

Arun District Council

REPORT TO:	HOUSING AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE ON 6 OCT 2022
SUBJECT:	SAFER ARUN PARTNERSHIP SCRUTINY REPORT
LEAD OFFICER:	ROBIN WICKHAM, GROUP HEAD OF WELLBEING AND COMMUNITIES
LEAD MEMBER:	COUNCILLOR JACKY PENDLETON
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY / POLICY CONTEXT / CORPORATE VISION: IMPROVING THE WELLBEING OF ARUN: Develop and implement a Wellbeing Strategy to plan services, resources, amenities, activities, and places to help our community thrive	
DIRECTORATE POLICY CONTEXT: The Council has a duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Section 5) to review and scrutinise the decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of crime and disorder functions by the Safer Arun Partnership.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: Not applicable to this external body scrutiny report.	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. This report provides summary information which is intended to assist the committee in undertaking its statutory function of scrutinising the performance of the Safer Arun Partnership (SAP).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. There are no recommendations put forward with this report. It is an “information only” paper which provides detail from which the committee can scrutinise the performance of the Safer Arun Partnership. It should be noted that SAP is an outside body.

2.2. However, when undertaking scrutiny of the Safer Arun Partnership, the committee does have authority to make its own recommendations back to the partnership in relation to any performance and reporting elements it deems appropriate.

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3.1. This Safer Arun Partnership scrutiny report is the second to come before the committee and is in line with the recently agreed principles of assessing performance of the partnership.

3.2. **Appendix A** provides access to a copy of the most recent partnership plan. This was updated following the most recent SAP meeting on 25 July 2022 and reflects the current status of all actions and work streams.

4. **DETAIL**

4.1. The most recent SAP meeting on 25 July 2022, saw partners focus discussions on reviewing and setting the strategic priorities for the year ahead. Analysis of various data sources, including the annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) and other partnership data, informs the direction of the partnership and the formulation of its action plan.

4.2. The SIA is produced on behalf of the community safety partnership by West Sussex County Council and provides data from a range of sources. Regrettably, the full report was not available for discussion at the time of the meeting. Whilst the main data pack was reviewed, the lack of analytical information restricted the progress of this item.

4.3. To resolve this, all partners agreed to participate in a workshop event to illicit detailed conversations about the issues that are most pressing within Arun and where the partnership can work to address such concerns. This event is being hosted by the Council's Community Safety team and will take place in early October 2022. Participation in this event will include a cross-section of stakeholders, including community and voluntary sector groups. The shaping of responses within the context of the community safety partnership will not be limited to statutory partners only.

4.4. In addition to the data mentioned above, partners will also consider the results of SAP's community safety survey, which ran from 10 June 2022 to 17 July 2022. The initial survey results are provided at **Appendix B**.

4.5. Key SAP actions since previous scrutiny meeting (8 June 2022):-

- The partnership's endorsed drugs use assessment report for Bognor Regis has been adopted by the Safer West Sussex Partnership. This is a positive step as the commissioning of drug and alcohol services sits at an upper tier level. Therefore, it is believed that the report's recommendations can be better evaluated and considered as part of the service commissioning process. Local partners will continue to work to influence 'on the ground' action to reduce the demand for drugs and will be led by SAP.
- Funding has been secured via WSCC's violence reduction partnership to provide youth outreach sessions in Littlehampton and Bognor Regis. Conversations are ongoing with established providers to ensure that provision meets the funding arrangements and the needs of young people.
- The local Joint Action Group (JAG) has been reinstated. This forum brings together local groups to identify widespread community based concerns and to take local action in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. This group is co-chaired by the Arun Neighbourhood Policing team and the council's Community Safety team and is directly responsible to the SAP.

For information, the JAG's agreed terms of reference are attached as **Appendix C**.

- Anti-social driving has been raised as an area of concern within the district over the past few months. This is borne out by the responses to the community safety survey referenced at 4.4.
- Question 7 indicates that anti-social driving is the most regularly observed activity of the options respondents were given.
- Question 11 shows speeding as the second highest ranked concern from respondents.

SAP has recognised the need for this matter to be looked at in greater detail and, through West Sussex Fire and Rescue's lead, a review is being held as to whether the previous Arun and Chichester Road Safety Group should be reformed.

- All action points previously set out under the serious or organised crime priority of the partnership plan were discharged pending a review of the same category by Sussex Police. Following that review, the county-wide Partnership Tactical Tasking and Co-ordination Group now holds overall strategic responsibility for serious and organised crime. Therefore, SAP has discharged this priority from its partnership plan but is aware that elements of this will feed into other areas of its work and remains committed to feeding local SOC issues into the PTTTCG for their action.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1. Consultation has not been undertaken in relation to this information report.

6. OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

6.1. Consideration of options / alternatives is not required as this is an information report relating to an outside body.

7. COMMENTS BY THE INTERIM GROUP HEAD OF FINANCE/SECTION 151 OFFICER

7.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

9. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP HEAD OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE & MONITORING OFFICER

9.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

10.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

11. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACT

11.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

12. PROPERTY & ESTATES IMPACT

12.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

13. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) / SOCIAL VALUE

13.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

14. CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT / SOCIAL VALUE

14.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

15. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

15.1. This report resolves the Crime and Disorder Committee's statutory duty in providing scrutiny of the local community safety partnership.

15.2. It is noted that the council's Housing and Wellbeing committee is designated to serve as the statutory Crime and Disorder Committee in Arun.

16. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT

16.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

17. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

17.1. There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Appendix A	Safer Arun Partnership plan SAP partnership plan (arun.gov.uk)
Appendix B	Community safety survey results
Appendix C	Joint Action Group terms of reference