

**To the Chair and Members of the
COMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

Drugs and Substance Misuse with a Particular Focus on Enforcement

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Pat Knight Lead Member for Health and Adult Social Care Councillor Joe Blackham Lead Member for Community Safety and Neighbourhoods, and Enforcement and Trading Standards.	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report introduces the presentation which gives an overview of Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership actions in relation to drugs and substance misuse with a particular focus on enforcement.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to consider and comment on the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership actions.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing

performance and developing policy. This is achieved through making robust recommendations, monitoring performance of council and external partners and reviewing issues outside the remit of the council that have an impact on the residents of the borough.

BACKGROUND

5. The Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel fulfils the role of the statutory Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee for Doncaster. The Police and Crime Panel was established with the statutory function to scrutinise and hold to account the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire.
6. At an informal meeting that was held on the 21st August 2014, Members of the Panel received an overview on Drugs and Substance Misuse. A request was then made for further information to be presented at a formal meeting of the Panel in their capacity as the Crime and Disorder Committee, in relation to drugs and substance misuse with a particular focus on enforcement. Officers from within Doncaster Council and South Yorkshire Police will deliver the presentation which is attached as an Appendix.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to discuss the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership actions in relation to drugs and substance misuse.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

8. There are no recommendations but the Panel can make comments following its discussion.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL’S KEY OBJECTIVES

	Priority	Implications
1	<p>We will support a strong economy where businesses can locate, grow and employ local people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster’s vital services</i> 	<p>Reducing crime and disorder is vitally important as the effects damage individuals, families and the wider community. The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership works alongside other local strategic groups such as the Safeguarding Children, Safeguarding Adults, and Health and Well Being Boards in order to make Doncaster a safer place to live work and visit.</p>
2	<p>We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent</p>	<p>In this way, the actions outlined in the presentation impact positively</p>

	<p>lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	<p>on Mayoral Priorities two, three and four. The actions of the Partnership around drugs and alcohol will help Doncaster thrive: helping drive down business crime, improving the economy, and enhancing the health and well-being of all residents.</p>
3	<p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
4	<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	
5	<p>We will deliver modern value for money services.</p>	
6	<p>We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.</p>	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. There are no risks and assumptions associated with this report

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006, as amended, requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions, and to make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of those functions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work overview and scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the council has complied with its public equality duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

13. Consultation has taken place with officers across other directorates and key partners on the content of this report.

This report has significant implications in terms of the following:

Procurement		Crime & Disorder	x
Human Resources		Human Rights & Equalities	
Buildings, Land and Occupiers		Environment & Sustainability	
ICT		Capital Programme	

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Background Papers:

15. Minutes from the informal meeting held on the 21st August 2014 by the Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

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