



Agenda

To all Members of the

COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Notice is given that a Meeting of the above Panel is to be held as follows:

Venue: Council Chamber, Floor 2, Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster

Date: Thursday, 25th November, 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

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1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the extent to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest, if any.
4. Minutes of the Community and Environment Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 11th October, 2021 (*Pages 1 - 8*)
5. Public Statements.
(A period not exceeding 20 minutes for statements from up to 5 members of the public on matters within the Panel's remit, proposing action(s) which may be considered or contribute towards the future development of the Panel's work programme).

A. Reports where the public and press may not be excluded.

6. Community Safety Strategy 2022 - 25 (*Pages 9 - 70*)
7. Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan and Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions (*Pages 71 - 84*)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair – Councillor Daniel Barwell
Vice-Chair – Councillor Nigel Cannings

Councillors James Church, Gemma Cobby, Julie Grace, Debbie Hutchinson, Emma Muddiman-Rawlins, Glynis Smith and Gary Stapleton

Invitee: Jim Board (UNISON)

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

MONDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 2021

A MEETING of the COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICE on MONDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 2021, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Daniel Barwell
Vice-Chair - Councillor Nigel Cannings

Councillors James Church, Gemma Cobby, Julie Grace, Debbie Hutchinson,
Emma Muddiman-Rawlins, Glynis Smith and Gary Stapleton

Union Representative: Jim Board (Unison)

DMBC

- Karen Shooter- Domestic Abuse Strategic Lead
- Bill Hotchkiss – Head of Service (Community Safety)
- Paul Evans – Drainage and Street Works Manager

EXTERNAL

- Mel Palin - Doncaster District Commander (South Yorkshire Police)

9 Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received.

10 To consider the extent to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.

None

11 Declarations of Interest, if any.

There were no declarations of interest made.

12 Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th July 2021

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th July 2021 be agreed as a true record.

13 Public Statements.

There were no public statements made.

The Panel received a report, which provided information about the new 2021-2024 Domestic Abuse Strategy. Members were told how the strategy sets out a coordinated community and whole family response to domestic abuse, ensuring that it was everyone's responsibility through clear objectives.

There was a discussion held and the following areas were highlighted;

Data/Victim Support - Clarification was sought on data from the report, that "during the 12 months from April 2020 to March 2021, South Yorkshire Police recorded 9,724 reported incidents of domestic abuse, 6,021 of these were recorded as a crime". It was questioned why 3,703 cases were not recorded as crime.

Members heard how early intervention and support was recognised as being very important in addressing domestic abuse. It was explained that as a country we also record non-crimes and that would mean when a domestic abuse incident occurred, if there was a recordable crime, for example, an assault, theft or harassment etc, a crime would be recorded and flagged as domestic abuse. It was continued that in the event the police attended a report of an incident, for example, reported from an argument from next door (and the relationships within that environment met that criteria), then that would be recorded a domestic abuse non-crime. It was explained that this would result in a referral being made which would then be recorded on the system and allow for further suitable actions to be undertaken accordingly. It was commented that more recently the proportion of crime to non-crime had moved more towards the crime side (partly due to legal changes that have been made to what is a crime).

Members were informed that during the pandemic there had been an increased reporting of domestic abuse, following more time being spent at home and with families, resulting in an increased requirement being placed on support services. It was commented that domestic abuse incidents were previously being prioritised through the court system, and as a result of the pandemic, there had been a delay with all cases and that balance needed to be addressed. It was recognised that the longer it takes for a case to be resolved then the harder it was for the victim.

Reference was made to front line services who might have been able to 'spot the signs' but as a result of the pandemic had not seen people (including children) as they normally would have. It was commented that following the pandemic, there may be an increase in referrals being made through the Domestic Abuse Hub through partner agencies. It was commented that most referrals to the Domestic Abuse Hub currently came from the Police or Children's Services.

Clare's Law - An explanation of Clare's Law was provided in terms of 'right to know' or 'right to ask' and what this meant in terms of the process. Members were informed that during Quarter 1, there had been 64 requests of 'right to know' and 30 requests of 'right to ask' which was a slight reduction on Quarter 4 of the previous year. It was outlined that when Clare's Law was originally launched there had been a great deal of publicity. At present, there was a domestic abuse campaign that was ran once a year, and there was always information on the main website (as well as other partner websites). It was added that there was a wider agency role where disclosures were requested through working with the family. In terms of 'right to inform', it was explained that there was a set criteria to provide sufficient information where the risk of domestic abuse may continue. It was outlined that it was about providing a picture so that the victim was able to make an informed decision and enable partner agencies to support that victim by putting protective measures in place.

Communication - In terms of advertising this information, Members were informed that steps were being taken to update the Domestic Abuse Strategy and website, (the latter contained information on such initiatives as the new perpetrator programme and SmartWater, services

and Clare's Law) which were continually being improved. Members were told about the Domestic Abuse Protocol (launched at a conference in November 2019) which was a key document for partner agencies on how to respond to incidents of domestic abuse and support both victims and offenders. Members heard that through the Domestic Abuse Act, Clare's Law would be placed on a statutory footing and at that point, there would be another campaign. It was commented that further publicity would be undertaken around Domestic Awareness month in October and the 25th November, which would be White Ribbon Day, centred around ending violence against women and girls. Members requested a copy of the communication plan.

Children and Young People – In terms of delivering Domestic Abuse/Healthy Relationships Education in schools across Doncaster's schools, it was explained that this was being undertaken as part of the curriculum. Members were informed that although this has been looked at, information was being waited on from Central Government to be reviewed and made more relevant for Doncaster. In the meantime, it was explained that a programme was in place for secondary schools, and there were peer-mentoring schemes and close working with the 'Youth Council' who were prioritising domestic abuse following the Make your Mark consultation.

It was noted that domestic abuse was not a criminal offence for children under 16. However, it was recognised that children did still enter into such relationships and therefore the Trust looked at referrals both for a growing number of children against parents in households and for children who were perpetrators against other children. Members were assured that steps would be taken to continue to carry out assessments and develop safety plans.

Family Support (Caring Dad Scheme) - Members heard how the Caring Dad Scheme was set up to assist perpetrators with changing behaviours although it was felt that there were limits on what could be achieved. It was recognised that the scheme was very effective for those who attended it voluntarily but less so for those who had been directed to attend it.

Awareness Raising - Members were told how there was a full communication plan in place that mapped out key events and campaigns throughout the year, that was in addition to communications undertaken through twitter and social media. Members were informed about the Community Engagement Worker, who engaged with communities and local businesses in order to raise awareness had received a positive response.

It was continued that both community members and business people had attended domestic abuse training. It was added that the domestic abuse website included a communities page that highlighted work being undertaken and encouraged others to come forward. It was acknowledged that it was about creating a culture where such abuse was not tolerated and that it was everyone's responsibility.

The Panel was told about Domestic Abuse champions who had undertaken Domestic Abuse training and were passionate about raising awareness, sharing information and ideas and finally by working together. Members heard about Domestic Abuse enamel badges and how at present there were 253 individuals wearing badges. It was continued how there were aspirations to increase that number before rolling out a communication campaign. It was hoped that those individuals could generate further self-referrals and early interventions for the victim as well as providing support for those concerned about their own behaviours.

The Panel was also informed about the recent employment of a Survivor Liaison worker, whose role it would be to help shape services and form an understanding from a victim's point of view, look at how to engage with services and where to go next; this was considered an excellent way forward for Doncaster.

Training - It was confirmed that not all of DMBC, St Leger and Doncaster Children's Trust staff had undertaken training around domestic abuse. It was explained that there was a full

domestic abuse programme available on the website, which was free to any organisation within Doncaster. The Panel heard how through the strategy and charter (which referenced 5 standards), contained a standard that was aimed at organisations to identify who needed training, at what level and ensure that they complete it. Reference was also made to work undertaken by the Council's Policy, Insight and Change team around referral pathways and process mapping, which had flagged up areas that needed further training and where training needed to be made mandatory. It was continued that St Leger Housing Doncaster was undertaking a Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance Accreditation Scheme, which incorporated the requirement to undertake domestic abuse training. Finally, a comprehensive list of training available was outlined alongside further courses to be included in the future.

It was explained that in terms of reporting domestic abuse, staff should consult the Domestic Abuse Protocol for advice about reporting on suspected domestic abuse through different referral pathways. It was noted that there was a new guidance was being developed for Doncaster Council staff to support victims who were suffering from domestic abuse and that encouragement was given to other organisations to do the same. It was clarified that the place to refer to was the Domestic Abuse Hub as the single point of contact and Members were assured that although a Council service, it worked closely with the Children's Hub, Phoenix Women's Aid and Riverside.

Phoenix WoMen's Aid - Clarification was provided that Phoenix WoMen's Aid was part of the Doncaster Domestic Abuse Hub as well as part of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Partnership and were regularly signposted to. It was explained that the Manager attends the partnership meetings and was involved in all partnership work. It was stated that the close working relationship could be demonstrated through the successful collaborative bid that had been previously submitted.

Funding and Accommodation - It was clarified that £732k funding had been received by the Council (not St Leger Housing Doncaster) from the government for statutory requirements placed on local authorities for one year. It was noted that with uncertainty around future funding, there was a challenge to commission services beyond one year. Regarding accommodation, Members were informed that work had been undertaken to review what stock was available in Doncaster. It was continued that conversations were taking place with the Domestic Abuse commissioner, Ministry of Housing and Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) around what Doncaster would like to see going forward. Members were assured that the authority was seeking to prevent victims of abuse spending long periods of time in Bed and Breakfast or hotel accommodation.

Domestic Abuse Charter - Members were informed the charter had been made more achievable for smaller organisations and businesses with 5 standards to evidence. It was explained that a full audit would not be undertaken but that evidence would still be required. It was acknowledged that some of larger statutory organisations may expect more than 5 standards. The Head of Service, Community Safety commented that the charter presented a fantastic way of raising awareness. It was added that the Health and Adult Social Care Directorate was currently working towards this and were appointing Domestic Abuse champions.

Members were informed that work was being undertaken alongside the Commissioning Team with care contracts, ensuring that conditions included that staff of organisations (commissioned by the Council) undertake the training. It was explained that there was a Community Engagement Worker engaging with businesses to make sure they had the necessary information. It was added that in terms of adult safeguarding, information had been shared with care companies. It was acknowledged that certain organisations employed a greater ratio of female staff and they were encouraged to adopt appropriate policies.

Future Pressures - It was hoped that going forward following the pandemic, reporting would increase against a decrease in level of harm, high-risk victims, perpetrators and children. It

was recognised that prior to Covid, further work needed to be done around recognising other types of abuse such as financial and emotional abuse as well as escalating behaviours.

It was acknowledged that changes around Universal Credit could increase pressures within the family and relationships. It was noted that it was important to focus on early intervention and prevention, before it reached crisis point and hoped that the work through strategy, charter, training and communication plan would help with addressing future pressures.

Performance reports - Members were told how domestic abuse was looked at alongside mental health concerns as well as alcohol and drug use. It was noted that more people had been referred to alcohol services during the pandemic.

RESOLVED: that the Panel supports the Domestic Abuse strategy.

15 Flood Risk Briefing and Update

The Panel received a presentation, which described the Borough's overall flood risk and provided an overview of the authority's winter readiness. Members received information about the challenges faced by the authority in delivering flood alleviations' schemes and specifically around the funding of those projects.

There was a discussion held and the following areas were highlighted;

Sand Bags – Regarding the shelf-life and turnover of sandbags, Members were informed that the Council now had hydro bags in stores as they lasted longer. It was noted that the supplier provided sand bags, which were turned over on a regular basis.

It was explained that the location of companies were in Branton and Thorne, and sandbags could also be dropped off at North Bridge. It was reported how at the last near miss event, there had been a 4 day waiting time to prepare. Members heard how the sandbags could be delivered to site so there was no problem in terms of connectivity or being locked in.

Built Environment – Members heard how ensuring that new build housing was not adding pressure to or being built on existing types of flood risks, that sustainable drainage had been brought into planning provision (following the 2007 floods and the Pitt Review) and therefore as part of the consultation for the application, the Council acted as a consultee. Members were assured that further new guidance was coming under planning but had not yet been released.

Members heard that following the 2019 floods, Defra had released a substantial amount of funding, providing £500 per property (Property Flood or Level Resilience) for a survey to be carried out to find out what the best resilience solutions were for that property to be protected. It was continued that a further £4,500 was made available as a grant to provide solutions although any remaining money would have to be found by the resident. The Panel was provided with information on the numbers of households who had followed through with the process and it was acknowledged that there were challenges such as some properties not wanting to engage with the process, some properties being rentals and also due to restrictions arising from the pandemic. Reference was made to the fact that some estates were made of generic houses and it was clarified that the process and guidelines set by Defra was based on the individual property.

The Chair requested that details of the scheme be sent out to Ward Members to help publicise the scheme.

Health Assessments – Regarding whether there had been a health assessment for residents who had been living in properties impacted by the floods, Members were advised that a response would be sought from colleagues in Public Health.

Resources – Further to an enquiry around how many registered and trained volunteer Flood Wardens were operational, Members were informed that it was a function of the Local Environment Agency (LEA) who administered the scheme. The Drainage and Street Works Manager offered to provide this information to Members outside of the meeting.

In terms of employment within the Flood Risk Team, it was explained that at the point of the 2019 floods, that there were 5 members of staff. Following that event, the structure of the team and the budget were reconsidered to expand the capacity of the team to 12 members of staff. Members heard how the team was split into 2 which consisted of Drainage Maintenance Team (dealing with surface water) and the Flood Risk Team (dealing with larger schemes). It was noted that the full 12 members had never been fully recruited (currently operating at around 10/11) which was possibly due to less competitive salaries being offered compared to other authorities and organisations. It was acknowledged that there were challenges with recruiting engineers. It was estimated that there was around 10 experienced Flood Liaison Officers.

Reference was made to a Panel Members own experience of the flood events, the type of response it had been felt had been provided as a Council and what had or hadn't been learnt from the previous floods. The Drainage and Street Works Manager spoke about changes that had taken place following each flood event and the circumstances some of which were outside the authority's control. Members were reminded that the authority was not an emergency response organisation and assurances were provided that the Council's own employees would not be put at risk by entering flood waters. It was suggested that Members may benefit and develop a better understanding from observing a scenario in operation, by contacting the Emergency Planning Team. Reference was made to the preparation that had taken place in February 2021 and what could be achieved with notice.

Later in the meeting, the union representative sought information about staff members entering flood waters.

Members were informed that with the 2019 floods, the Council had been more reactive due to the late forecast. The Panel was told that all residents were able to register with the Environmental Agency (EA) warning system, which would advise of risk of flooding based on postcodes and provide updates. It was recognised that there was better information and communication in place with the Near Miss event in 2021. It was commented that it would be helpful for engineers and residents in Bentley if there were flood warnings in place.

Community Engagement for Newly Elected Ward Members – Reference was made to the planned community engagement that took place during October 2020 and it was asked whether this would be repeated for new Ward Members. The Panel was informed that the last report identified all the community areas and highlighted all the work that had been undertaken such as gully cleansing, watercourse clearing, sandbag removal and emergency work done on repairs. It was explained that the Council was now at a point where schemes were now being undertaken, and the intention was to set out a list of all the schemes in the different areas, the amount of allocated funding that has been secured and finally funding gap for each area and flood alleviation schemes. Members were told that rather than area-based consultation, there would be scheme-by-scheme consultation through meeting with representatives from localised flood groups to discuss Council plans. It was added that this would be reflective of how communication and consultation would be handled going forward. It was commented that there were no plans around doing something specific such as through the newsletters although it was felt there was potential to consolidate that.

RESOLVED that the Panel notes the information provided.

16 Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan and the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Senior Governance Officer presented the Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan report for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan for 2021/2022 be approved; and
2. The Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions, be noted.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____

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Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 25th November 2021

To the Chair and Members of the
Community & Environment Scrutiny Panel

COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2022 - 25

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Rachael Blake	All	Yes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides an update regarding the 2022-25 Community Safety Strategy. The Strategy is a statutory plan which requires endorsement by Council but is produced and owned by the multi-agency Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP), acting as Doncaster's Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The SSDP has a legal duty to work together to: tackle crime and disorder, including serious and organised crime; reduce re-offending; tackle anti-social behaviour and to tackle alcohol and substance misuse. The SSDP has a wider remit to address any other behaviour which has a negative effect on the local environment, and to produce a plan outlining how this will be achieved.
2. In Doncaster this plan is known as the Community Safety Strategy which is produced every 4 years and refreshed annually. The Strategy has been produced following consultation in respect of the partnership priorities and includes a summary of key achievements and outcomes we are seeking to achieve with, and for, the people of Doncaster. The Strategy and accompanying Delivery Plan also gives an overview of how we plan to address these priorities.

EXEMPT REPORT

3. This is not an exempt report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Members of the Community & Environment Scrutiny Panel are asked to comment on and endorse the content of the Community Safety Strategy 2022-25.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

5. The review of the Community Safety Strategy ensures the priorities remain relevant and responsive to important issues for citizens and the borough, for the next 4 years. The public consultation process has been far-reaching with responses being welcomed from residents; elected members; community groups; the youth council; key partners; staff and businesses across the Borough. Communications have also been publicised in a variety of forums including Council social media platforms; Directorate newsletters; Chief Executive blog; Voluntary Action Doncaster newsletter and the Doncaster Talking Newspaper.
6. The survey has been offered in alternative formats, including braille, and alternative methods of consultation have also been offered, to help reach new and emerging communities and harder to reach groups. An 'Easy Read' version of the strategy will also be produced and launched alongside the full document.

BACKGROUND

7. The content of the Community Safety Strategy has been identified through cross referencing the data captured within the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment and through a robust and comprehensive process of community consultation.
8. This consultation has identified that the strategic current priorities should remain, as they continue to meet the needs of residents and Partners, but has identified a number of emerging issues, which are reflected in the strategy and delivery plan.
9. The strategic priorities reflected within the strategy are:
 - Tackling Domestic and Sexual Abuse
 - Reducing anti-social behaviour
 - Reducing crime & re-offending
 - Tackling serious & organised crime
 - Reducing substance & alcohol misuse
 - Reducing violence and violent crime
10. This strategy will result in closer partnership working in respect of the identified priorities and will have a positive impact on the citizens of Doncaster who will see improved outcomes in terms of feeling safer; being safer and getting the support they need with access to improved services. We will also be taking a strong enforcement approach to reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse, supported by early intervention and prevention, stopping issues from escalating at an early stage and targeting resources where they are most needed.
11. Crime reduction and community safety are not the sole responsibility of any one agency, organisation or group and it is important that we draw together all agencies and communities in a joint agenda to combine our shared resources, creativity and effort within a common framework and plan. This plan is owned by all agencies within the Partnership and the Community Safety Strategy provides an outline of this work and importantly how we as a partnership set out our ambitions to address local issues, whilst recognising the needs of our communities.

12. The results of the community consultation are encouraging and demonstrate that in general, residents feel safe in Doncaster. When asked about the crime and disorder themes that were most important, results indicated a relatively even priority across the strategic priorities detailed above. However, reducing anti-social behaviour accounted for 88.37% of the community safety themes most important to those surveyed.
13. When asked what could be done to improve the partnership and its services, responses included: more visible presence from officers within communities/neighbourhoods; simpler and faster Police reporting services; increased engagement with young people; increased support for offenders; closer working with community organisations; improved communications/social media presence; targeted work in hotspot areas; increased CCTV coverage; better support for victims of crime; additional resources for outlying areas. These areas will remain a focus for the SSDP in the forthcoming year and we will be examining how all partners can increase visibility and our response to incidents.
14. It must be recognised that the strategy does not seek to describe all the activities undertaken by each of the partners involved in community safety but highlights the key priorities for the partnership for the next 4 years. It also does not duplicate the work delivered through other structures such as children's and adult safeguarding. In each of the priority areas the community safety strategy is underpinned by a dedicated strategy and delivery plan to drive activity in that area.
15. An overview of each of the strategic themes and a summary of their respective key achievements are detailed below.

Overarching Principle: Leaving Nobody Behind

16. Some people are more at risk than others in our communities, perhaps because of their age, disability, ethnicity or other distinguishing characteristics that can link to increased vulnerability.
17. For children and young people, and for adults with care and support needs, cross-cutting work is delivered through other structures including the Children's Safeguarding Partnership and the Adult Safeguarding board. Each of these structures has their own priorities and strategies supporting. The Community Safety Strategy will not seek to duplicate their work here.
18. However, ensuring we engage with and support people who are at higher potential risk than others is a key overarching principle which runs as a cross-cutting theme throughout the partnership structure. Understanding and addressing vulnerability was identified as a key issue in the consultation process informing this strategy, resulting in the ongoing commitment to deliver improved services to communities across Doncaster.
19. Having also considered the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, there are some key areas that have been considered and included, as detailed within each of the priority group sections and Delivery Plan. Overall, through the Strategy and accompanying actions we will show our commitment to equality and good outcomes for all Doncaster people, regardless of situation or background.

Tackling Domestic & Sexual Abuse

20. During the pandemic increases have been seen particularly in the reporting of domestic abuse. People seeking support has also increased. This is not surprising since families have been spending more time together which increases the time victims are spending with their perpetrators, whilst also being impacted by the wider stresses of life. A new domestic abuse strategy for 2021-2024 has been developed following extensive consultation with communities, survivors and practitioners. This will be closely followed by a new sexual abuse strategy.
21. The new domestic abuse strategy builds on the extensive work already undertaken and reemphasises that domestic abuse is everyone's responsibility and that it will only be tackled by everyone working together. There is improved collaboration with survivors of domestic abuse and a strong commitment to learning from their experiences. The strategy seeks to provide support for victims, survivors, children and young people that have been affected by domestic abuse as well as promoting trauma informed practice to understand and address offending behaviour.

22. Key Achievements:

- A co-ordinated response to prevention, early identification and intervention work for victims and perpetrators that ensure compliance with the statutory requirements in the Domestic Abuse Bill and a desire to strive for excellence.
- Established Doncaster Domestic Abuse Hub to provide a single point of contact for victims of domestic abuse to access information and support.
- Funding from Doncaster Council, the Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit and the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership to tackle domestic abuse.
- Funding secured to support statutory requirements on the Local Authority to produce a needs assessment and strategy to tackle domestic abuse, as well as provide safe accommodation and secure tenancies for victims.
- Established senior officer group to oversee continuous improvement in delivery of Domestic Abuse practice across the partnership

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

23. It can be seen from the consultation undertaken that anti-social behaviour is the area that most respondents were concerned about. It is likely that this is due to anti-social behaviour affecting more people on a daily basis than the other priorities and it being more visible to the wider community.
24. Anti-social behaviour impacts on community resilience and people's quality of life often impacting day after day. Anti-social behaviour plays a significant role within the localities-based approach which seeks to improve our communities.
25. Recognising the feedback from communities is important for the partnership, in particular improving confidence in reporting anti-social behaviour, updating the public on our actions and increasing visibility of partnership resources in those areas affected by anti-social behaviour. Some of these actions will form part of our Rapid Improvement Plan and from this we will communicate with the public the improvements and successes that have been achieved.

26. As a Partnership we have invested heavily in CCTV to tackle anti-social behaviour, both in terms of providing reassurance and using footage to support prosecutions. Over the last 3 years we have expanded our CCTV network in Doncaster using capital funding and Government Safer Streets funding to expand our networks and benefit more Communities across Doncaster.

27. The monitoring of CCTV has also improved and we are now more productive in terms of active enforcement, seeing a large increase in footage being used as evidence in fly-tipping prosecutions and combating other forms of anti-social behaviour.

28. Key Achievements:

- Increased the deployment of the dedicated SYP Off Road Bike Team resources. as part of our response to off-road bikes in key areas affected by this issue.
- Implemented successful plans around tyre burning and fly tipping across the borough in partnership with the Fire service.
- Using Fire data around deliberate and secondary fires, we have developed a mechanism to improve the response to this issue by targeting resources into the area affected and developing early intervention and prevention plans.
- Developed new ways of engaging with young people during lockdown via social media platforms and targeted detached youth work.
- Monitored hate crimes and incidents across Doncaster to ensure an effective multi-agency response to reports, monitored patterns and trends to determine areas of higher activity and an appropriate response.
- Improved the multi-agency processes to monitor and respond to community tensions across the Borough. The Doncaster model continues to be widely regarded as one of the most positive examples of tension monitoring, which includes inputs from Elected Members, key partners and neighbourhoods.
- Significant capital investment in CCTV across the Borough to improve public realm and re-deployable CCTV, which can be used to tackle anti-social behaviour through reassurance, proactive monitoring and improved evidence gathering capability.
- Instigated a campaign to lobby the Home Office for a change in legislation to tackle nuisance off road motorbikes and quad bikes used in organised crime.

Reducing Crime And Reoffending

29. The partnerships ability to reduce reoffending relies heavily on strong multi-agency working. This helps us to share information and resources to unblock barriers, reduce reoffending and reduce harm to victims. Reducing crime, the fear of crime and reducing re-offending are inextricably linked. Representatives from many agencies including the Council, Police, Probation Service, business sector and the voluntary/community sector work collectively to tackle the root causes of crime and re-offending. This collective effort drawing on best practice, resource and expertise to rehabilitate offenders will contribute to reducing the fear of crime and the impact in our communities.

30. Managing repeat offenders remains a key priority. A high number of offences are committed by a very small group of individuals, termed Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPOs). The model of Integrated Offender Management (IOM) is used in the management of offenders. This model brings together all agencies, including police, probation, local authority, substance misuse treatment services and a range of third sector providers, to reduce reoffending through the targeted management of youth and adult offenders.

31. Key Achievements:

- Significant reductions in the number of Serious Acquisitive Crime offences.
- Low rates of reoffending in young people as first-time entrants into the criminal justice system.
- Using crime pattern analysis, developed local responses to increased levels of crime, which has led to the deployment of additional resources into areas leading to the arrest and conviction of prolific offenders.
- Using the Integrated Offender Management process to prioritise the management of the highest risk and most prolific offenders, leading to increased focus on offenders who present the greatest harm to victims.
- Successful deployment of Smartwater into residential areas affected by high levels of residential burglary leading to improved reassurance of victims and a deterrent to offenders.

Tackling Serious And Organised Crime

32. Serious and organised crime has a significant impact on communities especially in relation to peoples fear of crime. Organised crime impacts significantly on young and vulnerable people whether through exploitation or on young people's future ambitions. Much organised crime also relates to drug supply which further impacts on wider offending. Often reinforcement of organised crime involves the use of high levels of violence.

33. Though this often takes place between those involved in organised crime, it also impacts on the broader community. In order to deliver a partnership response, the serious and organised crime theme group brings together a number of key partners working to a strategy based around the 4 themes of prevent, protect, pursue and prepare.

34. Key Achievements:

- Carried out targeted interventions against geographically based organised crime groups. Achieved significant custodial sentences against mapped OCG members, which equates to combined sentencing of 90+ years imprisonment.
- January-March 2021 seized 5 criminally held firearms, recovered £64,325 in cash, executed 18 warrants, recovered significant quantities of drugs.
- During 2020 carried out in excess of 30 partnership interventions to disrupt organised crime activities.
- Undertaken several high-profile publicity campaigns with crimestoppers, using a blend of social media, posters and ad-vans in one area alone this led to a 20% increase in reports.
- Held a targeted 'day of action' operation to disrupt OCG activity, leading to the recovery of 500 cannabis plants, £40k in cash and 8 arrests.
- Expanded our terms of reference to include work to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking, being aware this is a vastly under-reported problem.
- Built upon our multi-agency arrangements to respond to all aspects of the prevent agenda, providing support services to those who may be vulnerable to radicalisation.

Reducing Substance And Alcohol Misuse

35. Substance and alcohol misuse impacts on all of the key priorities within the Community Safety Strategy. It is fair to say that reductions in peoples misuse of substances would significantly impact not only on crime and anti-social behaviour but would also lead to healthier relationships, more productive futures, improved individual wellbeing and better outcomes for children, families and communities. There is also an impact on economic cost to Doncaster from lost productivity and cost to health, social care and the criminal justice system.
36. Doncaster has higher than national average rates of alcohol related hospital admissions, which makes significant demands on the hospital and creates a major cost pressure on the local health system. Costs to the local health economy is estimated £17.2m each year.
37. As alcohol and drug misuse are often symptoms of complex underlying factors, Doncaster partner agencies support individuals to overcome stigma and embark on their own recovery journeys, to live substance misuse free lives. This includes supporting the annual Recovery Games in Doncaster, which is a nationally and internationally recognised event.
38. The Substance Misuse Theme Group is a multi- agency group of professionals which tackles the health and crime impacts of substance misuse through the development and performance management of an integrated substance misuse plan for the Partnership. The effectiveness of the drug / alcohol treatment and care system is monitored against the 2021-24 treatment plan, which oversees actions relating to Public Health and Police and Crime Commissioner funds. These funds are invested to address addiction and substance misuse related offending, by the delivery of an integrated range of addiction services.
39. Key Achievements:
 - Secured additional resources from Public Health England and the local Public Health Allocation to further develop inpatient detoxification, criminal justice treatment services, family/ parental interventions and early interventions for alcohol.
 - Increased public awareness and knowledge about the harm caused by alcohol and drugs.
 - Identified and supported people who want to change their alcohol and/or drug using behaviour.
 - Reduced the availability of illegal drugs and the inappropriate use of alcohol and other legal substances.

Reducing Violence And Violent Crime

40. Reducing violence and violent crime, including that linked to the night-time economy crime is a cross-cutting theme and priority for the partnership. The South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (SYVRU) was established in August 2019 to develop the South Yorkshire-wide public health approach to tackling violent crime and is supporting this theme with a dedicated Partnership Manager working directly with the SSDP.

41. SYVRU activity supports a multi-agency, public health approach to preventing and tackling violence which is embedded and delivered locally and Community Safety Partnerships are the agreed lead mechanism for local delivery. The SYVRU look at the causes of violence and work with partners to stop violence before it starts, halts its progression once its already begun and provide ways out for people already entrenched in violent behaviour.

42. Key Achievements:

- Gap analysis completed, based on information from the SYVRU area profile and survey analysis, as well as local knowledge.
- A working Local area action plan created linked to SSDP and SYVRU priorities.
- Funded and supported the development of initiatives such as One of a Kind family Domestic Abuse programme.
- Ensure referral mechanisms are in place and utilised to support programmes that offer ways out of crime i.e. Plan-B Navigator custody programme.
- Undertaken work with the youth council in relation to tackling knife crime.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

43. The following options were considered:

- To not produce a Community Safety Strategy – this would mean that the Council are not complying with legal requirements;
- To produce a new Community Safety Strategy – enables the Council and partners to meet statutory requirements as well as focus partnership priorities over the coming years on issues that matter to the community and are based on evidence of needs.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

44. There is a statutory requirement to produce a local plan setting out how the Council and its partners are working together to tackle crime and disorder; reduce re-offending; tackle anti-social behaviour; tackle alcohol and substance misuse, and tackle any other behaviour which has a negative effect on the local environment.

45. The Community Safety Strategy meets this requirement and will inform the Local Authority’s priorities and ensure the service meets the requirements for all Communities within the Borough.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL’S KEY OUTCOMES

46.

	Outcomes	Implications
1.	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	<p>The priorities within the Community Safety Strategy, particularly those of reducing crime (including serious and organised crime), anti-social behaviour and re-offending will help support the economy and businesses within the Borough to flourish and attract new investment.</p>

2.	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	<p>It is important that residents feel safe within Communities and key areas such as the Town Centre.</p> <p>Residents who feel part of vibrant communities are more likely to enjoy spending living and spending time in these areas.</p>
3.	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school. • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better. • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	<p>The Partnership works closely with the Doncaster Youth Council in respect of Community Safety campaigns and initiatives to provide greater engagement and experience.</p>
4.	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	<p>Delivery of the Community Safety priorities contributes to the improved safeguarding of all residents.</p> <p>Many of our priorities have a direct impact on families and vulnerable individuals.</p>
5.	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	<p>The services provided as outlined within the Strategy are reviewed to ensure they are efficient, effective and deliver value for money. This includes working in Partnership with other agencies to tackle cross cutting issues in a co-ordinated way.</p> <p>The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership provides strong and effective leadership to the Partnership agenda through effective governance.</p>

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

47. The main risk to the delivery of this strategy would be pressures upon partnership resources and the ability to remain focused on the priorities identified. This will be addressed through regular discussions with partners and strong performance management.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (Initials: NC 25.08.21)

48. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, places a duty on local authorities, the Police and other partners to exercise their functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder (including anti-social behavior and other behavior adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and re-offending in its area.

49. Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the local authority and the other responsible authorities forming the SSDP to formulate and implement a strategy for:

- (i) the reduction of crime and disorder in their area (including anti-social behavior and other behavior adversely affecting the local environment);
- (ii) combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area; and
- (iii) the reduction of re-offending in the area.

50. The Community Safety Strategy forms part of the Council's Policy Framework and therefore the adoption or modification of the strategy is a decision for full Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Initials: HR 25.08.21)

51. There are no specific financial implications arising as a result of this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Initials: EL 26.08.21)

52. There are no specific Human Resource implications within this report. However, through implementation of the Strategy, should any staffing resources be identified these must be coordinated through Human Resources and be established and recruited to in line with the relevant policies and procedures.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS (Initials: PW 31.08.21)

53. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report. Any technology requirements to support the delivery of the strategy and accompanying delivery plan should be discussed at the earliest opportunity with Digital and ICT, with a further report for consideration by the Technology Governance Board (TGB), where applicable.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS (Initials: HC 24.08.21)

54. The strategy will reduce the harms of crime on individuals and communities, and particularly address therefore the associated health inequalities of vulnerable people, and the wider public.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

55. A Due Regard Statement accompanies the Community Safety Strategy 2022-25.

CONSULTATION

56. 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	

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Community Safety Strategy 2022-25
Due Regard Statement

ACRONYMS LIST

SSDP	Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
SYP	South Yorkshire Police
PPOs	Prolific and Priority Offenders
IOM	Integrated Offender Management
OCG	Organised Crime Group
SYVRU	South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit
TGB	Technology Governance Board

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The Doncaster Community Safety Partnership is pleased to present our four-year Community Safety Strategy for 2022-2025.

The strategy outlines our priorities for the next 4 years and how we as a partnership will deliver a service to address them. Our priorities are:

- Tackling domestic and sexual abuse
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Reducing crime and re-offending
- Tackling serious and organised crime
- Reducing substance and alcohol misuse
- Reducing violence and violent crime

It is important that we acknowledge the impact COVID-19 has had. The pandemic has affected the way we all live our lives. It has also meant that the way we deliver services has changed significantly.

As a partnership we have continued to deliver services throughout the pandemic. We have adapted, finding new ways of working in changing environments whilst also absorbing daily challenges and risk. I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the resilience and dedication of our services.

Now we look forward to reintroducing the face to face contact that has been missed, and also embracing the learning and efficient practices developed in the midst of the most challenging working conditions many of us have ever experienced.

It is difficult to assess crime and antisocial behaviour over the last 18 months as trends have changed so much during the pandemic. There has been a small decrease in crime and significant fluctuations in antisocial behaviour.

It is recognised that there will always be an element of under reporting and that this occurs for a number of reasons. We welcome the feedback from our communities and acknowledge their comments about how they sometimes find difficulties in reporting.

We are committed to improving the confidence of the public including their ability and willingness to report.

We have seen an increase in demand in relation to domestic abuse and safeguarding services. It is encouraging to note that there is a renewed national focus on tackling violence against women and girls.

Over the last year there have been several incidents relating to organised criminality in Doncaster. This impacts not only those involved directly, but also the wider community. We are committed to tackling organised crime by investing resources in this area and protecting vulnerable young people from being exploited.

Demand in relation to supporting people with complex needs and dependencies has grown. Some of these individuals and their behaviour can lead to wider concern, with antisocial behaviour and the confidence of those who live and work in our communities affected. As a partnership we continue to seek bespoke solutions to meet the needs of these individuals whilst also challenging inappropriate behaviours.

As we deliver our new Community Safety Strategy, we will work hard to maximise our effectiveness as a partnership. We will tackle not only the obvious impact, but also the underlying issues which drive crime and disorder within our neighbourhoods. We understand that the ability to report concerns in relation to crime and disorder issues is important, as well as our response to these issues, providing communities with the confidence that we take these concerns seriously and importantly provide feedback on the actions that we have taken. Our communities can be assured that as a partnership we will do all we can to build a safer, stronger, and more confident Doncaster.



Melanie Palin

Chief Superintendent, Doncaster District Commander,
Doncaster Community Safety Partnership Chair

As the elected member responsible for oversight of Community Safety in Doncaster, I am delighted to endorse this strategy.



Councillor Rachael Blake

Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care,
Communities and Equalities

It is the result of a well informed and proactive partnership approach; utilising our intelligence assessments to better understand the needs of our communities and consulting with residents; professionals and partners.

It is a continuation of the multi-agency crime reduction work that has been happening locally for many years.

As a partnership, we recognise that Doncaster people experience community safety in different ways, depending on their own individual situations and circumstances. We will continue to work with all our communities to recognise and address their needs, to help build community confidence in agencies to respond to concerns and to tackle inequality. We are committed to the belief that everybody in Doncaster has the right to be safe and to feel safe.

At a time when all agencies are experiencing increased pressures and demands for services, we will continue to be ambitious and proactive in our approaches to tackling all forms of crime and disorder, recognising the damaging effect these experiences can have on victims and communities.

Together with colleagues across the partnership, I will ensure that this strategy drives forward improvements in the reduction of crime and disorder; responses to victims and their families, and efforts to hold perpetrators to account.

Our communities can be assured that as a partnership we will do all we can to build a safer, stronger, and more confident Doncaster.

Thank you,
Rachael

Key facts about crime in Doncaster

4.5% DECREASE

in overall crime during 2020 compared to 2019.

The RethinkYourDrink campaign has been funded by Public Health for another year, with a focus on messages for those aged 50+. An Alcohol Alliance has been formed in Doncaster to reduce alcohol related harm.



Operations against Organised Criminal Groups (OCGs) in Doncaster have continued throughout Covid restrictions with some significant successes. The majority of OCG criminality is drug related.

10.9% INCREASE

in ASB during 2020. The highest number of reports related to nuisance off-road bikes/quads; nuisance neighbours and rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour.

7497

incidents of domestic abuse were reported to South Yorkshire Police in 2020.

Domestic abuse is one of the 16 South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Priorities.

The Violence Reduction action plan for 2021/22 has been drafted with focus on the night-time economy, violence and young people (both as victims and perpetrators) and delivering a trauma informed approach.

The Covid Pandemic

Since March 2020, we have worked hard to respond to the demands of the Covid pandemic and have continued to operate as a partnership.

We have significantly changed the way we deliver our services whilst continuing to respond to challenges and risks.

We have continued to support the most vulnerable people in our communities, with an increase in demand in relation to domestic abuse and safeguarding services.

We have experienced changes in reported crime and anti-social behaviour patterns and acknowledge there is a degree of under-reporting which may not reflect the true impact of these issues in our communities. Therefore, we will strive to improve our reporting and communication mechanisms with the public, recognising the damaging effect these experiences can have on victims and communities.

We have embraced the learning that Covid has created and are looking forward to reintroducing face-to-face contact with our communities.

CORONAVIRUS

PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR COMMUNITY

Community safety in Doncaster

– a partnership approach

In Doncaster, we have an established Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) that has worked successfully, for over twenty years, in a collective effort to make Doncaster a safer place to live, work and visit.

Its primary role is to set the strategic direction of work to reduce crime, disorder, the fear of crime, drug and alcohol misuse and to build strong and resilient communities and families in Doncaster.

The SSDP is made up of statutory and non-statutory partners and responsible authorities who share a collective duty through the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work together to develop and implement local crime reduction strategies. The partnership is accountable for the delivery of numerous strategies, including the Community Safety Strategy; the Drug and Alcohol Strategy; the Youth Justice Plan; the Domestic Abuse Strategy; the Sexual Abuse Strategy and Domestic Homicide reviews.

The overarching Community Safety Strategy is one of several key strategies that will support the delivery of the Borough Strategy and achievement of our collective wellbeing goals.

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership works to 6 strategic priorities, underpinned by 5 strategic 'theme groups' and a violence reduction cross-cutting theme, to tackle issues across the full crime and disorder spectrum. The 6 strategic priorities are:

- Tackling domestic and sexual abuse
- Reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- Reducing crime & re-offending
- Tackling serious & organised crime
- Reducing substance & alcohol misuse
- Reducing violence and violent crime

The SSDP is made up of statutory and non-statutory partners and responsible authorities, a full list of members can be found below:

- Doncaster Council
- Doncaster Children's Services Trust
- South Yorkshire Police
- South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit
- The Probation Service
- South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
- South Yorkshire Fire Authority
- Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group
- Public Health Doncaster
- St Leger Homes
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Doncaster Prisons Representation
- South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board
- Elected Members and Portfolio Holders

The SSDP also has close links to other Partnership Boards, including the Safeguarding Board which incorporates safeguarding issues for both children and adults and the Health and Well-Being Board, which has shared agendas around Domestic and Sexual Abuse, substance misuse and mental health. This strategy does not aim to repeat the content of other strategies covering these agendas.

In addition to the established local links described above, there are also strong partnership arrangements in place across the 4 Community Safety Partnerships in South Yorkshire, to support cross-area work and share good practice.

Local Solutions for People and Places

How Doncaster people experience community safety will be greatly determined by their own individual situations, including where they live and where they go in the Borough. Different towns, villages and neighbourhoods contain different strengths, histories and concerns.

Our Community Safety Strategy is sensitive to this. The organisations within the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership will work with all of our Doncaster communities according to their individual needs, building on their strengths and listening to the experiences and ideas of local people. We will also work to address inequalities between different areas, recognising that everybody in Doncaster, whatever their age, background or address, has the right to be safe and to feel safe.

We will actively engage with local people and businesses to understand what matters to them. Our aim is to strengthen and improve existing reporting mechanisms to make it easier for the public and businesses to raise issues which need to be addressed. We will build on existing media channels to raise awareness of how to report, ensuring that there are timely feedback processes in place.

We acknowledge the feedback raised as part of the consultation process and recognise that building confidence and assurance is critical. Strengthening relationships and connections with local people through community engagement mechanisms will be a key area of focus for the partnership.

As a partnership we will strive to continually improve public experience through actively listening and engaging with people in communities to gain a true picture of crime and disorder and importantly those with 'lived experience', ensuring that the concerns being raised are responded to and that people are kept informed.

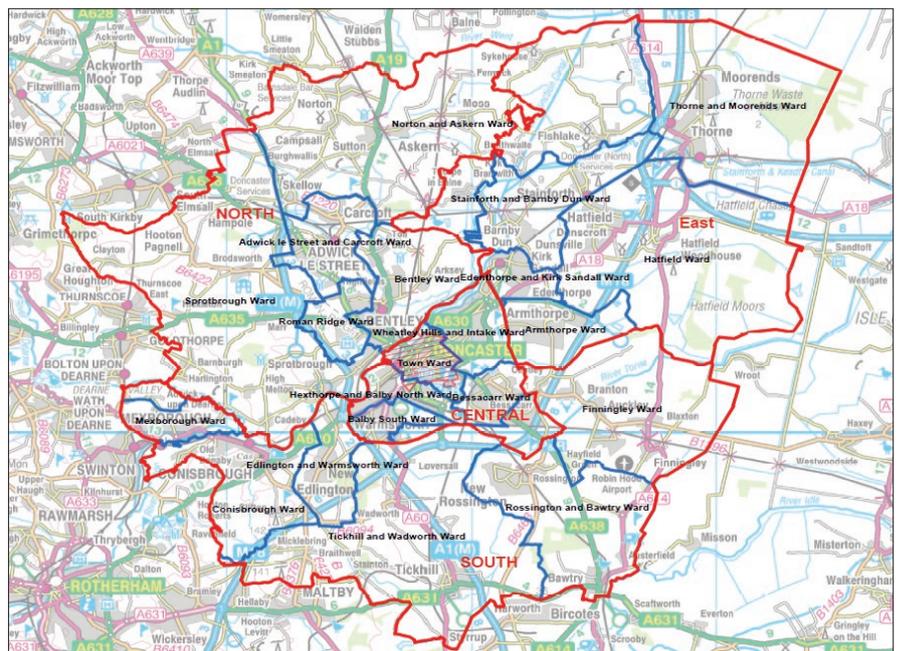
As part of the locality model, we will support communities to identify their priorities and to put in place actions that help them build on opportunities and address gaps.

We will make sure these local priorities and actions to increase community safety across different Doncaster neighbourhoods are prominent in the Locality Plans that Team Doncaster partners are putting together. The boundaries of the North, East, South and Central localities are set out below.

These plans will be produced with actions tailored to each Locality that will start in April 2022. Just as the Community Safety Strategy will set out the standards and actions required across the whole of the Borough; the Locality Plans will tailor specific actions to the expressed needs of local communities.

To help address inequality, the SSDP also works closely with the local Independent Advisory Group (IAG) to help build further insight into the needs and wants of groups who may be under-represented across our communities. This insight helps us to further shape our services for the benefit of all our communities and helps to increase trust and confidence.

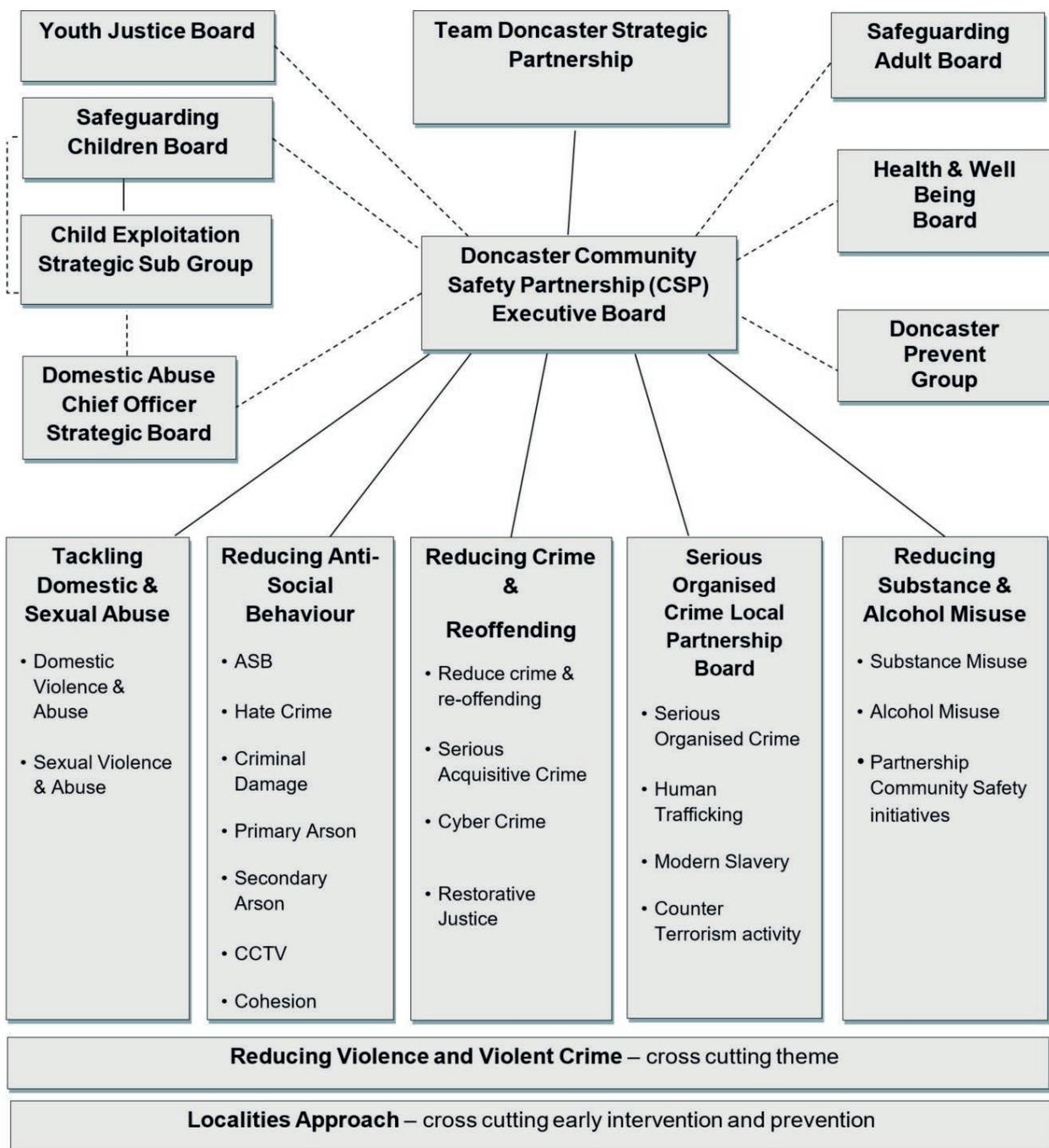
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Aims

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a duty on the Police and Local Authorities to work together with key partners and organisations to develop and implement local crime reduction strategies. The act states that before developing such strategies, it is important to identify key local crime and disorder priorities through consultation and by analysing crime and disorder levels and patterns in the area.

The below diagram illustrates how the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership links to other delivery structures.



Team Doncaster

– our vision for the town

Local strategic context

A revised Doncaster Borough Strategy – ‘Doncaster Delivering Together’ (DDT), is being launched in 2021. It will build upon the successes of the Doncaster Growing Together Plan and focus on improving the wellbeing of everyone in the borough over the next 10 years, whilst ensuring that we leave a better place for future generations. It is a strategy for everyone who has a stake in Doncaster’s future.

It has **one** central mission:

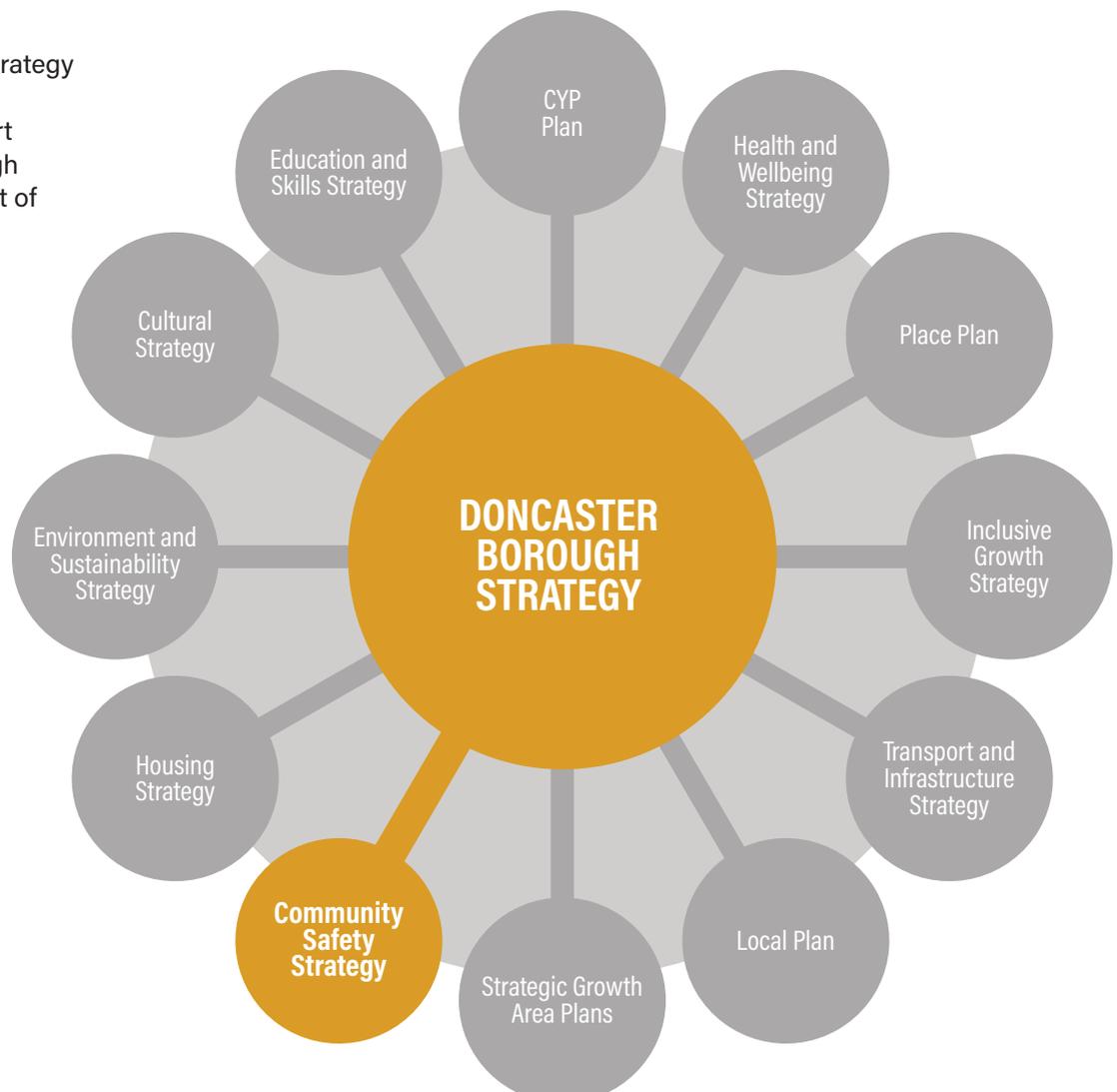
- Thriving People, Places & Planet.

Delivering DDT will require closer working with communities, new approaches, shared responsibilities, a ‘whole-system’ perspective, better use of data and knowledge and a more regenerative approach to development.

There are **six** wellbeing goals to work towards:

- Greener & Cleaner Doncaster
- Fair & Inclusive Doncaster
- Prosperous & Connected Doncaster
- Safe & Resilient Doncaster
- Healthy & Compassionate Doncaster
- Skilled & Creative Doncaster

The Community Safety Strategy is just one of several key strategies that will support the delivery of the Borough Strategy and achievement of the wellbeing goals.



The Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment

To ensure that the Partnership is proactive and well informed, we carry out an annual Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment in order to review existing priorities and identify any new or emerging priorities that the Partnership should focus on.

We are mindful that the JSIA is largely based upon reported crimes and incidents and with many of the key issues there is a degree of under-reporting, which we have taken into account as part of the analysis of this data. We have sought to cross-reference the JSIA with other assessments which include the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Community Safety Strategy consultation findings.

The Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) recommends what the strategic priorities for the Safer Doncaster Partnership should be, based on the evidence provided. Below are summaries of the key issues identified from the JSIA.



Domestic Abuse

Increased reports of domestic abuse, domestic homicide is a UK emerging risk



Child Exploitation

Small increase in reported child exploitation.



Cannabis Cultivation

Identified emerging issue across the region, linked to organised criminality



Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Reported rises in rowdy / inconsiderate behaviour particularly during lockdown periods



Fly Tipping

One of the highest categories of reported incidents. Significant increased incidents of fly tipping during the covid pandemic



Violent Crime

High levels of recorded crime, often linked to organised criminality



Cyber Crime

Significant increase in reported cyber-crime, particularly fraud



Organised Crime

The majority of organised criminal activity is driven by drug supply and involves coercion, violence and intimidation



Acquisitive Crime

Increased reports of burglary, particular focus remains on tackling domestic burglary



Violence Against Women and Girls

Encouraging to note a renewed national focus on tackling Violence against Women and Girls



Sexual Offences

Small increase in reported sexual offences, including domestic offences and online offending.



Nuisance Vehicles

Nuisance motor vehicles including motorcycles and quad bikes account for the largest volumes of reported ASB in Doncaster



Alcohol and Drug Misuse

Levels of alcohol consumption and referrals for alcohol treatment have increased during lockdown periods



Hate Crime

Small increase in reported hate crimes – rises linked to national / international issues such as terror attacks, the covid pandemic and the EU exit



Begging / Vagrancy

Multi-agency operations to tackle this key issue

Consultation and findings summary

In addition to the JSIA, the Community Safety Team on behalf of the SSDP, commenced a full consultation to inform the content of this strategy.

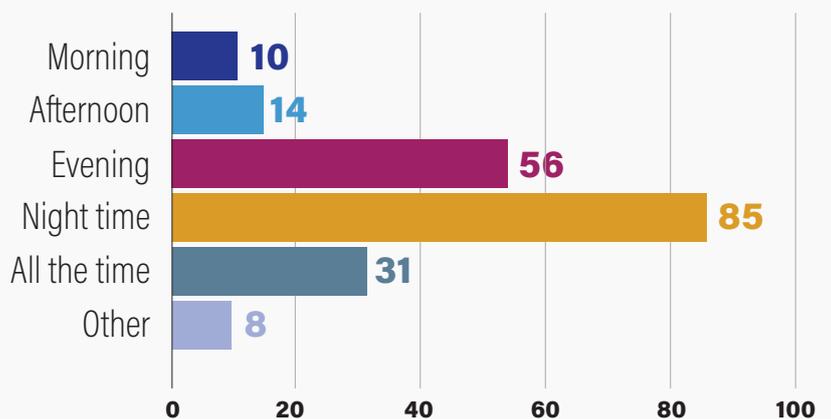
This involved discussions with key networks and groups, as well as an online questionnaire, which has been made available in paper form for those individuals without access to a computer.

Through this exercise we asked our communities about their perceptions of feeling safe, the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour in their communities, what they saw as the future priorities of the partnership and importantly how our services could be focused to meet their needs.

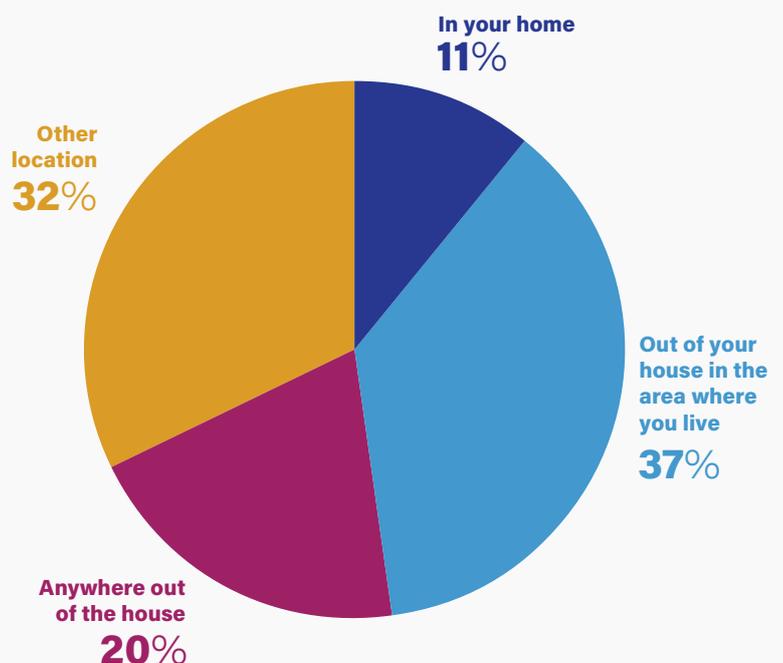
A summary of the results is below:

- The vast majority (91.38%) of surveys were from people who lived in Doncaster, 59.2% worked in Doncaster, 6.32% study in Doncaster and 4.6% have a business in Doncaster.
- The majority of people surveyed said they feel safe living in Doncaster most or all of the time (63.79%).
- Only 3.45% of those surveyed said they never feel safe living in Doncaster.
- People felt most unsafe at night-time (62.50%) or in the evening (41.18%).
- The majority of those who stated they didn't feel safe identified the Town Centre as the place they didn't feel safe. Other areas identified included Lakeside (4.44%), Doncaster Bus Station (2.22%), certain villages (4.44%) and rural locations (4.44%).

When do you feel most unsafe?



Where you feel most unsafe?



- When asked about the reasons for feeling unsafe, crime accounted for 16.19% of responses, with general comments around crime and reported crime along with burglary, thefts and organised crime.
- Police visibility and reduced Police funding accounted for all 6.34% of responses.
- Anti-social behaviour accounted for 67.60% of responses. Drinking alcohol and drug misuse, homelessness and aggressive begging, particularly in the town centre were the main issues raised.
- Large groups of people gathering and quad and/or motorbike nuisance were also issues raised.

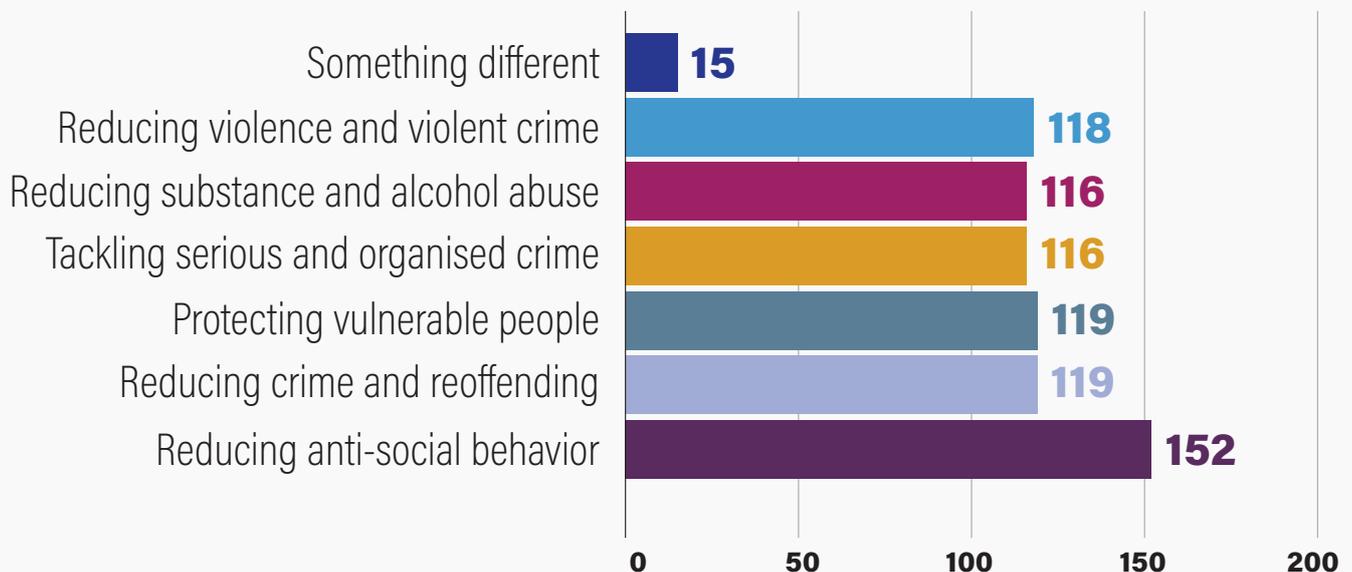
- When asked about the crime and disorder themes that were most important, results indicated a relatively even priority across the agendas detailed below.

However, reducing Anti-Social Behaviour accounted for 88.37% of the Community Safety themes most important to those surveyed

Nearly 40% of those surveyed said they felt agencies are very effective or effective at tackling crime and disorder in Doncaster.

- 19% of those surveyed said agencies were neither ineffective nor effective.
- 31% said they felt agencies were not very effective.

- Additional comments in respect of areas of concern included a lack of agency resources and a need for increased engagement with communities; begging and large groups in the town centre; organised criminality; online crime; speeding traffic/dangerous driving; vehicle theft; young people and anti-social behaviour; dog theft; substance misuse in public spaces e.g. parks; women's safety and domestic abuse.



34.5% of respondents had been a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour in the last 12 months.

- 75% of those had been victims of anti-social behaviour and 28.33% had been victims of damage to property.
- Damage to property, vehicle crime and hate crime also accounted for significant proportions of crime respondents experienced.
- The vast majority (67%) reported crime they experienced, however, 33% did not.
- The majority (79%) reported such crimes to the Police and 14% reported issues to the Council. Of those who said they reported it to other agencies, comments identified those agencies as Housing Associations, Education staff and Domestic Abuse agencies.
- Reasons provided for not reporting included: being unable to identify the offender; long waiting times on the 101 service; previous negative experiences when reporting / lack of confidence that positive action will be taken; lack of resources across agencies to tackle issues.
- When asked what could be done to improve the partnership and its services, responses included: more visible presence from officers within communities/neighbourhoods; simpler and faster reporting services; increased engagement with young people; increased support for offenders; closer working with community organisations; improved communications/social media presence; targeted work in hotspot areas; increased CCTV coverage and lighting; better support for victims of crime; additional resources for outlying areas.



Overarching principle

Leaving Nobody Behind

Some people are more at risk than others in our communities, perhaps because of their age, disability, ethnicity or other distinguishing characteristics that can link to increased vulnerability.

For children and young people, and for adults with care and support needs, cross-cutting work is delivered through other structures including the Children's Safeguarding Partnership and the Adult Safeguarding board.

Each of these structures has their own priorities and strategies supporting. The Community Safety Strategy will not seek to duplicate their work here.

However, ensuring we engage with and support people who are at higher potential risk than others is a key overarching principle which runs as a cross-cutting theme throughout the partnership structure. Understanding and addressing vulnerability was identified as a key issue in the consultation process informing this strategy, resulting in the ongoing commitment to deliver improved services to communities across Doncaster.

Also acknowledging the feedback from the community safety consultation, which highlights the frustrations in being able to report concerns either through telephone or online reporting mechanisms, we will

develop a Rapid Improvement Plan to increase public confidence in reporting crime, anti-social behaviour or community concerns. This Improvement Plan will involve all agencies and people with lived experience working together to develop solutions which address the issues that have been raised. It will also focus on taking positive action where required, the results of which can be fed back to our communities using social media, press campaigns or individual updates.

Having also considered the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, there are some key areas that have been considered and included, as detailed within each of the priority group sections and Delivery Plan. Overall, through this Strategy and accompanying actions we will show our commitment to equality and good outcomes for all Doncaster people, regardless of situation or background.

Our priorities

It must be recognised that this strategy does not seek to describe all the activities undertaken by each of the partners involved in community safety but highlights the key priorities for the partnership for the next 4 years.

It also does not duplicate the work delivered through other structures such as children's and adult safeguarding.

In each of the priority areas the community safety strategy is underpinned by a dedicated strategy and delivery plan to drive delivery in that area.

1. Tackling domestic and sexual abuse

During the pandemic increases have been seen particularly in the reporting of domestic abuse. However, we are aware from National research this is a vastly under-reported issue. We have also seen an increase in people affected seeking support.

2. Reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Anti-social behaviour impacts on community resilience and people's quality of life often impacting day after day and is the area that most respondents were concerned about. Concerns were also highlighted in relation to reporting and responding to anti-social behaviour, which will form part of our new priorities to address this issue.

3. Reducing crime and re-offending

Reducing crime, the fear of crime and re-offending are inextricably linked. Representatives from many agencies including the Council, Police, Probation Service, business sector and the voluntary/community sector work collectively to tackle the root causes of crime and re-offending. This collective effort will contribute to reducing the fear of crime and the impact in our communities.

4. Tackling serious and organised crime

Serious and organised crime has a significant impact on communities especially in relation to peoples fear of crime. Organised crime impacts significantly on young and vulnerable people whether through exploitation or the impact on young people's future ambitions.

5. Reducing substance and alcohol misuse

Substance and alcohol misuse impacts on all of the key priorities within the Community safety Strategy.

6. Reducing violence and violent crime

Reducing violence and violent crime, including that linked to the night-time economy crime is a cross-cutting theme and priority for the partnership.

Priority One: Tackling domestic and sexual abuse

During the pandemic increases have been seen particularly in the reporting of domestic abuse. People seeking support has also increased.

This is not surprising since families have been spending more time together which increases the time victims are spending with their perpetrators whilst also being impacted by the wider stresses of life.

A new domestic abuse strategy for 2021-2024 has been developed following extensive consultation with communities, survivors and practitioners. This will be closely followed by a new sexual abuse strategy.

The new domestic abuse strategy builds on the extensive work already undertaken and re-emphasises that domestic abuse is everyone's responsibility and that it will only be tackled by everyone working together.

There is improved collaboration with survivors of domestic abuse and a strong commitment to learning from their experiences. The strategy seeks to provide support for victims, survivors, children and young people that have been affected by domestic abuse as well as promoting trauma informed practice to understand and address offending behaviour.



Achievements since the last strategy	New priorities	What we will deliver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A co-ordinated response to prevention, early identification and intervention work for victims and perpetrators that ensure compliance with the statutory requirements in the Domestic Abuse Bill and a desire to strive for excellence. ○ Established Doncaster Domestic Abuse Hub to provide a single point of contact for victims of domestic abuse to access information and support. ○ Funding from Doncaster Council, the Office of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit and the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership to tackle domestic abuse. ○ Funding secured to support statutory requirements on the Local Authority to produce a needs assessment and strategy to tackle domestic abuse, as well as provide safe accommodation and secure tenancies for victims. ○ Establish senior officer group to oversee continuous improvement in delivery of Domestic Abuse practice across the partnership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prevent and ultimately end domestic and sexual abuse. ○ Support and keep victims, survivors and families safe. ○ Hold abusers to account. ○ Improve leadership, governance and quality assurance of domestic and sexual abuse work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Domestic Abuse Strategy and delivery plan. ○ Sexual Abuse Strategy and delivery plan. ○ A multi-agency protocol to help organisations hold abusers to account whilst also supporting them to change their behaviour. ○ Increased safe accommodation for victims of domestic abuse. ○ More awareness campaigns and work with communities and employers to ensure that domestic abuse is everyone's responsibility. ○ Work to reduce repeat incidents of domestic abuse. ○ Increased consultation and collaboration with survivors of domestic abuse. ○ Additional support for children that have experienced domestic abuse. ○ A longer term financial and commissioning strategy to ensure there are specialist services for victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

Priority Two: Reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB)

It can be seen from the consultation undertaken that anti-social behaviour is the area that most respondents were concerned about.

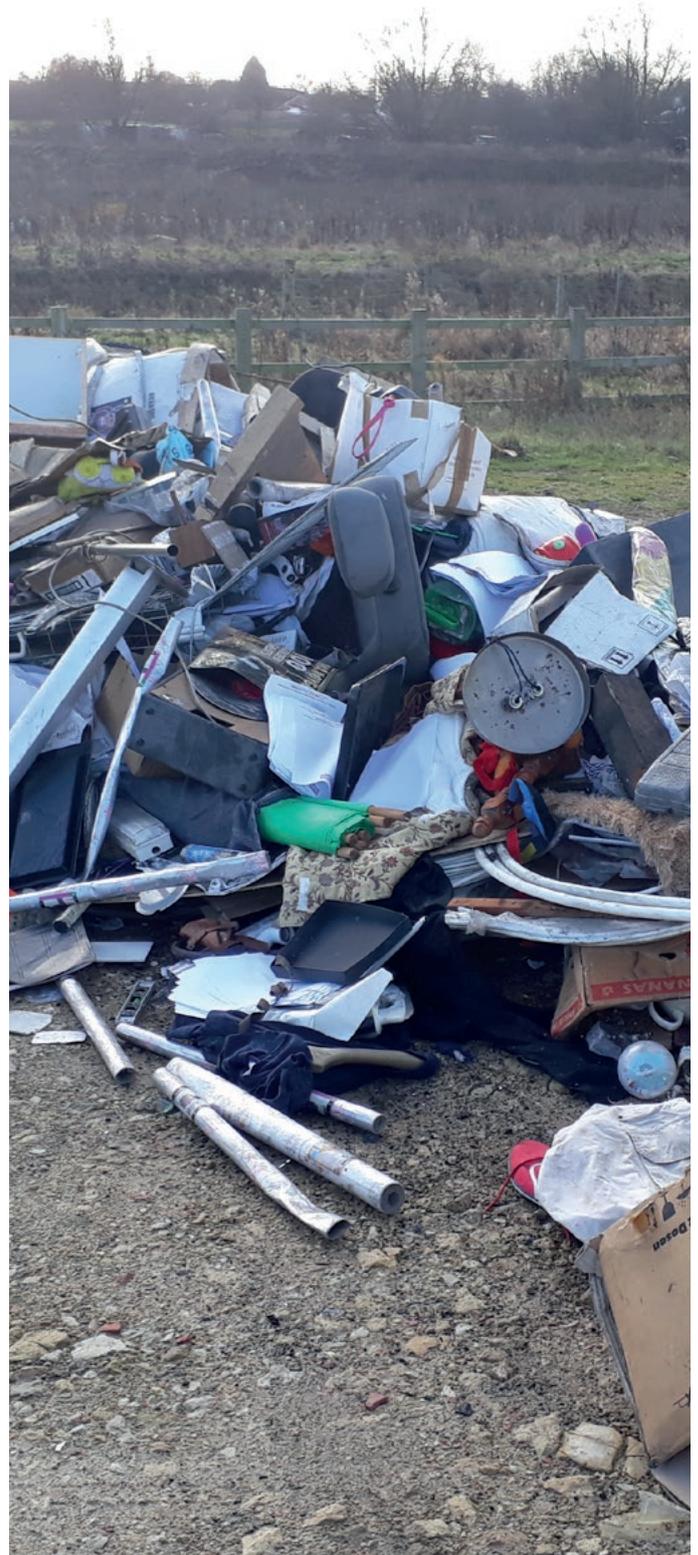
It is likely that this is due to the fact that anti-social behaviour affects more people on a daily basis than the other priorities and is more visible to the wider community.

Anti-social behaviour impacts on community resilience and people's quality of life often impacting day after day.

Anti-social behaviour plays a significant role within the localities-based approach. Recognising the feedback from communities is important for the partnership, in particular improving confidence in reporting anti-social behaviour, updating the public on our actions and increasing visibility of partnership resources in those areas affected by anti-social behaviour. Some of these actions will form part of our Rapid Improvement Plan and from this we will communicate with the public the improvements and successes that have been achieved.

As a Partnership we have invested heavily in CCTV to tackle anti-social behaviour, both in terms of providing reassurance and using footage to support prosecutions. Over the last 3 years we have expanded our CCTV network in Doncaster using capital funding and Government Safer Streets funding to expand our networks and benefit more Communities across Doncaster.

The monitoring of CCTV has also improved and we are now more productive in terms of active enforcement, seeing a large increase in footage being used as evidence in fly-tipping prosecutions and combating other forms of anti-social behaviour.



Achievements since the last strategy	New priorities	What we will deliver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased the deployment of the dedicated SYP Off Road Bike Team resources. ○ Implemented successful plans around tyre burning and fly tipping across the borough in partnership with the Fire service. ○ Using Fire data around deliberate and secondary fires, we have developed a mechanism to improve the response to this issue by targeting resources into the area affected and developing early intervention and prevention plans. ○ Developed new ways of engaging with young people during lockdown via social media platforms and targeted detached youth work. ○ Monitored hate crimes and incidents across Doncaster to ensure an effective multi-agency response to reports, monitored patterns and trends to determine areas of higher activity and an appropriate response. ○ Improved the multi-agency processes to monitor and respond to community tensions across the Borough. The Doncaster model continues to be widely regarded as one of the most positive examples of tension monitoring, which includes inputs from Elected Members, key partners and neighbourhoods. ○ Significant capital investment in CCTV across the Borough to improve public realm and re-deployable CCTV, which can be used to tackle anti-social behaviour through reassurance, proactive monitoring and improved evidence gathering capability. ○ Instigated a campaign to lobby the Home Office for a change in legislation to tackle nuisance off road motorbikes and quad bikes used in organised crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Effective proactive and responsive management of anti- social behaviour, focused on an early intervention and prevention approach. This will be further supported through education and communication messages. ○ To improve community confidence in reporting anti-social behaviour providing reassurance that we will listen, understand and build relationships to develop a clear picture of lived experiences. ○ Tackle the issue of illegal off-road bikes and quads utilising a partnership approach, effective information sharing and improved deployment of resources. ○ Reduce the impact of criminal damage within our communities, particularly damage linked to anti-social behaviour e.g. graffiti, street furniture. ○ Reducing the impact of arson through joint working with key partners using analysis and data to identify key locations where prevention plans can be implemented through locality working. ○ Tackle the issue of street homelessness and begging through joint locality working, recognising this is an issue affecting many areas of the borough. ○ Monitor hate crimes, incidents and community tensions to provide an accurate picture of community cohesion across the borough and within communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review existing reporting mechanisms and implement a Rapid Improvement Plan to increase public confidence in reporting anti-social behaviour and communicating the effectiveness of our actions. ○ Using the locality approach, developing an improved partnership response to anti-social behaviour ensuring we build effective relationships, understand clearly the experience of victims and show we have followed through with an effective outcome. ○ Communicate the successful use of CCTV through local media and newsletters to demonstrate the benefits and value of our CCTV deployment. ○ Review multi-agency processes to support the needs of vulnerable victims and victims who are fearful to report anti-social behaviour, with an outcome to provide effective support for victims, improve confidence in reporting and reduce the potential for repeat victimisation. ○ Utilise all available Tools and Powers to tackle the issue of illegal off-road bikes and quads, and publish the results of deployment activity. ○ Utilise effective problem-solving approaches to prevent and reduce the impact of criminal damage, fly tipping and arson, ensuring that local communities are updated on the action taken. ○ Using the localities model, partners will work together to effectively monitor and respond to reported hate crime and community tensions to ensure community cohesion is maintained. ○ Seek all available opportunities to gain additional funding for CCTV, for the benefit of communities. Improving our capabilities to gain evidence and reassure the public. ○ Partners work together to ensure people presenting as street homeless are supported to access services and enforcement action is taken when appropriate.

Priority Three: Reducing crime and re-offending

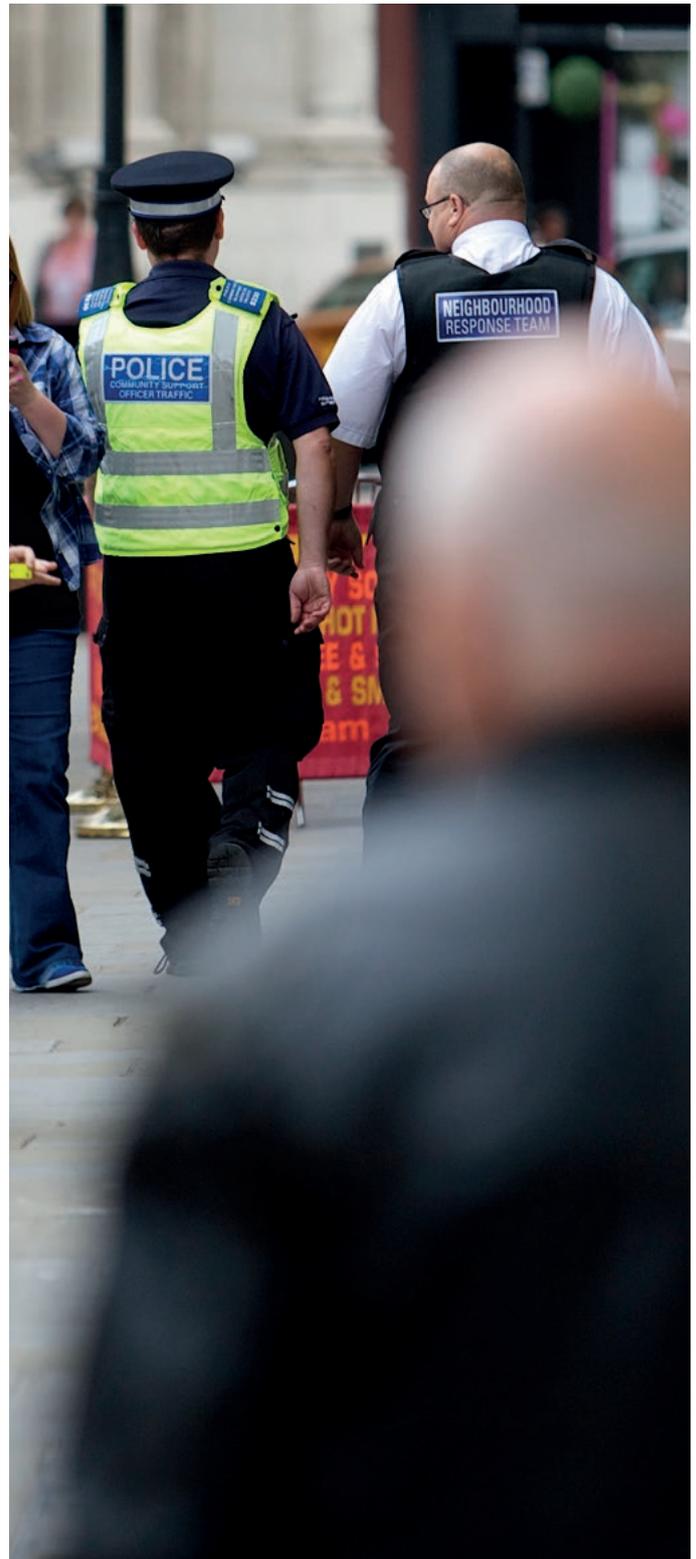
The partnerships ability to reduce reoffending relies heavily on strong multi-agency working. This helps us to share information and resources to unblock barriers, reduce reoffending and reduce harm to victims.

Reducing crime, the fear of crime and reducing re-offending are inextricably linked. Representatives from many agencies including the Council, Police, Probation Service, business sector and the voluntary/community sector work collectively to tackle the root causes of crime and re-offending. This collective effort drawing on best practice, resource and expertise to rehabilitate offenders will contribute to reducing the fear of crime and the impact in our communities.

Managing repeat offenders remains a key priority. Statistics estimate that around half of all crime is committed by individuals with previous convictions, with an estimated cost to the taxpayer of up to £13 billion per year.

A high number of offences are committed by a very small group of prolific individuals. The model of Integrated Offender Management (IOM) is used in the management of offenders.

This model brings together all agencies, including police, probation, local authority, substance misuse treatment services and a range of third sector providers, to reduce reoffending through the targeted management of youth and adult offenders.



Achievements since the last strategy	New priorities	What we will deliver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Significant reductions in the number of Serious Acquisitive Crime offences. ○ Low rates of reoffending in young people first time entrants into the criminal justice system. ○ Using crime pattern analysis, developed local responses to increased levels of crime, which has led to the deployment of additional resources into areas leading to the arrest and conviction of prolific offenders. ○ Using the Integrated Offender Management process to prioritise the management of the highest risk and most prolific offenders, leading to increased focus on offenders who present the greatest harm to victims. ○ Successful deployment of Smartwater into residential areas affected by high levels of residential burglary leading to improved reassurance of victims and a deterrent to offenders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To further reduce the reoffending rate and average number of reoffending offences. ○ Work closely with key partners to improve the public experience of reporting crime. ○ To further reduce the rates of Serious Acquisitive Crime across the borough through targeted interventions in high crime areas. ○ Implement the new National IOM strategy for managing the most prolific offenders in our community. ○ Review the governments national crime plan and develop implementation priorities for Doncaster. ○ Develop our pathways to support transition from the youth offending teams into probation services for those identified as prolific offenders. ○ Effective management of first-time entrants into the criminal justice system to ensure low levels are maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tackle prolific offenders through a new Integrated Offender Management service. ○ Using the Rapid Improvement Plan to improve the public experience of reporting crime, which enables the partnership to understand the true picture of crime in communities and importantly respond to community concerns. ○ Integrate partnerships across the borough to support offenders and promote rehabilitation with improved access to employment, training and health services. ○ Further reduce the rates of Serious Acquisitive Crime across the borough to reduce the impact on victims and communities. ○ Deliver an implementation plan for the government's national crime plan. ○ Develop new processes for the transition of prolific youth offenders into adult services. ○ Maintain delivery of our youth diversion schemes to ensure that young people where appropriate avoid criminal convictions and are supported in the community.

Priority Four: Tackling serious and organised crime

Serious and organised crime has a significant impact on communities especially in relation to peoples fear of crime. Organised crime impacts significantly on young and vulnerable people whether through exploitation or the impact on young people's future ambitions.

Much organised crime also relates to drug supply which further impacts on wider offending.

Often reinforcement of organised crime involves the use of high levels of violence. Though this often takes place between those involved in organised crime it also impacts on the broader community.



In order to deliver a partnership response, the Serious and Organised Crime theme group brings together a number of key partners working to a strategy based around the 4 themes:

Prevent, Protect, Pursue and Prepare.

Using these themes there are a number of key approaches which are summarised below:

- Work in partnership to identify and safeguard vulnerable adults and children exploited by Organised Criminal Groups (OCGs).
- Tackle child sexual exploitation, especially where there is clear organised criminality.
- Protect communities from cyber enabled crime such as fraud.
- Use local regulations, licensing and powers to disrupt OCGs.
- Use existing networks such as taxis/private hire vehicles, licensed premises and industry sector groups to share essential community intelligence.
- Tackle those offenders selling counterfeit or illicit goods which may be linked to wider, organised criminality.
- Build closer links with locality teams to improve intelligence and the sharing of information, encouraging the public to share information without fear of reprisal.
- Tackle Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Tackle organised criminality within prison establishments.
- Oversee the counter terrorism agenda, recognising that radicalisation is an alternative form of exploitation.

Achievements since the last strategy	New priorities	What we will deliver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carried out targeted interventions against geographically based organised crime groups. ○ Achieved significant custodial sentences against mapped OCG members, which equates to combined sentencing of 90+ years imprisonment. ○ January-March 2021 seized 5 criminally held firearms, recovered £64,325 in cash, executed 18 warrants, recovered significant quantities of drugs. ○ During 2020 carried out in excess of 30 partnership interventions to disrupt organised crime activities. ○ Undertaken several high-profile publicity campaigns with Crimestoppers, using a blend of social media, posters and adverts to encourage community intelligence. In one area alone this led to a 20% increase in reports. ○ Held a targeted 'day of action' operation to disrupt OCG activity, leading to the recovery of 500 cannabis plants, £40k in cash and 8 arrests. ○ Expanded our terms of reference to include the important area of work to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking being aware this is a vastly under-reported problem. ○ Built upon our multi-agency arrangements to respond to all aspects of the Prevent agenda and providing support services to those who may be vulnerable to radicalisation as another form of exploitation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop closer links with locality teams to improve intelligence and the sharing of information, encouraging the public to share information without fear of reprisal. ○ Identify and safeguard adults and children at risk of criminal exploitation. ○ Use the full range of powers, local regulation and licensing powers to disrupt organised crime groups. ○ Introduce a 'Clear Hold and Build' Strategy which will continue over a significant period. ○ Monitor and disrupt the growth in firearms enabled crime and serious violence, linked to OCG activity. ○ Tackling the growth in cannabis cultivations linked to organised crime, which are impacting on vulnerable communities. ○ Developing effective responses to prevent the criminal exploitation of Children and Young People, which has been recognised as a growing issue during the Covid pandemic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop closer links with locality teams to improve intelligence and the sharing of information, to ensure staff recognise the signs of organised criminality and action is taken. ○ Through Locality Teams, develop closer links with the community to improve reporting and sharing information in relation to organised crime and providing reassurance and support where appropriate. ○ Use the full range of powers, local regulation and licensing powers to disrupt organised crime groups so less people are affected by organised criminality. ○ Introduce a 'Clear Hold and Build' Strategy, to provide disruption activity across communities and diversionary activities to reduce the number of people being exploited into organised criminality. ○ Monitor and disrupt the growth in firearms enabled crime and serious violence to reduce the number of incidents and the effect on victims and communities. ○ Tackle the growth in cannabis cultivations linked to organised crime to reduce the frequency of incidents and to robustly manage perpetrators. ○ Protect communities from cyber enable crime such as fraud – inform communities of the risks and reduce the opportunities for criminality. ○ Seek to increase resources dedicated to preventing and minimising the criminal exploitation of children and young people, allowing services to be targeted into areas where they are most needed.

Priority Five: Reducing substance and alcohol misuse

Substance and alcohol misuse impacts on all of the key priorities within the Community safety Strategy.

It is fair to say that reductions in peoples misuse of substances would significantly impact not only on crime and anti-social behaviour but would also lead to healthier relationships, more productive futures, improved individual wellbeing and better outcomes for children, families and communities. There is also an impact on economic cost to Doncaster from lost productivity and cost to health, social care and the criminal justice system.

Doncaster has higher than national average rates of alcohol related hospital admissions, which makes significant demands on the hospital and creates a major cost pressure on the local health system. Costs to the local health economy is estimated £17.2m each year.

As alcohol and drug misuse are often symptoms of complex underlying factors, Doncaster partner agencies support individuals to overcome stigma and embark on their own recovery journeys, to live substance misuse free lives. This includes supporting the annual Recovery Games in Doncaster, which is a nationally and internationally recognised event.

The Substance Misuse Theme Group is a multi- agency group of professionals which tackles the health and crime impacts of substance misuse through the development and performance management of an integrated substance misuse plan for the Partnership.

The effectiveness of the drug / alcohol treatment and care system is monitored against the 2021-24 treatment plan, which oversees actions relating to Public Health and Police and Crime Commissioner funds. These funds are invested to address addiction and substance misuse related offending, by the delivery of an integrated range of addiction services.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, substance misuse services have remained open, utilising virtual means where possible but face to face delivery in a Covid secure way where clinically indicated.

There is some local evidence that levels of alcohol consumption and referrals for alcohol treatment have increased during lockdown periods, and in response to this an alcohol early interventions team has been put in place, to support higher risk drinkers.

The Substance Misuse Theme Group has a strategic focus on reducing alcohol related harms, and during 2021 worked with the University of Huddersfield on action research to improve local services responses to the impact of parental alcohol misuse on children and young people.

Public Health England estimates that 20% of adults in England with alcohol dependence have children living in the household. If this figure is applied to the number of dependent drinkers in Doncaster, over 850 children could be negatively affected.



Reducing substance and alcohol misuse

Achievements since the last strategy	New priorities	What we will deliver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secured additional resources from Public Health England and the local Public Health Allocation to further develop inpatient detoxification, criminal justice treatment services, family/parental interventions and early interventions for alcohol. ○ Increased public awareness and knowledge about the harm caused by alcohol and drugs. ○ Identified and supported people who want to change their alcohol and/or drug using behaviour. ○ Reduced the availability of illegal drugs and the inappropriate use of alcohol and other legal substances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase the number of people choosing not to misuse drugs and/or alcohol. ○ Reduce the number of children, young people and families affected by drug and/or alcohol misuse. ○ Reduce the number of people who experience crime and disorder related to the misuse of drugs and/or alcohol. ○ High prevalence of people using drugs and drinking alcohol at harmful and hazardous levels with significant health and crime impacts on individuals, families and communities. ○ Increased levels of alcohol consumption and referrals for alcohol treatment during the covid-19 pandemic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop and build the Doncaster recovery community and support the annual Recovery Games events. ○ Deliver the 'Rethink Your Drink' alcohol communications campaign to reduce alcohol related harms. ○ Provide a comprehensive, accessible, high quality drug and alcohol treatment service across Doncaster Borough in order to reduce associated crime and health harms. ○ In partnership with Huddersfield University, undertake action research to improve multi agency responses to the impact of parental substance misuse in children and young people.

Priority Six: Reducing violence and violent crime

Reducing violence and violent crime, including that linked to the night-time economy crime is a cross-cutting theme and priority for the partnership.

The South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (SYVRU) was established in August 2019 to develop the South Yorkshire-wide public health approach to tackling violent crime and is supporting this theme with a dedicated Partnership Manager working directly with the SSDP. SYVRU activity supports a multi-agency, public health approach to preventing and tackling violence which is embedded and delivered locally and Community Safety Partnerships are the agreed lead mechanism for local delivery.

The SYVRU look at the causes of violence and work with partners to stop violence before it starts, halts its progression once its already begun and provide ways out for people already entrenched in violent behaviour.

Two pieces of work were developed by the SYVRU to aid Community Safety Partnerships in reducing violence and violent crime: an area profile and a response strategy for South Yorkshire. The strategy highlighted 16 priorities for each Partnership to work towards when developing a local response to reducing violence. These documents have been approved by the Home Office.



Achievements since the last strategy	New priorities	What we will deliver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gap analysis completed, based on information from the SYVRU area profile and survey analysis, as well as local knowledge. ○ A working Local area action plan created linked to SSDP and SYVRU priorities. ○ Funded and supported the development of initiatives such as One of a Kind family Domestic Abuse programme. ○ Ensure referral mechanisms are in place and utilised to support programmes that offer ways out of crime i.e. Plan-B Navigator custody programme. ○ Undertaken work with the youth council in relation to tackling knife crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support the development and implementation of a strategic Doncaster Evening and Night Time Economy Group to achieve Purple Flag status for Doncaster. ○ Work to support all organisations and professionals working with children and young people to work towards becoming trauma informed. ○ Support the development of a dedicated Trauma Informed working group in Doncaster. ○ Ensure evidence based good practice from National and Regional sources is applied to Doncaster. ○ Developing an effective multi-agency response to tackling Violence Against Women and Girls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support the development and implementation of a strategic Doncaster Evening and Night-Time Economy Group, providing regular updates to the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership. ○ Support the development and implementation of a strategic Partnership Trauma Informed working group. ○ Delivery of the Violence Reduction Action Plan to take a public health approach to preventing and tackling violence and violent crime. ○ Implement an effective action plan, with wide-ranging actions which provide reassurance of our response to tackling violence against women and girls.

Delivery and Governance

Progress needs to be measurable so we can continuously determine and communicate the success or otherwise of the activity we undertake.

Different partners – be it organisations, communities or individuals will identify their own targets and measures of success; but as a partnership, we utilise robust performance management measures to assess our progress.

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership Executive Board adopts responsibility for performance management oversight and manages a framework by which board members can collate and analyse performance data.

Performance management is discussed as a standing agenda item at each Executive Board meeting.

All partners are open to the appropriate sharing of data to tackle crime and disorder, and as such this is accumulated to determine our collective impact/progress towards our shared goals.

The Delivery Plan accompanying this Strategy provides further details regarding the key actions required to respond to our new and emerging priorities and will be performance managed as described above.

We will also assess the impact of the actions on the overarching Wellbeing Goals and use them to shape future activity.

Communications

The partnership will continue to engage with communities to understand concerns, and importantly, raise awareness of our work. We will also strengthen our reporting mechanisms to increase community confidence and provide effective feedback of our actions.

This will be supported through the localities approach and as part of the ongoing communications strategy and Rapid Improvement Plan.

This Improvement Plan will involve all agencies and people with lived experience working together to develop solutions which address the issues that have been raised. It will also focus, through different and smarter ways of working, on increased visibility of partnership resources within communities and taking positive action where required. Results can be fed back to our communities using social media, press campaigns or individual updates.

Through this work, we aim to increase our media activity to better represent the work of the partnership and to improve the visibility of our partnership resources within communities.

Conclusion

At a time when all agencies are experiencing change and increasing demands for services, the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership is adapting to these challenges to ensure that we listen, understand and build relationships with communities to develop a clear picture of their experiences and respond effectively to their concerns.

Our future work through this strategy is aimed at streamlining systems and processes, working more effectively together, reducing duplication and keeping the public safe. This will continue to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and will play our part in ensuring that Doncaster and its people thrive.

We will tackle not only the obvious impact, but also the underlying issues which drive crime and disorder within our neighbourhoods. The Partnership is committed to doing all we can to improve safety in our communities to build a stronger and more confident Doncaster.



[Priority 01] Tackling domestic and sexual abuse

Action	Outcome
Improving awareness of domestic and sexual abuse throughout Doncaster, particularly with young people.	Residents of Doncaster will be better informed about what domestic and sexual abuse is, how to spot it and what to do about it. It will help to create a culture where abuse is not tolerated and where domestic and sexual abuse is everyone's responsibility.
Managing the increase in demand. Secure funding for specialist domestic and sexual abuse services to meet the needs of victims and survivors.	A full assessment of need will provide the evidence for a longer term financial and commissioning strategy for tackling domestic and sexual abuse.
Improve collaboration with survivors of domestic abuse with a commitment to learning from their experiences.	Survivors will be better supported by a Survivor Liaison Worker who will provide an important link to the strategic partnership groups.
Increased amount of safe accommodation for victims of domestic abuse, including people with complex needs.	People are supported to stay in their own home safely or helped to access alternative safe accommodation in Doncaster or out of the area resulting in reduced risk of harm to victims and their families. Barriers to people with complex needs are removed and they are able to access safe accommodation.
Secure additional funding to support for children that have experienced domestic abuse.	Improved health and well-being for children and an opportunity to break the cycle of abuse and prevent children being victims or perpetrators in the future.
Production of a Doncaster multi-agency domestic abuse perpetrator protocol.	Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse are robustly managed through trauma informed practice and the criminal justice system, behaviour is challenged and support offered to reduce repeat offending and victims are more confident to report. This includes management of serial perpetrators of domestic abuse.
Prevention of repeat incidents of domestic abuse through multi -agency working, information sharing, and proactive engagement with victims, providing longer term support for survivors of domestic abuse and management of perpetrators. To also prevent people from becoming a victim of abuse again having ended one abusive relationship.	A reduction of repeat incidents of domestic abuse. Helping survivors to rebuild their lives and thrive following the trauma of domestic abuse.
Produce a new Domestic Abuse strategy and a new Sexual Abuse Strategy.	Greater awareness of domestic and sexual abuse. Prevention and early identification of domestic abuse and sexual abuse. Victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse are supported. Perpetrators of domestic and sexual abuse are held to account. A reduction in domestic and sexual abuse in Doncaster.

[Priority 02] Reducing anti-social behaviour

Action	Outcome
Effectively manage anti-social behaviour through proactive and responsive approaches, supported by improved mechanisms to report and respond to incidents.	Reporting mechanisms are reviewed, community confidence and reporting is increased. Agencies are informed of the true picture of activity to ensure services respond to the needs of Doncaster residents.
Improve community confidence in reporting anti-social behaviour by providing reassurance that we will listen, understand and build relationships with victims and communities.	Communities are more confident to report, relationships are strengthened, agencies have a greater understanding of the lived experiences of residents.
Tackle the issue of illegal off-road bikes and quads through a partnership approach, utilising all available Tools and Powers. Results of deployment activity are published.	Issues are reduced, legislative powers are maximised, public confidence is increased.
Review multi-agency processes to support the needs of vulnerable victims and victims who are fearful to report anti-social behaviour.	Effective support is provided to victims and confidence is improved. The potential for repeat victimisation is reduced.
Implement effective problem-solving approaches to reduce the impact of fly tipping and criminal damage within communities, particularly damage linked to anti-social behaviour e.g. graffiti.	Partners work together to understand the picture of activity to reduce the number of incidents.
Monitor hate crimes, incidents and community tensions to provide an accurate picture of community cohesion within communities across Doncaster.	Victims are informed of how to report and receive comprehensive advice and support. Community cohesion is monitored and maintained.
Reduce the impact of arson through joint locality working with key partners – utilising data analysis to identify key locations where prevention plans can be implemented.	Proactive approaches and diversionary activities result in a reduction in reported incidents. Communities are updated on action taken.
Tackle the issue of street homelessness and begging through joint locality working, recognising this is an issue affecting many areas of the borough.	Partners work together to ensure people are supported to access services and enforcement action is taken when appropriate. Fewer people are presenting as homeless.
Seek all available opportunities to gain additional funding for CCTV, for the benefit of communities. Improving our capabilities to gain evidence and reassure the public.	Evidence capability and community reassurance is increased.
Communicate the successful use of existing CCTV through local media and newsletters to demonstrate the benefits and value of our CCTV deployment.	Communities are better informed regarding our approaches and reassurance is increased.

[Priority 03] Reducing crime and re-offending

Action	Outcome
Further reduce the reoffending rate and average number of reoffending offences within the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cohort.	Fewer people are re-offending once they leave the IOM cohort for good progress and the impact on victims and communities is reduced.
Work closely with key partners to improve the public experience of reporting crime.	Reporting mechanisms are improved and therefore better utilised. The partnership are able to understand a more accurate picture of crime in communities and respond to concerns.
Further reduce the rates of Serious Acquisitive Crime across the borough through targeted interventions in high crime areas.	Fewer people are committing incidents of serious acquisitive crime and the impact on victims is reduced.
Implement the new National IOM strategy for managing the most prolific offenders in our community.	Improved understanding of offender needs and access to support services. Close management of licensing conditions. Development of 3 local IOM cohorts 'Fixed, flex and free'
Review the governments national crime plan and develop implementation priorities for Doncaster.	Priorities for Doncaster are identified and progressed to ensure all requirements are met.
Deliver youth diversion schemes to ensure young people avoid criminal convictions and are supported in the community, where appropriate.	Young people are diverted away from criminality and receive access to supportive community-based interventions.
Develop our pathways to support transition from the youth offending teams into probation services for those identified as prolific offenders.	Offenders are supported, re-offending rates are reduced.
Effective management of first-time entrants into the criminal justice system to ensure low levels are maintained.	Fewer people are entering the criminal justice system and fewer victims are affected by crime.

[Priority 04] Tackling serious and organised crime

Action	Outcome
Develop closer links with locality teams to improve intelligence and the sharing of information, encouraging the public to share information without fear of reprisal.	Organised criminal activity is better understood. Staff recognise the signs of organised criminality and can take timely, robust action to activity across localities. Communities feel supported to report incidents.
Develop effective responses to prevent the criminal exploitation of children and young people, which has been recognised as a growing issue during the Covid pandemic.	Fewer people are exploited, support is available and accessed by vulnerable people at the earliest possible stage. Services are targeted into areas where they are most needed.
Use the full range of powers, local regulation and licensing powers to disrupt organised crime groups.	Less people are affected by organised criminality. Conviction rates are increased for perpetrators of organised crime.
Introduce a 'Clear Hold and Build' Strategy across the Borough to reduce the number of people being drawn into organised criminality.	Disruption activity is in place across communities alongside diversionary initiatives to reduce the number of people exploited into organised criminality.
Monitor and disrupt the growth in firearms enabled crime and serious violence, linked to OCG activity.	Activity is understood and robustly tackled to reduce the frequency of firearm incidents and serious violence.
Tackle and disrupt the growth in cannabis cultivations linked to organised crime, which are impacting on vulnerable communities.	Fewer cannabis cultivations are established. Perpetrators are robustly managed through the criminal justice system.
Protect communities from cyber enabled crime such as fraud.	Communities are informed of risks and opportunities are reduced for criminality.

[Priority 05] Reducing substance and alcohol misuse

Action	Outcome
Develop and build the Doncaster recovery community and support the annual Recovery Games events, developing and supporting networks in communities and among those in treatment and recovery.	More people have sustained recovery from substance misuse.
Increase the number of people choosing not to misuse drugs and/or alcohol, including delivery of the 'Rethink Your Drink' alcohol communications campaign to reduce alcohol related harms.	Fewer people are affected by problematic substance misuse.
Reduce the number of children, young people and families affected by drug and/or alcohol misuse. In partnership with Huddersfield University, undertake action research to improve multi-agency responses to the impact of parental substance misuse in children and young people.	The impact of substance misuse on children young people and families is reduced.
Reduce the number of people who experience crime and disorder related to the misuse of drugs and/or alcohol through the delivery of a comprehensive, accessible, high quality drug and alcohol treatment service across Doncaster.	The impact of substance misuse related crime and disorder is reduced.
Monitor and respond to increased levels of alcohol consumption and referrals for alcohol treatment during the covid-19 pandemic.	Maintain capacity of treatment services to respond to referrals.

[Priority 06] Reducing violence and violent crime

Action	Outcome
Support the development and implementation of a strategic Doncaster Evening and Night-Time Economy Group, providing regular updates to the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership.	Progress work towards achieving the Association of Town and City Management Purple Flag Accreditation to support a safe and welcoming town centre.
Support the development and implementation of a strategic Partnership Trauma Informed working group.	Increased understanding of existing trauma informed practice, promotion of training and supporting organisations across Doncaster to work towards becoming trauma informed.
Develop and implement an effective multi-agency response to tackling violence against women and girls.	Incidents are reduced, communities feel reassured.
Delivery of the Violence Reduction Action Plan.	A multi-agency, public health approach is taken to preventing and tackling violence and violent crime.

[All Priorities]

Action	Outcome
Increase communications and social media activity to represent the work of the Partnership and its resources (including all available reporting options) to improve awareness and community confidence.	The work of the partnership is more visible to communities, engagement and community confidence is improved.
Engage with communities to understand their experiences and concerns and provide reassurance and feedback regarding actions taken.	The Partnership has an improved understanding of community need. Communities are better engaged and feedback is strengthened.
Develop a Rapid Improvement Plan to increase public confidence in reporting crime, anti-social behaviour or community concerns.	All agencies and people with lived experience will work together to develop solutions which address the issues that have been raised. Increased visibility of partnership resources within communities. Positive action is taken, the results of which can be fed back to our communities using social media, press campaigns or individual updates.
To support the development of locality plans to identify and deliver community safety priorities in local areas.	Community Safety priorities are clear and deliverable in local areas across the borough.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

**DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

**Due Regard Statement
Community Safety Strategy 2022-25**

How to show due regard to the equality duty in how we develop our work and in our decision making.

Due Regard Statement

A **Due Regard Statement** (DRS) is the tool for capturing the evidence to demonstrate that due regard has been shown when the council plans and delivers its functions. A Due Regard Statement must be completed for all programmes, projects and changes to service delivery.

- A DRS should be initiated at the beginning of the programme, project or change to inform project planning
- The DRS runs adjacent to the programme, project or change and is reviewed and completed at the relevant points
- Any reports produced needs to reference “Due Regard” in the main body of the report and the DRS should be attached as an appendix
- The DRS cannot be fully completed until the programme, project or change is delivered.

<p>1 Name of the ‘policy’ and briefly describe the activity being considered including aims and expected outcomes. This will help to determine how relevant the ‘policy’ is to equality.</p>	<p>Development of the 2022-25 Community Safety Strategy, which is a statutory plan under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.</p> <p>The strategy outlines the priorities of the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership over the next four years and the methods we will use to achieve them. The strategic priorities/themes are detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling Domestic and Sexual Abuse • Reducing anti-social behaviour • Reducing crime & re-offending • Tackling serious & organised crime • Reducing substance & alcohol misuse • Reducing violence and violent crime <p>In addition to the above priorities, the strategy also details an overarching principle of ‘Leaving Nobody Behind’. This principle recognises that some people are more at risk than others in our communities, perhaps because of their age, disability, ethnicity or other distinguishing characteristics that can link to increased vulnerability.</p> <p>For children and young people, and for adults with care and support needs, cross-cutting work is delivered through other structures including the Children’s Safeguarding Partnership and the Adult Safeguarding board. Each of these structures has their own priorities and strategies supporting. The Community Safety Strategy will not seek to duplicate their work here.</p> <p>However, ensuring we engage with and support people who are at higher potential risk than others is a key overarching principle which runs as a cross-cutting theme throughout the partnership structure. Understanding and addressing vulnerability was identified as a key issue in the consultation process informing this strategy, resulting in the ongoing commitment to deliver improved services to communities across Doncaster.</p> <p>Having also considered the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, there are some key areas that have been considered and included, as detailed within each of the priority group sections and Delivery Plan. Overall, through the Strategy and accompanying actions we will show our commitment to equality and good outcomes for all Doncaster people, regardless of situation or background.</p> <p>Our aim through consultation with all communities is to understand what is important to them and for them to be part of the solution, working with us as an active partner in creating a safer, stronger Doncaster.</p>
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2	Service area responsible for completing this statement.	Community Safety Team – Adults, Health and Well Being Directorate.
3	Summary of the information considered across the protected groups.	<p>Protected user groups as defined by the Equalities Act 2010 are:</p> <p>age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation.</p> <p>The review of the Community Safety Strategy begins from the statutory Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment which is a comprehensive analysis of crime and community safety data across Doncaster. In addition to this, our Strategy is informed by an understanding of our communities, their demographics, needs and concerns. Overlaid with this is key information from data sources such as the census, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and local crime and anti-social behaviour data.</p> <p>The JSIA and our local community intelligence have identified a number of issues relating to those with protected characteristics. These are summarised as follows:</p> <p>Anti-Social Behaviour and Vulnerable Victims:</p> <p>During the covid pandemic, we have seen an increase in reported anti-social behaviour, particularly in the categories of nuisance bikes/quads and rowdy/nuisance behaviour. These types of incidents have been of particular concern to those members of the community who are isolated and/or vulnerable, for example the elderly and those with mental health concerns and other health conditions.</p> <p>In response we have continued to secure the regular deployment of resources as part of our tactical response to nuisance illegal off-road bikes and have led on a successful campaign to lobby the Home Office for a change in legislation to tackle illegal off road motorbikes and quad bikes used in organised crime. Operations carried out by the off-road bike team have been highly successful and have been publicised, sending a strong message of our approach and importantly providing reassurance to vulnerable members of our communities.</p> <p>Our Partnership approach to tackling ASB includes the completion of vulnerable victim risk assessments which gathers information across a variety of factors, including the protected groups. This information is then used tailor an appropriate response to effectively meet the needs of the individual concerned.</p>

In terms of community cohesion, strong links and mechanisms are in place across the partnership to effectively measure community tension levels in Doncaster. This reporting cycle allows us to identify issues and trends and respond accordingly.

Hate Crime:

General reporting of hate crime is increasing at a steady pace, which can be interpreted as a good thing in that trust and confidence in reporting is improving. During the last 12 months, the covid pandemic has resulted in a small spike in hate crime reports, with a particular focus on victims from Asian communities. It is also evident that hate crime figures rise in the aftermath of any terror attack. It is also not unusual for reports to rise during periods of warm weather or high-profile events where large crowds gather, although covid restrictions since 2020 have limited the opportunity for this type of incident to occur.

We continue to work in a changeable environment where opportunities for collective working are more important than ever before. We have operated within an integrated, partnership-focused structure for many years to effectively address hate crime. The strategic management of hate crime is located within the Anti-Social Behaviour Theme Group of the partnership structure. At an operational level within the SSDP, hate crime cases are managed by the Council's Communities Service, through established multi-agency mechanisms. These groups are populated by agencies who manage all actions and interventions relating to victims and offenders, to ensure early intervention for those reported cases and the prevention of any repeat cases, wherever possible. Every hate crime or incident reported through the partnership receives a multi-agency response to ensure that vulnerable victims are supported and offending behaviour is challenged. We aim to always provide a thorough, co-ordinated, partnership response to reports of hate crimes or incidents which facilitates the development of tailored action plans to address the specific needs of each case.

Hate crime victims are offered a choice of reporting agency and location, with Doncaster Council hosting a number of hate crime reporting locations across the Borough. At these locations, staff have received training to take and process hate crime reports sensitively and confidentially, in line with the victim's wishes. Whilst our Council services are robust and co-ordinated, the majority of hate crime reports continue to be made directly to the Police. As a partnership, we continue to recognise that that reported incidents to the Police as a single agency are only a part of the hate crime story, and that this crime type is historically highly under-reported. As a Council, we also offer further reporting options in the form of a dedicated Hate Crime telephone line and an on-line reporting service for any victim of a hate crime or incident.

Domestic and Sexual Abuse:

An estimated 2.3 million adults aged 16 to 74 years experienced domestic abuse in the year ending March 2020, according to Crime Survey for England and Wales (1.6 million women, 757,000 men). The majority of victims of domestic homicides recorded between April 2017 and March 2019 were females (77%).

The Crime Survey for England and Wales estimated that 773,000 adults aged between 16 and 74 experienced sexual assault (including attempts) in the year ending March 2020. There were almost four times as many female victims (618,000) as male victims (155,000). Only around 16% of those who experience sexual violence and assault choose to report to the police. Almost half (49%) had been a victim more than once. Almost 90% of people who are raped know the perpetrator prior to the offence.

At a local level, domestic abuse remains a priority for the Borough and during the year to March 2021 we have seen increases in the number of reports, we are aware that this issue still remains largely un-reported.

In addition to risk management by the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy service and MARAC, there is also the Domestic Abuse Hub and Domestic Abuse Caseworker team. There is improved collaboration with survivors of domestic abuse and a strong commitment to learning from their experiences. This is to provide support for victims, survivors, children and young people that have been affected by domestic abuse and to promote trauma informed practice to understand and address offending behaviour. By addressing adverse childhood experiences and trauma, the aim is to prevent people becoming victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse in the future.

Domestic Abuse staff support victims of sexual abuse when the incidents occur in a domestic abuse setting, working in collaboration with specialist support services including Independent Sexual Violence Advocates and Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS). ISVAs and DRASACS support victims and survivors of sexual and violence and abuse that is not domestic related.

All work to support victims, survivors, children and young people is undertaken in collaboration with South Yorkshire Police and other partners across the borough and beyond.

In September 2021 the new Countywide Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme will be launched. The programme will receive referrals from Perpetrators to change their behaviour. Doncaster has been pivotal in developing this programme, modelled on our own successful approach. The programme will again be managed by Doncaster on behalf of all four local authorities and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The programme will accept referrals from male and female perpetrators and is a key component to reducing and preventing Domestic Abuse, which directly impacts predominantly on females and children.

Serious and Organised Crime / Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking:

The issues of modern slavery and human trafficking have been highlighted within the annual joint strategic intelligence assessment and research indicates that modern slavery and human trafficking can disproportionately affect under-represented groups of a particular nationality and also females, who may be victims of sex trafficking. Therefore it is important that our Community Safety Strategy addresses these issues, ensures that victims are aware of the support available and professionals receive training on identifying the signs and reporting mechanisms.

Child criminal exploitation is a further area which has been identified as a concern, both during our consultation and our strategic intelligence assessment. The partnership has responded to this issue by improving training and investment in resources to provide support to victims and families. The referral process for persons at risk of criminal exploitation has highlighted this predominantly affects young males and therefore our support services are able to provide support based upon levels of risk.

Our outreach services for victims have been adapted to be highly mobile and can be deployed into areas and locations to engage with affected groups. This may include youth clubs, local parks and open areas where young people may congregate.

Substance and Alcohol Misuse:

The Local Authority based Public Health is responsible for commissioning drug and alcohol services (Aspire via RDasH and ADS). This provides a platform for a more integrated approach to improving public health outcomes. This approach addresses the root causes and wider determinants of drug dependence and alcohol misuse and the harm and impact they have on communities and troubled families (such as mental health, employment, education, crime and housing). It also delivers the greatest gains for individuals and the community.

As of May 2021 Aspire currently has 1,178 clients receiving structured treatment across the Borough of Doncaster. The service has hubs in strategically placed parts of Doncaster based on need, Bentley with 138 clients, Mexborough with 186, Thorne 123, a central base in Doncaster town centre with 678, criminal justice clients of 172 and New Beginnings 29. Aspire also has a dedicated midwife.

According to the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System, in the period 1st of April to 30th of September 2019 males made up 68.5% of clients and females 31.5%. Between the ages of 18 to 40 years of age there are 41.1% of clients and 59.1% over the age of 40. 95% of clients identified as White/British, 94% Heterosexual, 1.7% Gay/Lesbian, 1.7% Bi-Sexual, 2.5% missing/not stated.

Between the period 1st of April to 30th of September there were 234 clients starting new treatment of which 85% of clients stated no disability. 66% stated no religion and 23% Christian, 1.8% Muslim/Sikh/Buddhist and 7.3% stated other.

This data is monitored on a regular basis by commissioners via NDTMS and yearly by PHE Commissioning Support Packs.

Violent Crime:

Reducing violence and violent crime, including alcohol related crime is a cross-cutting theme and priority for the partnership. The South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (SYVRU) was established in August 2019 to develop the South Yorkshire-wide public health approach to tackling violent crime and has produced two pieces of work to aid Community Safety Partnership in reducing violence and violent crime: an area profile and a response strategy for South Yorkshire. The strategy highlighted 16 priorities for each Partnership to work towards when developing a local response to reducing violence. These documents have been approved by the Home Office.

SYVRU activity supports a multi-agency, public health approach to preventing and tackling violence which is embedded and delivered locally and Community Safety Partnerships are the agreed lead mechanism for local delivery.

In March 2020 Doncaster's Partnership Manager from the SYVRU worked with the SSDP and other partners (e.g. Doncaster Children's Services Trust, Youth Offending Teams, Health and Wellbeing Board etc.) to identify gaps, based on information from the area profile and survey analysis, as well as local knowledge, and created a working action plan that could be under taken against the SYVRU priorities.

The action plan has been reviewed and updated for 2021/2022 and includes a continued focus on the night-time economy with the view to achieving Purple Flag status for the Borough. This will enable people to quickly identify Doncaster's night-time economy as an entertaining, diverse, safe and enjoyable night out. Other actions are focused around violence and children and young people (both as victims and offenders of violent crime) and a focus on a trauma informed approach.

4	<p>Summary of the consultation/engagement activities</p>	<p>In addition to utilising those data sources described above, an extensive and broad-reaching consultation exercise was undertaken during June 2021 to collect as wide a range of views and experiences as possible.</p> <p>This consultation requested the input of a broad range of community and faith groups across Doncaster; the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership; the Youth Council; Elected Members (with an additional dedicated briefing note); external social media communications and internal communications, including a Directorate Newsletter and the Chief Executive column. The consultation was posted on the Doncaster Talks consultation platform, with support from the Policy, Innovation and Change Team and the corporate communications team.</p> <p>Offers to facilitate consultation in different ways and formats (including audio and braille) was made and an article was featured in the Doncaster Talking Newspaper. An 'Easy Read' version of the strategy will also be produced and launched alongside the full document.</p> <p>The consultation period received 175 responses during the month, the findings of which were analysed and used to inform the strategy content.</p>
5	<p>Real Consideration:</p> <p>Summary of what the evidence shows and how has it been used</p>	<p>The Community Safety Consultation:</p> <p>The review of the community safety strategy begins from the statutory Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment which is a comprehensive analysis of crime and community safety data across Doncaster. In addition to this our Strategy is informed by an understanding of our communities, their demographics, needs and concerns.</p> <p>Overlaid upon this is key information from data sources such as census, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and local crime and anti-social behaviour data. The Community Safety Consultation identified a number of prominent issues. The community consultation identified that the strategic current priorities should remain, as they continue to meet the needs of residents and Partner and identified a number of emerging issues.</p> <p>The strategic priorities reflected within the strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling Domestic and Sexual Abuse • Reducing anti-social behaviour • Reducing crime & re-offending • Tackling serious & organised crime • Reducing substance & alcohol misuse • Reducing violence and violent crime

The emerging issues identified as part of the consultation include those detailed below – these are addressed within the strategy and delivery plan:

- Increased community engagement and officer visibility
- Increased/simplified reporting services and support for victims
- Begging and homelessness
- Online crime
- Targeted work in geographical locations

This strategy will result in closer partnership working in respect of the identified priorities and will have a positive impact on the citizens of Doncaster who will see improved outcomes in terms of feeling safer; being safer and getting the support they need with access to improved services. We will also be taking a strong enforcement approach to reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse, supported by early intervention and prevention, stopping issues from escalating at an early stage and targeting resources where they are most needed.

What the Evidence Shows:

- The vast majority (91.38%) of surveys were from people who lived in Doncaster, 59.2% worked in Doncaster, 6.32% study in Doncaster and 4.6% have a business in Doncaster.
- The majority of people surveyed said they feel safe living in Doncaster most or all of the time (63.79%).
- Only 3.45% of those surveyed said they never feel safe living in Doncaster.
- People felt most unsafe at night-time (62.50%) or in the evening (41.18%).
- The majority of those who stated they didn't feel safe identified the Town Centre as the place they didn't feel safe. Other areas identified included Lakeside (4.44%), Doncaster Bus Station (2.22%), certain villages (4.44%) and rural locations (4.44%).
- When asked about the reasons for feeling unsafe, crime accounted for 16.19% of responses, with general comments around crime and reported crime along with burglary, thefts and organised crime.
- Police visibility and reduced Police funding accounted for all 6.34% of responses.
- Anti-social behaviour accounted for 67.60% of responses. Drinking alcohol and drug misuse, homelessness and aggressive begging, particularly in the town centre were the main issues raised.
- Large groups of people gathering and quad and/or motorbike nuisance were also issues raised.
- Nearly 40% of those surveyed said they felt agencies are very effective or effective at tackling crime and disorder in Doncaster.
- 19% of those surveyed said agencies were neither ineffective nor effective.

- 31% said they felt agencies were not very effective.
- When asked about the crime and disorder themes that were most important, results indicated a relatively even priority across the strategic themes. However, reducing Anti-Social Behaviour accounted for 88.37% of the Community Safety themes most important to those surveyed.
- Additional comments in respect of areas of concern included a lack of agency resources and a need for increased engagement with communities; begging and large groups in the town centre; organised criminality; online crime; speeding traffic/dangerous driving; vehicle theft; young people and anti-social behaviour; dog theft; substance misuse in public spaces e.g. parks; women's safety and domestic abuse.
- 34.5% of respondents had been a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour in the last 12 months.
- 75% of those had been victims of anti-social behaviour and 28.33% had been victims of damage to property.
- Vehicle crime and hate crime also accounted for significant proportions of crime respondents experienced.
- 48% of victims were women and 40% were men.
- 62.2% of those who experienced crime were in the 45-64 age group and 22.2% in the 25-44 age group, 11.1% were over 65 and only 2.2% under 18.
- The vast majority (67%) reported crime they experienced, however, 33% did not.
- The majority (79%) reported such crimes to the Police and 14% reported issues to the Council. Of those who said they reported it to other agencies, comments identified those agencies as Housing Associations, Education staff and Domestic Abuse agencies.
- Reasons provided for not reporting included: being unable to identify the offender; long waiting times on the 101 service; previous negative experiences when reporting / lack of confidence that positive action will be taken; lack of resources across agencies to tackle issues.
- When asked what could be done to improve the partnership and its services, responses included: more visible presence from officers within communities/neighbourhoods; simpler and faster reporting services; increased engagement with young people; increased support for offenders; closer working with community organisations; improved communications/social media presence; targeted work in hotspot areas; increased CCTV coverage; better support for victims of crime; additional resources for outlying areas.

Who Responded:

The questionnaire circulated included details of respondent's age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation and area of residence. This enabled us to monitor how representative the responses were. This information is valuable when developing local delivery plans, assessing existing service provision and exploring potential new services. In brief, the consultation, which attracted 175 responses showed:

- The majority of respondents were from the 45-64 age group, followed by the 25-44 age group. Combined they account for over 78% of responses.
- 9.98% of responses were from those under the age of 24.
- Almost two thirds of responses were from those identifying as women, whilst those identifying as men were just short of a third.
- A small proportion preferred not to say and one individual identified as a Transgender Male/Man.
- One individual preferred to self-identify and commented "I go by all pronouns, I am me and am not defined by my gender/pronouns".
- The vast majority of respondents identified as Heterosexual (85.53%). 4.4% identified as Bisexual, just over 3% identified as a gay man and 1.89% identified as a gay woman/lesbian. Almost 4.5% preferred not to say how they identified.
- The vast majority of respondents (158) identified as English, 4 people identified as Scottish, 3 Polish, 2 Romanian and 1 Czech and 1 Kurdish individual. All were born within the UK except for 12 individuals.

How have we used the evidence:

The majority of people surveyed said they feel safe living in Doncaster most or all of the time (63.79%). Only 3.45% of those surveyed said they never feel safe living in Doncaster. The survey highlighted that residents felt most unsafe in the Town Centre, highlighting anti-social behaviour, homelessness, alcohol and drug misuse as key concerns.

Since the last Community Safety Strategy, a significant investment of additional resources has been made in the town centre. The Complex Lives Team continue to focus on individuals with a range of needs, which may relate to substance misuse, lack of accommodation and access to key services. Continued focus on this cohort enables individuals to gain accommodation and access to support and services. It is recognised that maintaining stability is a continuing challenge, but alongside the Public Space Protection Order, this provides the tools to manage these issues within the locality.

The consultation has identified that hate crime remains an important issue as this accounted for a proportion of crime that respondents experienced. The JSIA also highlighted a small increase in reports – these rises were linked to national / international issues such as terror attacks, the covid pandemic and the EU exit. Robust Hate Crime services are established across the Borough as described earlier in this statement.

Doncaster has, for a number of years, welcomed asylum seekers into our communities and we have developed strong links with providers who operate the national housing contract. Approval mechanisms exist to support decision making in relation to local service provision, crime and anti-social behaviour activity and the condition of properties. Bi-monthly multi-agency meetings are also established to ensure communication mechanisms are strong and services are working well.

Domestic abuse and sexual abuse continue to be a priority for the Partnership. A new domestic abuse strategy for 2021-2024 has been produced following extensive consultation with communities, survivors and practitioners and a new sexual abuse strategy is also being written. The new domestic abuse strategy emphasises that domestic abuse is everyone’s responsibility and that it will only be tackled by everyone working together.

There is improved collaboration with survivors of domestic abuse and a strong commitment to learning from their experiences. The strategy seeks to provide support for victims, survivors, children and young people that have been affected by domestic abuse as well as promoting trauma informed practice to understand and address offending behaviour.

By addressing adverse childhood experiences and trauma, the aim is to prevent people becoming victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse in the future. Increased reports of domestic abuse and domestic homicide is also a UK emerging risk as identified in the JSIA.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking continues to be managed through the Serious and Organised crime theme and is an issue affecting individuals from the protected user group. The issues of modern slavery and human trafficking have been highlighted within the annual joint strategic intelligence assessment and research indicates that modern slavery and human trafficking can disproportionately affect under-represented groups of a particular nationality and also females, who may be victims of sex trafficking. Therefore, it is important that our Community Safety Strategy addresses these issues, ensures that victims are aware of the support available and professionals receive training on identifying the signs and reporting mechanisms.

		In addition to the details within this statement, all emerging issues identified within the strategic themes of Tackling Domestic and Sexual Abuse; Reducing anti-social behaviour; Reducing crime & re-offending; Tackling serious & organised crime; Reducing substance & alcohol misuse and reducing violence and violent crime are recorded within the Strategy and accompanying Delivery Plan to ensure progress and performance management.
6	Decision Making	<p>It is important that the Mayor and Cabinet understand the obligation of demonstrating due regard from the review of this strategy and any changes to priorities are presented with a clear rationale and evidence base.</p> <p>The Mayor and portfolio holder will be made aware of due regard considerations through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular briefing updates reporting upon progress of the Community Safety Strategy; • As the Strategy progresses through the Councils Governance structures the Mayor and Cabinet will be able to comment upon the content and provide feedback as to due regard considerations.
7	Monitoring and Review	<p>The Community Safety Strategy will be monitored through various mechanisms which include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSDP Executive Board meetings, reports and presentations, including utilising performance management models; • The consideration of equality standards and impact will continue to be a required theme of action plans and new policies; • Action plans developed from the strategy will be monitored through the Partnership theme group structure; • An annual review of the Strategy will take place and will be informed by on-going consultations with communities through various methods.
8	Sign off and approval for publication	<p>The JSIA and community consultation has examined a full range of evidence across all protected groups and has used the information as a basis to show due regard to the aims of the general duty.</p> <p>This has enlightened the development of the strategy, based upon the changing nature, needs and concerns of our communities.</p>

Please note dates of meetings/rooms/support may change

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2021/22

	OSMC	H&ASC O&S	CYP O&S	R&H O&S	C&E O&S
May		Friday 4th June, 2021 at 3.30pm, MS Teams	-		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Planning Meeting 			
June	Thurs 3rd June 2021 at 10am, MS Teams		Tues 15th June 2021 at 10am, MS Teams	Wed 9th June 2021 at 10.30am, MS Teams	Monday 7th June 2021 at 2pm, MS Teams
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Planning Meeting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Planning Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Planning Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Planning Meeting
	Thurs 24th June 2021 at 10am Council Chamber (AS/RW)				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 4 (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST Youth Justice Plan (c) Edenthorpe Neighbourhood Plan (c) 				
July Page 71		Thurs 1st July 2021 at 10am- MS Teams Briefing Session (CR)	Thurs 22nd July 2021 at 4.30pm Cancelled Tues 10th August 2021 at 9am Briefing Meeting		Wed 28th July 2021 at 10am, Council Chamber (CM)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Based Community Development and Well Doncaster – update and Annual Report. Links with Localities, Adult Social Care addressing the way people live day to day, with a focus on local communities becoming healthier. (c) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability/ Environmental Strategy update and next steps – 111 actions and maximising funding (c) NEW Social Inclusion Alliance Update (c)

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	Tuesday 3rd August, 2021 at 9.30am – MS Teams Briefing meeting (CR)				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality working (c) 				
	Tuesday 10th August, 2021 at 11.00am – MS Teams Briefing Session – postponed from 8th July (CR)				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning (c) 				
Aug	Extraordinary OSMC – Thurs 19th August 2021 at 10am, Council Chamber (CR/RW)		Tues 10th August 2021 at 9am Briefing Meeting (CM)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan (c) • Doncaster Delivering Together (Borough Strategy 2030) (c) • Sproborough Neighbourhood Plan (TBC) (c) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young People overview including relationship with Doncaster Children's Services Trust and invitation to Young Advisors and Youth Council (Make Your Mark) Further shaping of the work plan (c) 		
Sept Page 72	Thurs 9th Sept 2021 at 10am Council Chamber (CM/RW)	Thurs 30th Sept 2021 at 10am Council Chamber (CM)	Thurs 16th Sept 2021 at 4.30pm Council Chamber (CR)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 1 (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DMBC ○ SLHD ○ DCST • Compliments and Complaints (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to NHS working (ICS - White Paper) and what this will mean for the Borough's residents (timing TBC) (c) • Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding theme to include Children's Social Care with the Early help element of focus (c) 		

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Oct	Thurs 7th Oct 2021 at 11am Briefing Session, MS Teams (CM)		Fri 1st Oct 2021, 2pm Briefing Sessions, MS Teams (CM)	Wed 13th Oct 2021 at 11.30am, Chamber (CR)	Mon 11th Oct 2021 at 10am , Chamber (CM)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localities (general update and the executives proposals for Governance) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of upcoming policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Housing - Post Covid easing restrictions – consequences of rehousing people in temporary accommodation (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Planning Preparation (c) Domestic Abuse Strategy(c)
Nov	Thurs 4th Nov 2021 at 10am Council Chamber (CR)	Mon 22nd Nov 2021 at 1.30pm Council Chamber (CM)	Tues 9th Nov 2021, 1pm Virtual Meeting (CR) Deferred TBA	Briefing Session Wed 10th Nov 2021, 10:30am Virtual Meeting (RW/CM)	Briefing Session Wed 10th November 2021 2pm Virtual Meeting (CR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Statement of Licensing Policy Gambling Act 2005 (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Planning Update from Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence gathering session – meeting with teachers (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Deal Doncaster and Stainforth – update including priorities, next steps plus outline of the levelling up funding bid for the town centre.(c) Town Centre update including Waterdale area, strategy and plans for, Housing, retail, hospitality and engagement with businesses and how they are responding to challenges (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Strategy (Sustainability) Naturalisation
	Thursday 4th November following the formal meeting Council Chamber (CR)			Tues, 30th Nov 2021, 10am Council Chamber (CM)	Thursday 25th November at 2pm (CR)
Page 73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioning – discussions with service users re: drug and alcohol abuse (c) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the Market (MAM contract).(c) Town Centre economy including impact from Covid, footfall, night-time economy, Alfresco dining, market economy.(c) 	Community Safety Strategy(c)

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Dec	Thurs 2nd Dec 2021 at 10am Council Chamber (AS/RW)		Thurs 9th Dec 2021 at 4.30pm (?) Council Chamber		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 2 (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DMBC ○ SLHD ○ DCST 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEND Strategy and Behaviour Transformation Programme (pre cabinet decision) (to include a focus on Education health Care plans) • Theme Education and Skills to include school organisation with comparators for attendance, exclusions, NEET, education outcomes post 16 employment and education and Big Picture (pre cabinet decision) • SALT and Neurodevelopment pathway New • Education and Skills 2030 programme (c) 		
Jan	Thurs 27th Jan 2022 at 10am Council Chamber (briefing session) (CR/CM)	Mon 31st Jan 2022 at 1.30pm			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget (c) • Corporate Plan (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers Strategy – to include people with lived experience 			
Page 74 Feb	Thurs 10th Feb 2022 at 10am Council Chamber (CR/CM)				Wed 9th Feb 2022 at 10am Council Chamber
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget (c) • Corporate Plan (c) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime and Disorder Committee (c)
	Thurs 24th Feb 2022 at 10am deferred to 15th March				

FP – Forward Plan Decision

CR, CM or AS – Officer Responsible

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March	Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 10am Briefing Session Microsoft Teams				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localities update 				
	Thurs 31st March 2022 at 10am, Council Chamber (AS/RW)	Thurs 3rd March 2022 at 10am, Council Chamber	Thurs 17th March 2022 at 4.30pm	Wed 9th March 2022 at 10am	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1 - CQC Inspection and Regulation Update – Doncaster Care Quality including inspection ratings. Covid impact and how care providers have risen to the challenge Part 2 - CQC possible part two - Chief Nurse CCG – NHS settings Public Health report – link with the implications of long Covid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people’s mental health and resilience (Mental Health strategy and implementation Plan going to H&WBB in Jan) Children and Young People’s Plan (invite HASC Scrutiny Panel) Youth Council (Domestic Abuse TBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment programme opportunities following Covid easing with possible invite to DWP Local Plan – update including delivery of key projects and connectivity 	
Apr					
May					

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POSSIBLE ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OR TO BE SCHEDULED

Quarter 4 Performance OSMC 23 rd June, 2022	Adult Safeguarding Report 2022 (date TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: Sufficiency <p>Reports to include comparators and best</p>	Impact of Brexit on housing improvements – building materials and maintenance timeframes (TBC – difficult to provide full picture at time of	Briefing meeting Environment Strategy - sustainability information briefing meeting date to be arranged.
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			practices with comparisons to like authorities.	work planning possibly – link with OSMC)	
	Impact of Brexit – to be addressed through performance: Lack of carers Housing improvements Private sector house building	Joint Regional Health (JHOSC) – as required Chair only to attend	Following issues to be fed into the above themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition of young disabled adults to adulthood; • Covid theme – impact of children being home schooled; 		Briefing meeting – naturalisation update
	Local Plan update Autumn 2022	Links with Social Care and Housing (added following discussion with Chair and Director) TBC maybe 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doncaster Children’s Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report – to circulate for comments 		Environmental Improvement Plan (timing TBC)
	Localities March 2022 – including feedback on Public Health grant	Children’s Mental Health – CYP leading and Panel is to be invited to CYP 17 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the funding provided for additional family practitioners and difference they have made – including risks associated. 		
BRIEFING NOTES					
		Adult Safeguarding Annual report 2021 to be circulated		Housing Allocations Policy circulated	Veterans – Briefing note general update with focus on homelessness (151021)
		Substantial Variation – Update on merger Scawthorpe/Bentley		Preston Model - towns and cities transforming community wealth building	Green Space and Parks Champion – Briefing note re: green assets (TBC)
				City Status Bid	

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1ST DECEMBER 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022.

The Forward Plan sets out details of all Key Decisions expected to be taken during the next four months by either the Cabinet collectively, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holders or Officers and is updated and republished each month.

A Key Decision is an executive decision which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the Local Authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Local Authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the Local Authority;
- (c) any decision related to the approval or variation of the Policy and budget Framework that is reserved to the Full Council.

The level of expenditure/savings which this Authority has adopted as being financially significant are (a) in the case of the revenue budget, gross full-year effect of £250,000 or more b) in the case of capital budget, £1,000,000 or more in respect of a single project or otherwise across one financial year.or the decision has a significant impact on 2 or more wards.

Please note in addition to the documents identified in the plan, other documents relevant to a decision may be submitted to the Decision Maker. Details of any additional documents submitted can be obtained from the Contact Officer listed against each decision identified in this plan.

In respect of exempt items, if you would like to make written representations as to why a report should be considered in public, please send these to the contact officer responsible for that particular decision. Unless otherwise stated, representations should be made at least 14 days before the expected date of the decision.

KEY

Those items in **BOLD** are **NEW**

Those items in **ITALICS** have been **RESCHEDULED** following issue of the last plan

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Prepared on: 28 October 2021 and superseding all previous Forward Plans with effect from the period identified above.

Damian Allen
Chief Executive

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member For:

Mayor - Ros Jones
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Glyn Jones

Councillor Lani-Mae Ball
Councillor Nigel Ball
Councillor Joe Blackham
Councillor Rachael Blake
Councillor Phil Cole
Councillor Mark Houlbrook
Councillor Jane Nightingale
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- Budget and Policy
- Housing and Business
- Education, Skills and Young People
- Public Health, Leisure, Culture and Planning
- Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement
- Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities
- Finance and Trading Services
- Sustainability and Waste
- Corporate Resources.
- Adult Social Care

Some Decisions listed in the Forward Plan are to be taken by Full Council

Members of the Full Council are:-

Councillors Nick Allen, Bob Anderson, Duncan Anderson, Lani-Mae Ball, Nigel Ball, Daniel Barwell Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Rachael Blake, Nigel Cannings Glenn Bluff, Laura Bluff, Bev Chapman, James Church, Gemma Cobby, Phil Cole, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Linda Curran, Amiee Dickson, Susan Durant, Sue Farmer, Sean Gibbons, Julie Grace, Martin Greenhalgh, John Healy, Leanne Hempshall, Charlie Hogarth, Mark Houlbrook, Debbie Hutchinson, Barry Johnson, Glyn Jones, R. Allan Jones, Ros Jones, Jake Kearsley Majid Khan, Jane Kidd, Sue Knowles, Sophie Liu, Tracey Moran, John Mounsey, Emma Muddiman-Rawlins Tim Needham, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Thomas Noon, Ian Pearson, Andy Pickering, Cynthia Ransome, Rob Reid, Andrea Robinson, Dave Shaw, Glynis Smith, Sarah Smith, Gary Stapleton, and Austen White

WHEN DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN	KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY	CONTACT OFFICER(S)	DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY DECISION MAKER	REASON FOR EXEMPTION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SCHEDULE 12A
1 Dec 2021	Resource Requirements to Support Specialist Safeguarding	Portfolio holder for Children’s Social Care, Communities and Equalities	Cabinet	Riana Nelson, Director of Learning, Opportunities and Skills (DCS) riana.nelson@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
1 Dec 2021	To outline the proposed implementation plan and secure funding for the smart hub roll out programme in light of the digital switch over Public Switched telephone Network (PSTN), for the Home Emergency Alarm Response Team (HEART) Service.	Councillor Andrea Robinson, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care	Cabinet			Open
Dec 2021	Quarter 2 2021-22 Finance and Performance Report	Councillor Phil Cole, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Trading Services	Cabinet	Matthew, Smith, Head of Financial Management Tel: 01302-737663 matthew.smith@doncaster.gov.uk		Open

1 Dec 2021	St Leger Homes Performance Report 2021/22 Quarter 2	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Business.	Cabinet	Julie Crook Tel: 01302 862705, Dave Richmond, Chief Executive, St Leger Homes of Doncaster dave.richmond@stlegerhomes.co.uk		Open
1 Dec 2021	DCST Quarter 2 Finance & Performance Report.	Councillor Rachael Blake, Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities	Cabinet	James Thomas, Chief Executive of Doncaster Children's Services Trust James.Thomas@dcs trust.co.uk		Open
15 Dec 2021	To award the contract for the Carers' Wellbeing Service in Doncaster, which supports a change in access model to a carer led preventative focussed service	Councillor Andrea Robinson, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care	Teresa Bainbridge, Commissioning Officer teresa.bainbridge@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
15 Dec 2021	To outline the proposed implementation plan and review funding requirements for the delivery of the Education and Skills Strategy 2030.	Portfolio holder for Education, Skills and Young People	Cabinet	Leanne Hornsby, Assistant Director, Education, Skills, Culture and Heritage leanne.hornsby@doncaster.gov.uk		Open

19 Jan 2022	To accept £18.6m Levelling Up Fund money and £125k Levelling Up Capacity Grant Funding	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Business.	Cabinet	Christian Foster, Head of Policy, Insight & Change christian.foster@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
19 Jan 2022	Approval of the Council Tax Base for 2022/23	Mayor Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy	Cabinet	Alan Stoves, Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01302 735585 Alan.stoves@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
20 Jan 2022	Community Safety Strategy 2022 to 2025.	Councillor Rachael Blake, Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities	Cabinet, Council	Rachael Long, Crime and Safer Doncaster Theme Manager rachael.long@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
20 Jan 2022	Re-procurement of External Audit.	Councillor Phil Cole, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Trading Services	Council	Matthew, Smith, Head of Financial Management Tel: 01302-737663 matthew.smith@doncaster.gov.uk		Open

20 Jan 2022	Determination of the Doncaster Council Statement of Policy (Gambling Policy 2022) as required under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.	Councillor Joe Blackham, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement	Council, Cabinet	David Smith, Licensing Officer david.smith@doncaster.gov.uk, Dave McMurdo dave.mcmurdo@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
16 Feb 2022	To approve new discretionary relief schemes for Business Rates for 2022/23.	Councillor Richard A Jones	Cabinet	Alan Stoves, Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01302 735585 Alan.stoves@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
28 Feb 2022	To approve the 2022/23 Corporate Plan	Mayor Ros Jones	Council, Cabinet	Alan Wiltshire, Head of Policy and Partnerships, Tel. 01302 862307, allan.wiltshire@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
28 Feb 2022	To approve the level of the Council Tax for 2022/23 and to pass appropriate statutory resolutions including the Council Tax requirement for 2022/23.	Mayor Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy	Council	Alan Stoves, Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01302 735585 Alan.stoves@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
28 Feb 2022	To approve the Revenue Budget 2022/23	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet, Council	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk		Open

28 Feb 2022	To approve the Capital Strategy & Capital Budget 2022/23 - 2025/26.	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet, Council	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
28 Feb 2022	To approve the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2022/23	Mayor Ros Jones	Council, Cabinet	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
28 Feb 2022	To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022/23 - 2025/26.	Mayor Ros Jones	Council, Cabinet	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
1 Mar 2022	St Leger Homes Performance Report 2021/22 Quarter 3	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Business.	Cabinet	Dave Richmond, Chief Executive, St Leger Homes of Doncaster dave.richmond@stlegerhomes.co.uk, Julie Crook Tel: 01302 862705		Open

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