

REPORT TO: NORTH WALES SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD

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SUBJECT: NORTH WALES COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present some initial proposals to aid the production and development of a North Wales Community Safety Plan.
- 1.2 To seek the views and agreement of members regarding the proposed structure and outcomes of the plan.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the last meeting of the Safer Communities Board, held on 4th February 2013, it was agreed that a North Wales Community Safety Plan should be produced. Lee Robinson and Siân Jones were tasked to undertake the co-ordination of this body of work.
- 2.2 It will fulfil the statutory requirement for the region's Community Safety Partnerships to produce a Community Safety Plan. The document will also reflect the recommendations contained within the regional Strategic Assessment.
- 2.3 There will be an expectation that local and sub-regional arrangements will be in place to deliver operational needs, and also address any specific needs that arise from time to time.
- 2.4 The table below outlines a proposed timeline of activity for the production of the Plan, which is subject to change and amendment:

Timeline for producing the North Wales Community Safety Plan		
Activity	Owner(s)	Timeframe
Initial scoping	Lee Robinson/ Rachel Spur/ Siân Jones	5 th March 2013
Identifying possible objectives and outcomes	CSP Managers/ NWP Analysts	19 th April 2013 & 17 th May 2013

Identify headings and structure of plan	Siân Jones	May 2013
Seek agreement for outline plan and key outcomes	Safer Communities Board	7 th June 2013
Production of draft plan	Siân Jones	Mid September 2013
Completion of Needs Assessment and Revision of Strategic Assessment	CSP Managers/ NWP Analysts	30 th September 2013
Draft plan to be approved	Safer Communities Board	13 th November 2013
Agree consultation framework	Safer Communities Board	30 th September 2013
Final approval	Safer Communities Board members	February/March 2014

2.5 Reference to some key national drivers and strategies will be expected to be incorporated within the regional plan. Appendix 1 outlines some of the main priorities and drivers that currently impact the work of CSP's. It is not expected that the Plan will incorporate all aspects into its delivery, however it is important to recognise these drivers and have a clear rationale as to what can and cannot be incorporated within the final document. Consideration has been given to the following:

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Home Office driven responsibilities
- Welsh Government driven responsibilities
- WECTU driven priorities
- Priorities 2013 Strategic Assessment
- Police and Crime Plan

2.6 Appendix 2 contains the priorities and outcomes from the region's Local Service Boards (LSB's) that relate to community safety. For the Plan to be a representative it is important that it reflects these ambitions.

2.7 Much of the needs assessment has already been undertaken through the exercises undertaken by LSB's, the Strategic Assessment (which

will be refreshed in October 2013) and the work that is currently on-going to inform the substance misuse Commissioning Strategy.

3. **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 The table below outlines the proposed headings for the Plan. The intention will be to keep the document as concise and user friendly as possible.

North Wales Community Safety Plan: Outline Headings	
1.	Introduction
2.	Statutory background and requirements
3.	Relationship with key partners
4.	Needs assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Findings of the North Wales Strategic Assessment ▪ Consultation findings
5.	National drivers
6.	Recommendations
7.	Priorities
8.	Measuring progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifying key outcomes ▪ Common framework to track progress

3.2 The focal point of the Plan will be its purpose and outcomes. The table overleaf contains draft outcomes for members' consideration. They have been identified based on the revised Strategic Assessment (January 2013) and the key drivers for community safety emanating from the Home Office and Welsh Government. Whilst the evidence base for 'Prevent' does not appear in the Strategic Assessment, given the potential risk its inclusion in the Plan could be justified.

Upon agreement of the outcomes for the Plan, the focus will turn to identifying which measures can be used to track progress.

Overall aim: Making North Wales a safer place to live	
Priority Area	Outcomes
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase confidence reporting serious sexual offences ▪ Increase confidence reporting incidents of domestic abuse ▪ Reduce the risk of becoming a repeat victim of domestic abuse
Alcohol Related Violent Crime with Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce the risk of becoming a victim of violent crime resulting in injury
Acquisitive Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop effective responses to locally identified problems of acquisitive crime ▪ Jointly address those who cause the greatest harm in our communities
Anti-Social Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce the risk of becoming a victim of anti-social behaviour
Substance Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving availability and quality of education, prevention and treatment services and related support, with greater priority given to those related to alcohol¹
Prevent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring our communities are resilient to the threat of terrorist activities

3.3 To take account of local and sub-regional differences, and reporting structures (such as LSB's), there will continue to be an expectation for responsibilities to be discharged locally. However, it is proposed that by agreeing common aims and outcomes progress will be tracked at a regional level. In time this will enable the SCB to identify where support is needed, and if necessary the deployment of additional resources. This approach supports the principle of regional commissioning.

¹ Priority from the Welsh Assembly Government Substance Misuse Strategy 2008-18.

- 3.4 In terms of governance, there are already fora in existence on a North Wales basis that could be formally linked into the SCB to oversee work programmes. The North Wales Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse Forum and the Area Planning Board are two good examples that currently oversee regional work that could be mandated to report to the SCB.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Agree the overall approach to the development of the Plan.
- 4.2 Agree the structure of the plan, as outlined in point 3.1
- 4.3 Agree the overall aim, priorities and outcomes of the Plan, as outlined in 3.2.
- 4.4 Agree the delivery structure to deliver the Plan's priorities, as outlined in 3.4.

Appendix 1

Key Community Safety Drivers

Responsibilities under section 17 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act	Welsh Government driven responsibilities	Home Office driven responsibilities	WECTU driven priorities	Priorities 2013 Strategic Assessment	Police and Crime plan – PCC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackling Crime and disorder <i>(requires a plan –nature of which is no longer prescribed)</i> 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CONTEST <i>(of particular relevance PREVENT)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burglary dwelling <i>Areas to monitor –</i> Shoplifting Theft from motor vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security in the home Reduce crime
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackling Domestic abuse Tackling Serious sexual violence (and sexual exploitation) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rape and serious sexual violence Domestic abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect people and reduce harm Reduce victim based crime
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti social behaviour and 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce crime and Antisocial

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing re offending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing youth offending (tackling youth offending) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Offender management • Prolific offenders 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling Substance Misuse • <i>(requires a plan –nature of which is no longer prescribed)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Misuse strategy 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol related violence with injury - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety in public places
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement to have CSP's operational on a LA boundary area –with five responsible members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages collaborative cross boundary working • Formulation of APB's 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised crime groups causing the greatest harm 	

- Requirement to have a strategic assessment undertaken annually

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Appendix 2

North Wales LSB Priorities

County	Priorities Related to Community Safety
Conwy and Denbighshire	<p>People in Conwy and Denbighshire are safe and feel safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce crime and the impact on the community ▪ Reduce re-offending ▪ Effectively tackle ASB and behaviour adversely affecting the environment ▪ Reduce harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse ▪ Effectively tackle domestic abuse
Flintshire	<p>Overall Priority: People Are Safe</p> <p>Sub-priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addressing the inappropriate availability and misuse of alcohol in our communities ▪ Reducing alcohol related harm, including injuries ▪ Preventing and managing alcohol related anti-social behaviour and address environmental crime ▪ Improving services for vulnerable people with a focus on those suffering domestic abuse, missing people and restorative approaches
Gwynedd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domestic violence ▪ Antisocial Behaviour ▪ Reducing re-offending ▪ Class A Drugs ▪ Assaults

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PREVENT (anti-terrorism) ▪ The Partnership has three year plans for dealing with ▪ Crime and Disorder ▪ Substance Misuse
Môn	<p>Reduce all crime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce victim based crime ▪ Reduce antisocial behaviour ▪ Reduce offending and re offending Reduce Substance misuse ▪ Prevent people being victims of commercial crimes
Wrexham	<p>Making Wrexham a place that's safe and feels safe and where everyone feels included</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More people will feel safe in Wrexham ▪ There will be fewer crimes ▪ There will be fewer incidents of anti social behaviour ▪ There will be fewer people re-offending ▪ There will be fewer deliberate and accidental fires ▪ There will be fewer people using drugs and alcohol ▪ There will be fewer road traffic collisions