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Report of the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion

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Title: Nottingham Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2023 - 2026

Does the report form part of the Budget or Policy Framework?

Yes

Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication?

No

Relevant Council Plan Key Outcome:

Green, Clean and Connected Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping Nottingham Working	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carbon Neutral by 2028	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safer Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Child-Friendly Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Living Well in our Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping Nottingham Moving	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve the City Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving People Well	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Nottingham Community Safety Partnership (NCSP) Strategy 2023 to 2026, (see Appendix 1) sets out the Partnership's approach to reducing crime, substance misuse, re-offending and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.2 The 2023-2026 Strategy was approved by the NCSP (formerly known as the CDP) Board on 29th September 2023. The Plan's content has been developed in line with the findings of the Strategic Assessment 2022 and the priorities and targets agreed by the CDP Board at their meeting on 5th December 2022.
- 1.3 The NCSP Strategy 2023 to 2026 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; a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area; a strategy for preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence in the area and for reducing instances of serious violence in the area. ¹

¹ s5 and s6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998

1.4 There is a statutory requirement to revise the Partnership Strategy following the annual strategic assessment.²

Aims & Objectives

1.4 The overall, statutory, aims of the partnership are to:

- reduce crime
- reduce reoffending
- reduce substance use
- reduce anti-social behaviour

1.5 As recommended in the 2022 Strategic Assessment, the following will be priorities for strategic focus during 2023-2026:

- slavery and exploitation
- domestic and sexual violence and abuse
- preventing radicalisation and violent extremism
- serious violence
- substance use
- anti-social behaviour

1.6 Each priority has additional areas of strategic focus identified, as set out in the Strategy, attached as Appendix 1. Progress against these will then be reviewed annually as part of the strategic assessment process.

1.7 Hate crime will remain an area of focus for the partnership in the years to come. The partnership is working across the county on hate crime and over the next year the governance arrangements will be improved and the hate crime strategy will be updated and relaunched, with the support of partners from across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

1.8 The following cross-cutting issues, which may require strategic direction and governance by the partnership in 2023-2026, have also been identified:

- The cost of living
- Vulnerable adults, in particular those who do not meet the thresholds for
- criminal or safeguarding interventions
- Migration and the integration of individuals into the community
- Housing and homelessness

1.9 The strategy 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 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.

2.1 To approve and adopt the Nottingham Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2023 to 2026, as set out at Appendix 1.

3. Reasons for recommendations

3.1 The NCSP Strategy 2023 to 2026 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 strategy.

3.2 The new Partnership Strategy is based on robust evidence as set out in the 2022 Strategic Assessment.

3.3 As part of the Council's Policy Framework, it is a role for Council to approve and adopt the NCSP Strategy.

4. Other options considered in making recommendations

4.1 To do nothing would leave the city without a Partnership Strategy for the reduction of crime, reoffending, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse, which would leave a statutory duty unfulfilled.

4.2 Producing a Partnership Strategy 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 Strategy for more than three years generates unnecessary problems for performance management and the longer term.

5. Consideration of Risk

5.1 The Nottingham Community Safety Partnership is required to produce an annual Partnership Strategy to consider crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending in the City. Not producing a strategy would mean that a statutory duty was not complied with.

6. Best Value Considerations

6.1 There are no financial implications to this decision. However, working in partnership to address the priorities set out in the strategy, helps to ensure the most effective use of resources of partner organisations.

6.2 The strategy is developed and delivered in partnership with a range of partners from across the public sector. This is the most effective and efficient method as responsibility and accountability for delivery are shared across the partnership, with each agency covering those activities from the strategy that fall within their remit or specialism. Economy is demonstrated by the fact that the strategy is entirely delivered with existing

resources. The process of development and delivery is a good example of doing it with others.

7. Background (including outcomes of consultation)

7.1 The Nottingham Community Safety Partnership Strategy for 2023 to 2026 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 2022, which incorporated the findings of both partner consultation and citizen consultation;
- priorities and targets agreed by the Nottingham Community Safety Partnership Board at its meeting on 5th December 2022.

7.2 The Partnership Strategy 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.

7.3 Partners will use an approach which delivers thematic activity and focuses on people, places and premises that require multi-agency problem solving to resolve.

7.4 The NCSP Strategy 2023-26 was approved by the NCSP Board on 29th September 2023. The Partnership Strategy is presented to Full Council for its approval and adoption in line with the Constitution of Nottingham City Council.

8. Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money)

8.1 As per the report author, this report seeks to approve and adopt the Nottingham Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2023 to 2026, the report has been reviewed by Finance and there are no direct financial implications as a result of this decision.

Ian McLellan, Interim Strategic Finance Business Partner, 19th October 2023.

9. Legal colleague comments

9.1 There are no significant legal implications associated to this decision. The Nottingham Community Safety Partnership is a statutory partnership established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Nottingham City Council host the partnership. The partnership has a statutory duty to formulate and implement a strategy to (1) reduce crime and disorder in the area; (2) combat the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances; (3) reduce re-offending within the area; (4) prevent people from becoming involved in serious violence; and (5) reduce instances of serious violence. There is a statutory requirement to revise the Partnership Strategy annually. The Partnership Strategy sets out the 2023/26 strategy that is to be implemented. Legal advice will be available to assist with any implementation of the Plan, if required.

Benita Meehan, Contracts and Commercial Solicitor, 25th October 2023.

10. **Other relevant comments**

10.1 None

11. **Crime and Disorder Implications (If Applicable)**

11.1 The Nottingham Community Safety Partnership is required to produce an annual Strategic Assessment and Partnership Strategy to consider crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending in the City. The Partnership Plan is presented to Full Council for its approval and adoption in line with the Constitution of Nottingham City Council.

12. **Social value considerations (If Applicable)**

12.1 Not applicable

13. **Regard to the NHS Constitution (If Applicable)**

13.1 Not applicable

14. **Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

14.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

Yes



Attached as Appendix 2 and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

15. **Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)**

15.1 Has the data protection impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



A DPIA is not required because no data processing is required as a result of the proposals in this report.

16. **Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)**

16.1 Has the carbon impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



A CIA is not required because all partnership organisations are responsible for their own environmental and climate policy.

17. List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)

17.1 None

18. Published documents referred to in this report

18.1 The Strategic Assessment 2022 is published on the Nottingham Insight website at <https://www.nottinghaminsight.org.uk/themes/crime-and-community-safety/strategies-plans-and-surveys/>

18.2 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

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