

**The Crime and Drugs Partnership Plan 2021 - 2024**

**1 Summary**

- 1.1 The Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) Partnership Plan 2021 to 2024, (see Appendix 1) sets out the Partnership's approach to reducing crime, substance misuse, re-offending and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.2 The 2021-2024 Partnership Plan was approved by the Partnership Board on 15 March 2021. The Plan's content has been developed in line with the findings of the Strategic Assessment 2020 and the priorities and targets agreed by the CDP Board at its meeting on 14 December 2020.
- 1.3 The CDP Partnership Plan 2021 to 2024 satisfies a statutory duty to co-operate in order to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area, a strategy for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area and a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area.<sup>1</sup> There is a statutory requirement to revise the Partnership Plan following the annual strategic assessment.<sup>2</sup>

*Aims and Objectives*

- 1.4 The overall, statutory, aims of the partnership are to:
- Reduce Crime
  - Reduce Reoffending
  - Reduce Substance Misuse
  - Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour
- 1.5 As recommended in the 2020 Strategic Assessment, the following will be priorities for strategic focus during 2021/22:
- Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Drugs and Alcohol
  - Hate Crime
  - Weapon Enabled Offending
  - Modern Slavery and Exploitation
  - Domestic & Sexual Violence and Abuse
- 1.6 The following cross-cutting issues, which may require strategic direction and governance by the partnership in 2021/22, have also been identified:

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<sup>1</sup> s5 and s6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998

<sup>2</sup> The legislation places a duty on Community Safety Partnerships to undertake frequent strategic assessments of levels and patterns of crime and drug misuse in their area and to produce annual rolling three year community safety plans (details of which are contained in Statutory Instrument 1830 [SI 2007/1830](#) and [SI 2007/1830 \(Explanatory Memorandum\)](#) which came into force on 1 August 2007.

- The ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the associated socioeconomic consequences
- Inequalities in society, especially those that are health or race related
- Vulnerable adults, in particular those who do not meet the thresholds for criminal or safeguarding interventions
- Criminal exploitation of children
- Serious and organised crime

1.7 In addition to the above, the following thematic issues will be given additional focus during 2021/22:

- Performance management of reoffending
- Improving the response to repeat victims of hate crime
- Further improving the partnership response to noise related anti-social behaviour
- Monitoring of trends in substance misuse in order to assess the effectiveness of commissioned services and treatment provision
- Continued development and improvement of the CCTV infrastructure and service
- Developing a more sophisticated response to issues of vulnerability
- Embedding the requirements of the domestic abuse statutory duty into the partnership governance framework
- Reviewing the role of Neighbourhood Action Teams and how they connect to the broader partnership structure

1.8 The plan sets out how partners will work together using an approach that delivers thematic activity and focuses on those people, places and premises that require multi-agency problem solving to resolve.

## **2 Recommendations**

2.1 To approve the Partnership Plan 2021 to 2024, as set out in Appendix 1.

## **3 Reasons for recommendations**

3.1 The Partnership Plan 2021 to 2024 performs a statutory duty of the Partnership and gives strategic direction to the work that the Partnership will undertake over the three years of the plan.<sup>3</sup>

3.2 The new Partnership Plan is based on robust evidence as set out in the 2020 Strategic Assessment.

3.3 The Constitution of Nottingham City Council requires Full Council to approve and adopt the Partnership Plan.

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## **4 Other options considered in making recommendations**

- 4.1 To do nothing would leave the city without a Partnership Plan for the reduction of crime, reoffending, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse, which would leave a statutory duty unfulfilled.
- 4.2 Producing a Partnership Plan for only 12 months would have lacked the long-term strategic direction needed and would not have provided an adequate performance management framework.
- 4.3 Producing a Partnership Plan for more than three years generates unnecessary problems for performance management and the longer term.

## **5 Background (including outcomes of consultation)**

- 5.1 The Partnership Plan for 2021 to 2024 has been developed in line with the:
- Statutory duty of the Partnership to reduce crime, reoffending, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour;
  - Findings of the Strategic Assessment 2020, which incorporated the findings of both partner consultation and citizen consultation via the Respect Survey;
  - Priorities and targets agreed by the CDP Board at their meeting on 14 December 2020.
- 5.2 The Partnership Plan has been developed with regard to the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner. As a result, the plan seeks to complement the work of the Commissioner and the Police and Crime Plan.
- 5.3 Partners will use an approach which delivers thematic activity and focuses on people, places and premises that require multi-agency problem solving to resolve.
- 5.4 The Partnership Plan was approved by the CDP Board on 15 March 2021. The Plan is scheduled to be presented for approval to the Full Council on 19 July 2021. The Partnership Plan is presented to Full Council for its approval and adoption in line with the Constitution of Nottingham City Council.
- 5.5 The impact of Covid 19 and the lockdown was expressed in the Strategic Assessment 2020 and as a consequence, in this year's Partnership Plan refresh.

## **6 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money)**

- 6.1 As there are no financial implications to this decision, Finance comments are not required.

## **7 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)**

- 7.1 Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership is a statutory partnership established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Nottingham City Council hosts the partnership.
- 7.2 The partnership has a statutory duty to formulate and implement a strategy to (1) reduce crime and disorder; (2) combat the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances; and (3) reduce re-offending within the City of Nottingham. The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021 anticipates also including the following for any strategy (4) preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence; and (5) reducing instances of serious violence. The Bill is in its early stages at present.
- 7.3 The Partnership Plan sets out the 2021/24 strategy that is to be implemented. Legal advice will be available, as required, to assist with any implementation of the Plan.

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## **8 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1 The equality impact of the proposals in this report has been assessed.
- 8.2 The EIA is attached as Appendix 2, and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

## **9 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information**

- 9.1 None.

## **10 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

- 10.1 The Partnership Plan 2021 to 2024, CDP Board paper 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- 10.2 Strategic Needs Assessment 2020 is published on the Nottingham Insight website at <https://www.nottinghaminsight.org.uk/Document-Library/Document-Library/aAXMno2>
- 10.3 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

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