



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: Community Services & Licensing Committee
DATE: 29 May 2008
REPORTING OFFICER: Ana Richards
SUBJECT: Community Safety – Partnership Plan 2008 - 11
WARDS AFFECTED: All Ryedale

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To present the new 3 year Partnership Plan for the Ryedale District which sets out what Safer Ryedale will deliver in the next 3 years to address the crime and disorder priorities in the District.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Committee gives endorsement to the Partnership Plan.

3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION

- 3.1** To support and aid the delivery of the Partnership Plan and Action Plans to make a positive contribution to the reduction of crime and disorder in the District along with meeting the duty placed on the District Council as a responsible authority within the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1** In 1998 the Government gave local authorities and other bodies a mandate to tackle crime and disorder issues in their communities, with new powers to make a difference in each district, these are Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs).
- 4.2** Safer Ryedale is the body formed (CDRP) to draw agencies together to address crime and anti social activity locally and comprises of a number of agencies who have the duty placed on them – Local Authorities, Police Forces, Police Authorities, Fire Authorities and Primary Care Trusts, along with other agencies who have a duty to co-operate such as Registered Social Landlords and a wide range of others who can be invited to participate.
- 4.3** Previously, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships compiled a three year Strategy which was designed to tackle the priorities identified for the whole period of that Strategy. The last Strategy ended at the end of March 2008.

5.0 INTRODUCTION

- 5.1** The Plan builds on the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (J.S.I.A). This document pulls together data and information from various partners. It shows
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levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse, changes in those levels, analysis of why those changes have occurred and a review of the previous year's performance. The JSIA is an 'intelligence led' approach to community safety ensuring that the right resources are in the right place at the right time to sustain reductions in crime and disorder. The strategic assessment helps CDRPs to understand the community safety problems in their District, along with taking account of the community concerns and in turn these determine the priorities.

6.0 POLICY CONTEXT

6.1 The Partnership Plan contributes to the Ryedale District Council corporate aim of Safe and Inclusive Communities and the theme of Strong Safe Communities in the Ryedale Community Plan.

6.2 Under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 a duty – Section 17 of the Act, is placed on the responsible authorities to '... exercise its various 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 in its area'. Ryedale District Council is one of the 5 responsible authorities on which this statutory duty applies along with the requirements to work in partnership with other agencies to reduce crime and disorder.

6.3 The Partnership Plan also feeds into the North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement and combined with the other District Crime & Disorder Partnerships will deliver some of the objectives and targets under the Safer Communities theme.

7.0 REPORT

7.1 Each Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) across the country is required to produce a Partnership Plan, which has been developed following legislative changes brought in under the Crime and Disorder Act Review 2006.

This Partnership Plan sets out the expectations of Safer Ryedale; what it will deliver over the next three years, the resources available, how performance will be measured and will act as one of the mechanisms to communicate to local people. It builds on the analysis of crime and disorder and sets out the priorities.

The Plan will be reviewed annually and covers the period April 2008 – March 2011. It includes short, medium and long-term objectives and aligns to other local and countywide plans from individual and collective agencies.

7.2 The themes in the Plan, along with the aims for each are as follows:

- **Safer Roads** - To minimise the levels of Killed and Seriously Injured on the roads of Ryedale.
- **Community Priorities** – To minimise the effects of crime and anti-social behaviour on the communities within Ryedale thereby contributing to a positive view of the District.
- **Alcohol Harm Reduction** – To raise awareness on the consequences of alcohol misuse to minimise harm to both individuals and the community.
- **Domestic Abuse** - To protect and support people experiencing domestic abuse in the Ryedale District.
- **Community Engagement** - To encourage community participation to inform Safer Ryedale's work.

7.3 There are Action Plans for each theme and the Safer Ryedale Delivery Team and the Board will monitor these. Some of the actions will also be reported through for the Local Area Agreement.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 No additional for Ryedale District Council, funding for Safer Ryedale comes through the Area Based Grant along with contributions from Partner Agencies – North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Police Authority, North Yorkshire County Council and Ryedale District Council.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 In addition to the statutory obligations detailed in paragraph 6 above the Council also has a duty to cooperate with the planning and delivery of the Local Area Agreement and the delivery against National Performance Indicators.

9.2 The Local Government White Paper identified that 1,200 existing indicators were being reported to the Government by local authorities. These have now been reduced to a set of 198, covering the full range of national priorities delivered by local authorities working alone or in partnership in England. Local authorities and partners in England will be expected to continue to deliver across all of the national priorities monitored through the NIS. However, from April 2008, new LAAs will set a maximum of 35 improvement targets from the NIS.

9.3 The targets included in the North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement for which Safer Ryedale are Identified as a lead partner are:

- L 67 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour.
- NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate.
- NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders.
- NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence.
- NI 41 Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem.
- NI 115 Substance misuse by young people

10.0 CONCLUSION

10.1 The Partnership Plan was approved at the Safer Ryedale Board meeting on 16 April 2008 and launched on 13 May. All the agencies involved in Safer Ryedale are signed up to deliver the Action Plans and are committed to this. The successful delivery of these actions will bring about benefits to the community of Ryedale and improve the perceptions of crime and disorder in the area.

10.2 However there are challenges ahead for the Partnership e.g. future funding and resources such as contributions in kind of staff time contributed by a number of agencies. There are also opportunities to explore and develop which will be a feature of the next year or so.

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ATTACHMENTS: a) Partnership Plan 2008 - 2011
b) Action Plans 2008 - 09

CORPORATE POLICY APPRAISAL FORM *(One for each Option)* **Annex A**

Policy Context	Impact Assessment	Impact +ve -ve Neutral
Community Plan Themes <i>(Identify any/all that apply)</i>	Strong safe communities Vibrant Communities Health and Wellbeing	+
Corporate Objectives/Priorities <i>(Identify any/all that apply)</i>	Safe and inclusive	+
Service Priorities	To deliver the Partnership Plan 2008 - 2011 to reduce the levels of crime and disorder in Ryedale and to provide reassurance to the community	+
Financial		
Legal Implications		
Procurement Policies		
Asset Management Policies		
LA21 & Environment Charter		
Community Safety	To deliver the Partnership Plan 2008 - 2011 to reduce the levels of crime and disorder in Ryedale and to provide reassurance to the community	+
Equalities		
E-Government		
Risk Assessment		
Estimated Timescale for achievement	2008 - 2011	