

Annual Scrutiny Review of Bolsover Community Safety Partnership – Key Lines of Enquiry

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The Police and Justice Act 2006 brought in powers for Scrutiny to investigate the work being undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). This was a power to look at the work of the partnership as a whole rather than a power to scrutinise individual partners.

The Act requires Local Authorities to designate a committee as a crime and disorder committee with responsibility for the “responsible authorities” (CSP Partners). The Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee is the designated Committee to carry out this review annually.

Listed below are 13 questions which have been put together by Scrutiny Members to assist in carrying out their review of the work of the CSP.

Funding

1. Do you know how the 2018/19 funding levels will compare to 2017/18? How will this impact on the Community Safety Partnership?

Please consider the following issues as part of your response:

- Where does the funding come from?
- What other funding do you receive beside the Police & Crime Commissioner’s (PCC) Community Safety Grant?
- How is it spent?
- Is it all spent or is there any surplus that is carried over?

Efficiency

2. What are the latest statistics and trends in local crime and how do these compare to average crime levels at national/regional?

The committee notes that the annual refresh to the 2017-20 plan is not available at this stage and request that officers return to committee once we have moved in to the new municipal year and the revised plan is available.

Effectiveness

3. How effective do you feel the Performance Management Group is in evaluating the CSP? What processes are used to evaluate current approaches to partnership delivery?
4. How is the CSP identifying best practice approaches to safeguarding and the introduction of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)?
5. Does the CSP now have the best working arrangements in place to deal with the areas identified in question 4?

6. In our opinion we have always taken a good approach to partnership working and this has been recognised. How do you continue to learn from best practice in our 'most similar group' to ensure we maintain high standards on a national scale?
7. How does the CSP, working in partnership with Derbyshire Police, ensure that gain best value from the Partnership Sgt funded by the Police?
8. Is there an intention to increase the number of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) to further support the CSP and the Police?

Understanding local communities

9. How do you secure evidence to set local priorities from partners and local communities, outside of the data gathered via the strategic intelligence assessment?

Accountability

10. How are you currently engaging with the community via events, publications, or social media?

Any other questions

11. How is the CSP working with partners to address the impact of Universal Credit (UC) roll-out and cuts to support agencies, on the more vulnerable residents in our communities?
12. What do the CSP feel will be the emerging issues over the next 3 years of the plan?
13. Is there anything that the Scrutiny Committee can do to assist or support the work of the CSP over the next year?