

OSPB 2020/21 CRIME AND DISORDER WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix 1

Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 refers to the requirements for local authority scrutiny committees in relation to crime and disorder matters.

The key requirements of the legislation are that all local authorities are required to create or designate a Crime and Disorder Committee to deal with crime and disorder issues. In the case of Worcestershire County Council this is the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB); and the Committee must meet at least once a year to discuss crime and disorder matters.

The Worcestershire Safer Communities Board (SCB), chaired by the Director of Public Health, has strategic partnership oversight of community safety in Worcestershire. An annual plan with associated strategic actions is produced and monitored. Its priorities are currently reducing Domestic Abuse, reducing Harm (including Anti-Social Behaviour, Safeguarding, Serious Violence, Cyber Crime, Hate Crime, Modern Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation) reducing the Harm caused by Alcohol and Drugs and Reducing Offending/ Re-Offending. These priorities are subject to review and change. The Crime and Disorder Work Programme is based on a consideration of these priorities.

There is Lead Member for Crime and Disorder who is a Member of OSPB.

Date of Meeting	Issue for Scrutiny	Date of Last Report	Notes/Follow-up Action
21 July 2021	Annual Worcestershire County Council Community Safety Update <i>This report will provide a broad overview of the strategic approach to community safety and where there are successes, challenges and highlight any new developments. This could also include a more in-depth focus on a specific area of business.</i>	24 July 2019 (Due to COVID-19 An interim update was received in July 2020)	To be looked at annually
21 October 2021	Update on the Domestic Abuse Bill	19 November 2020	
February 2022	Substance misuse issues in Worcestershire to include both adults and to address specific questions in relation to children and young people		
April 2022	TBC		

Possible Future Items (based around the Worcestershire Safer Communities Board Annual Plan Priorities)			
TBC	<p>Reducing Domestic Abuse:</p> <p><i>A key area of business is the implementation of the new Domestic Abuse Bill. It requires a review of governance, a needs assessment, a new strategy, and the commissioning of new services to be progressed over the next 12 months, for which Government funding allocations to the County Council and the six District Councils have been announced. This could be a consideration for the Board over the next 12 months in terms of how this is being achieved and what the full range of considerations are in carrying out this new duty and how it will support victims and their families.</i></p>	19 November 2020	
TBC	<p>Reducing Harm: including Anti-Social Behaviour, Safeguarding, Serious Violence, Cyber Crime, Hate Crime, Modern Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation:</p> <p><i>These issues will, to varying degrees be covered in the Annual Community Safety Update Report, with a number such as GET SAFE (including Child Sexual Exploitation) being the focus of other Boards.</i></p> <p><i>One area which Board may wish to focus on is the Council's response to Prevent. An update will be provided in the Annual Update and could also be subject to separate Scrutiny.</i></p>		
TBC	<p>Reducing the Harm caused by Alcohol and Drugs:</p> <p><i>The proposal would be to look at substance misuse issues in Worcestershire but from a wider perspective to include both adults and to address specific questions in relation to children and young people</i></p>	.	
	<p>Reducing Offending/Re-Offending</p> <p><i>This issue will be picked up in the Annual Update report.</i></p>	Annual report	