

Report To:	Cabinet	Date:	19 th January 2017
Heading:	ASHFIELD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (FORMERLY KNOWN AS ASHFIELD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP) STRATEGIC PLAN 2014 – 17 (ANNUAL REFRESH 2016)		
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR NICOLLE NDIWENI – COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT		
Ward/s:	ALL		
Key Decision:	YES		
Subject To Call-In:	YES		

Purpose Of Report

To update members regarding the annual refresh of the Ashfield Community Partnership (ACP) – formerly Ashfield Community Safety Partnership, Strategic Plan 2014-2017. It is a legal requirement that the Council develops, in conjunction with its partners, a strategy setting out how the various agencies will work together to address crime and disorder issues and improve quality of life for local residents.

The report asks Cabinet to consider the contents and recommend adoption of the refreshed strategy to Council

Recommendation(s)

To recommend approval of the annual refresh (2016) of the Ashfield Community Partnership Strategic Plan 2014-2017 to Council.

Reasons For Recommendation(s)

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended, requires that every district has a Community Safety Partnership and an associated Strategic Plan in place.

Approval of the annual refresh of the Ashfield CP Strategic Plan 2014-2017 will ensure legislative requirements are met.

Alternative Options Considered (With Reasons Why Not Adopted)

Failure to approve the ACP Strategic Plan will breach legislative requirements for the Partnership to produce a rolling 3 year strategic plan.

ACP is already working to the Strategic Plan and targeted activity is in operation

Detailed Information

The Ashfield Community Partnership meets the statutory obligation arising from the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Partnership is responsible for compliance with the statutory duties set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Police Reform Act 2002, Police and Justice Act 2006 and Policing and Crime Act 2009.

The specified responsible authorities in the Partnership are:

- Ashfield District Council
- Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Authority
- Ashfield and Mansfield Clinical Commissioning Group
- Nottinghamshire Probation Trust
- The Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company Limited

There is a requirement for all Community Safety Partnerships to produce three year Strategic Plans which contain information about how the Partnership will address crime and disorder, substance misuse, antisocial behaviour and reducing re-offending. Plans are reviewed and updated annually in line with a Strategic Assessment.

In 2016 it was decided, in view of evolving changes to the approach and delivery of partnership work, that the name of Ashfield Community Safety Partnership should be revised. As a result, Ashfield Community Partnership has been agreed by all parties as a more appropriate name. This name will be used henceforth in this document to refer to the Partnership. Reasons for the change are highlighted in the strategy. This new model focuses on resident and customer involvement and also on integrated services, to make sure we make best use of what is available.

As we move forwards, the way partnership work is being delivered in Ashfield has evolved over the past year. Ashfield Community Partnership Transition programme has sought to change the way partnership work is delivered in the district. During 2016 the Transition Board made the decision, in consultation with Strategic partners that partnership work in Ashfield would be taken forward with four key strands of work as follows:

Integrated Hub- The first and most significant is the creation of an integrated hub, with the co-location of police and council. This has been done successfully elsewhere. Plans are for this to be completed by December 2016 with the inclusion of further partners to follow.

Process re-engineering - to shape how Council and Police, who are involved as part of their core role in responding to, managing and enforcing antisocial behaviour across Ashfield, move from using two processes to introducing a single one. A key part of this work is to identify any gaps, duplications, inefficiencies and any opportunities for greater efficiency. A consultant will be engaged to assist with this and will commence Phase 1 work in November 2016.

Partner integration– this project will explore how to bring together a number of additional partners and agencies within the hub in Ashfield by February 2017. The Community Rehabilitation Company has already agreed to move in from January 2017. We are keen to explore how we better co-ordinate our efforts to work in a more integrated and efficient way in order to continue to deliver quality services in our neighbourhoods.

Support team working - Continuation of the New Cross Support Team (NCST) and the embedding of a second support team in the Broomhill area of Hucknall. The support team work with individuals and families with multiple needs and who create multiple demands on public services including the Police and Council in relation to crime and ASB. The officers will work across organisational boundaries to address their specific issues, seeking opportunities for earlier intervention and prevention.

A core principle identified by the partners is a commitment to community engagement and empowerment to ensure that communities have a greater involvement in the work undertaken by the partnership.

The Strategic Plan outlines how the various agencies will work together to improve the quality of life for local residents through improved community involvement and integrated partnership working. A specific focus on key priority areas will also be maintained. The current priority areas within Ashfield are:

- New Cross and surrounding areas
- Broomhill and Butlers Hill
- Leamington Estate
- Stanton Hill
- Parts of Coxmoor and Southwell Lane

Locally within Ashfield, a number of partner workshops have been held during 2016 where discussions have taken place to consider how this new neighbourhood model might be taken forward.

The outcomes from the review and the local workshops have been incorporated into the refreshed strategy, with an emphasis placed on ensuring communities are better engaged in the work of public sector agencies and that interventions are designed around people and places, rather than existing institutions.

Specifically, the Strategic Plan emphasised a commitment that we will seek to deliver improved outcomes based on the following seven principles:

1. Involving the Community
2. Creating a richer understanding
3. Delivering tailored interventions
4. Providing support
5. Targeting resources
6. Integrating services
7. Prevention and early intervention

The draft Ashfield CP strategy was considered and recommended for approval to Cabinet at the Ashfield and Mansfield Strategic Group meeting on 5th December 2016.

Throughout December the strategic plan has been shared with strategic partners for comments and consideration.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The Ashfield Community Partnership Strategic Plan 2016/17 is aligned to the corporate Priorities under the Place and Communities theme:

- Targeting Resources to reduce crime and disorder
- Placing Communities at the Heart of Decision making
- Changing the way we work and deliver services
- Tailoring services to local areas

Legal:

Adoption of the Strategic Plan will ensure the Council complies with statutory requirements, as set out in the report. The Strategic Plan is part of the Policy Framework, as defined in the Constitution, and as such falls to Council for approval.

Finance:

Although there are no direct financial consequences arising from this report, delivery of the Strategic Plan takes place within agreed budgetary parameters received from the Police and Crime Commissioner and Notts County Council, as detailed at the finance section in the strategy.

This report is effective from 19/01/2017 and has the following financial implications:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	The Strategy is met from the existing budget. For 2017/18 the cost of managing the service for ADC is £35k. The General Fund contributes £12.5k, and the partners contribute a further £17.5k. The shortfall of £5k is met by a contribution from the Revenue Grant Reserve. The Council also funds the support team projects in New Cross and Broomhill with contributions from partner agencies. The continuance of these projects is discussed within a report also on this agenda.
General Fund – Capital Programme	None
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None

Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None
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Human Resources / Equality and Diversity:

No Direct HR Implications contained within the report. Equality issues cut across all themes of this strategy, ranging from communication and engagement with the community, empowerment, domestic violence and socio-economic influences that impact crime and disorder. It is recommended that facets of the strategy are periodically assessed for their equality impact and reviewed accordingly.

Other Implications:

N/A

Background Papers

ACP Strategic Plan annual refresh 2016

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