. Decide if the Committee wishes to make any comments or recommendations in relation to the Safer Newport Community Safety Partnership

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 Community safety is a partnership approach to reduce crime and disorder in local communities. The Morgan Report introduced the idea of 'community safety' by taking a 'holistic' local approach to crime reduction and prevention. This was expanded within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, giving key agencies a legal duty to work together to address crime and improve public safety rather than police alone.
- 2.2 Under the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) each local authority in England and Wales were given the responsibility to formulate and implement a strategy to reduce crime and disorder in their area. The Act also requires the local authority to work with every police authority, strategic health authority, social landlords, the voluntary sector and residents and businesses - known as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).
- 2.3 Safer Newport is the city's community safety partnership, delivering on emerging local community safety issues including anti-social behaviour (ASB), serious and organised crime (SOC) and local neighbourhood issues, with a particular focus on the city centre. Safer Newport reports to the Public Services Board (PSB).
- 2.4 Membership of Safer Newport includes Gwent Police, Newport City Council, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS), Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) and the National Probation Service.

Previous Consideration of the Safer Newport Partnership

- 2.5 This will be the Committee's first consideration of the Safer Newport Partnership as a standalone partnership as it has previously formed part of the update from OneNewport as the local Public Services Board. From this year OneNewport will become a local delivery group under the Gwent Public Services Board and as such Safer Newport will be considered separately by the committee.

Partnership Committee Terms of Reference

- 2.6 At the AGM meeting of Council held on 16 May 2017 a new Scrutiny Committee Structure was agreed including the Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships, the remit of which includes:

Scrutiny of community safety issues and associated partnerships: Designated Committee for Crime and Disorder

- To consider Councillor Calls for Action (CCfA) that arise through the council's agreed CCfA process;
- To consider actions undertaken by the responsible authorities on the CSP.

The Committee should therefore focus its questioning on how the Safer Newport Partnership is delivering on emerging local community safety issues.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

3.1 The following information is attached for the Committees consideration:

Appendix A - Briefing note: Safer Newport Community Safety Partnership Annual Report

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

- Receive the report for information and take the opportunity to comment on the contents
- Consider the main strengths and areas for development within the Safer Newport Partnership.
- Consider how well Safer Newport are working in partnership.
- Conclusions:
 - What was the overall conclusion on the information contained within the reports?
 - Is the Committee satisfied that it has had all of the relevant information to base a conclusion on the performance of the Safer Newport Partnership?
 - Do any areas require a more in-depth review by the Committee?
 - Do the Committee wish to make any Comments / Recommendations to the Cabinet?

Suggested Lines of Enquiry

4.1 In considering / evaluating the Safer Newport Partnership (SNP) report, the Committee may wish to consider focusing questions on:

- What role does each of the responsible authorities play in the SNP's work?
- Are all of the responsible authorities fully engaged in the SNP?
- Are there improvements that can be made in the SNP's delivery of services?
- How does the SNP compare with other Community Safety Partnerships in the region in terms of working practices and in relation to tackling crime and disorder?
- Does the SNP have the best possible partnership working arrangements in place?
- How are local voices and concerns fed into the SNP's agenda?
- Does the SNP provide evidence of its successes? Is this evidence robust?

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

5.1 The report links with the Wellbeing-being Objectives and Aims of the Council's Corporate Plan 2022 – 2027;

Well-being Objective	1 – Economy, Education and Skills	2 – Newport's Environment and Infrastructure	3 – Preventative and Equitable Community and Social Care	4 – An Inclusive, Fair and Sustainable Council
Aims:	Newport is a thriving and growing city that offers excellent education and aspires to provide opportunities for all.	A city that seeks to protect and enhance our environment whilst reducing our carbon footprint and preparing for a sustainable and digital future.	Newport is a supportive city where communities and care are at the heart of what we do.	Newport City Council is an inclusive organisation that places social value, fairness and sustainability at its core.

Step 7 links to the Safer Newport Community Safety Partnership;

7	Promote positive community inclusion and culture by engaging with key stakeholders and communities to address issues of anti-social behaviour and crime.
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6 Impact Assessment:

- **Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act**
- **Equality Act 2010**
- **Socio-economic Duty**
- **Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011**

The council has a number of legislative responsibilities to assess the impact of any strategic decision, proposal or policy on people that may experience disadvantage or inequality. A copy of the relevant EAS Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment (FEIA) has been produced.

Impact Assessment:

6.1 Summary of impact – Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

Safer Newport is the city's community safety partnership established by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The priorities of Safer Newport have been set based on data and intelligence relating to the key community safety issues for the city. All of the priorities reflect the five ways of working and contribute to a number of the national well-being goals and the interventions in the Well-being Plan.

6.2 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

The Safer Newport Partnership has extensive programmes with communities through organised crime funding, including work with schools, community engagement and direct prevention work with families and young people.

7. Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Report to Annual Council 16 May 2017 upon New Scrutiny Committee Structures](#)
- [Corporate Plan 2022-27](#)

Report Completed: 29th March 2023