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Report for approval OR information

Safer Somerset Partnership

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<p>Summary:</p>	<p>The Safer Somerset Partnership (SSP) was developed in 2011/12 as a single county wide partnership for delivering duties under the Crime and Disorder Act (1998). This report introduces the Safer Somerset Partnership's latest Annual Report 2020-2021, its key activities and achievements for the year, the initiatives it supports through grant funds and its ambitions for the coming year.</p> <p>The Safer Somerset Partnership's responsibilities and priority areas of work impact on all other Strategic Partnerships in Somerset. It is important that Board members consider the breadth of the community safety agenda and reflect on how the Partnership can assist the Board now, and in the future to improve the Health and Wellbeing of the vulnerable people and families it serves and supports within its activities.</p> <p>In addition, the health and Wellbeing Board will receive a summary of the new Domestic Abuse Act 2021, as stated in section 6 of the Annual Report.</p>
<p>Recommendations:</p>	<p>That the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board endorses the Safer Somerset Partnership Annual Report 2020-2021</p>
<p>Reasons for recommendations:</p>	<p>The sharing of annual reports is considered good practice in Somerset as an effective way to make sure that all strategic Partnerships and Boards share achievements, priorities and plans for the future.</p>
<p>Links to The Improving Lives Strategy</p>	<p>Please tick the Improving Lives priorities influenced by the delivery of this work</p>

<p>A County infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services</p>	
<p>Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment</p>	
<p>Fairer life chances and opportunity for all</p>	
<p>Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer</p>	

Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment

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Fairer life chances and opportunity for all

The Partnership seeks to support those with health inequalities, identifies those most vulnerable or with multiple needs and supports them to access the services required to put them on the path to independence and social inclusion. An example of such work is our investment in SHE, a diversionary service supporting women at risk of entering the criminal justice process.

Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer

Crime can have a wide ranging effect on people’s health. Data tells us that crime rates are higher in urban and most deprived areas, and those most deprived are more likely to be a victim or offender. The Violence Reduction Unit, an arm of the Partnership, targets Pupil referral units to identify young people most at risk of violence and works with local voluntary and community sector organisation to intervene at the earliest possible stage to prevent them escalating into criminal behaviour. In addition, One Teams, operating across the County, are based in the most deprived areas, supporting communities to become stronger and preventing crime and disorder.

<p>Financial, Legal, HR, Social value and partnership Implications:</p>	<p>There are no direct implications arising from sharing the Safer Somerset Partnership Annual Report.</p>
<p>Equalities Implications:</p>	<p>Equalities impacts are considered in all activities undertaken by the Partnership. Each decision made in relation to community</p>

	safety work is supported with an Impact Assessment. This includes the decision to allocate the Grants funding that is granted by the Police and Crime Commissioner. However, this report is only relating to presenting the Partnership's Annual Report as opposed to specific activity that might impact on equalities and therefore, a separate EIA has not been completed.
Risk Assessment:	There are no risks identified as a result of producing the Annual Report

1. Background

- 1.1** The Safer Somerset Partnership Annual Report allows key stakeholders, Partnerships, and the public to have insight into its key activities, achievements from 2020-2021 as well as the direction of travel for 2021-2022.
- 1.2** The Safer Somerset Partnership is a statutory Partnership, designed to reduce crime and disorder as set out in legislation going back to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. There are a range of statutory functions added over the years including reducing reoffending and carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- 1.3** Key achievements in the previous year include targeted communications activity on healthy teenage relationships and county lines, re-establishing the Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Partnership and overseeing the Serious violence strategy and delivery of this agenda via the Violence reduction unit.
- 1.4** The priorities for the Partnership are agreed in collaboration with the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner and will be refreshed for 2022. These are:
- Protect people from the Harm of Domestic and Sexual Abuse
 - Identify and Prevent the Exploitation of Vulnerable People
 - Identify and Support those with Inequalities and vulnerabilities and offer support to improve health outcomes and reduce harm
 - Meet our Statutory Duties and improve Partnership effectiveness

The Annual report sets out progress against these as well as funded programmes of work which all meet at least one priority area.

- 1.5** 2020-2021 was an unprecedented year for the partnership regarding unexpected and highly impactful events. Unsurprisingly, coronavirus being one of these as well as a new legislation. The Annual Report describes how the Partnership responded to these.
- 1.6** Finally, the Annual report describes some workstreams that are already on the horizon which will be explored in 2021 and beyond. This includes embedding new legislative duties for serious violence and domestic abuse, improving the

programme of Integrated Offender Management and considering the future of the Somerset Violence Reduction Unit.

2. Improving Lives Priorities and Outcomes

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3. Consultations undertaken

3.1. The Annual Report summarises work already undertaken by the Partnership. The Violence Reduction Unit, Community Safety Team and Safer Somerset Partnership Chair have all been engaged in this work but wider consultation has not been required.

4. Request of the Board and Board members

4.1. Board members are asked to continue their support of the Safer Somerset Partnership and endorse the Annual Report.

5. Background papers

5.1. Safer Somerset Partnership Annual Report 2020-2021

6. Report Sign-Off

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	Seen by:	Name	Date
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	Cabinet Member / Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Clare Paul	Click or tap to enter a date.
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