

Arun District Council

REPORT TO:	Housing and Wellbeing Committee - 20 June 2023
SUBJECT:	Safer Arun Partnership (scrutiny) report
LEAD OFFICER:	Dax O'Connor, Community Safety Officer
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Carol Birch
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 the latest update information in relation to the performance of the Safer Arun Partnership to allow this committee to carry out its statutory scrutiny function.

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. **Appendix A** to this report is the partnership's most recently reviewed and updated partnership plan.
- 3.2. This partnership plan has been agreed to run for a period of 3 calendar years (2023-2025) rather than the previous annual plan which resulted in insufficient time for plans to be developed and implemented. By adopting a longer time frame, the partnership believes that it will be able to embed its work streams more successfully and monitor outcomes.

4. DETAIL

- 4.1. A strategic review of the Safer Arun Partnership was completed by officers of Arun District Council's community safety team at the end of 2022. This review looked at whether the partnership was meeting its statutory obligations, following a meeting which failed to meet the quorum threshold and where partners had not engaged sufficiently to sign of the year's strategic plan.
- 4.2. The outcome of the review proposed a number of recommendations to the partnership:-
- To adopt a three-year strategic partnership plan.
 - That it becomes the responsibility of each partner agency to provide regular written updates on the work they have carried out in relation to the partnership plan.
 - Partnership meetings continue to be held quarterly and all partners provide a commitment for an appropriate level senior officer to attend.
 - An annual review of the partnership plan must be undertaken, to include:
 - comparison of baseline data from year to year
 - provision of a clear summary from agencies regarding the work they have undertaken in direct correlation to the plan, outcomes, and key achievements.
 - analysis of the strategic intelligence assessment for Arun (as provided by WSCC).
 - a review of the partnership plan's priorities to ensure that they remain relevant. Should additional areas of priority arise, or current priorities be discharged, the decision will be recorded, and the plan updated accordingly.
 - Updating the partnership's terms of reference and governance to reflect these recommendations.
- 4.3. Each of the recommendations were accepted by the partnership on 24 January 2023.
- 4.4. In setting its priorities and formulating the 2023-2025 partnership plan, partners gave consideration to the following:
- Strategic Intelligence Assessment (2022)
 - Safer Arun Partnership resident community safety survey (2022)
 - local professional knowledge and insights
 - outcomes of the SAP community group workshop (October 2022)

- 4.5. Four strategic priorities have been agreed for 2023-2025:-
- Serious violence
 - Reducing drug and alcohol related harm
 - Tackling anti-social behaviour
 - Building community resilience
- Details of these and the partnership's aims can be found on page 5 of the partnership plan (Appendix A).
- 4.6. The Safer Arun Partnership agreed two bids for funding during the financial year 2022/23 totalling £2,001.65 for the following projects:-
- Target hardening at Yapton Village Hall following significant ASB issues (£1,016.65)
 - Provision of 300 bike security marking kits for Community Wardens (£985.00)
- It should be noted that these were the only bid applications received during the year.
- 4.7. At the time of writing, the allocation of passported funding from The Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner has not been confirmed for 2023/24. On receipt of this, partners will work closely to identify areas of work or related community safety projects, in-line with the partnership plan, where funds can be assigned.
- 4.8. It should be noted that the Safer Arun Partnership will not carry out the scheduled meeting at the end of April 2023 which falls within the pre-election period. The partnership is chaired by district councillor who is standing for re-election and so it is felt to be inappropriate to make further decisions during this period.

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 – partnership plan 2023-2025