

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE SAFER MONMOUTHSHIRE PLAN

MEETING: Strong Communities Select Committee

DATE: 12th October 2015 DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE:

- **1.1** To provide relevant performance information to the Stronger Communities Select Committee under the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- **1.2** To focus on the activity and delivery within the Safer Monmouthshire Group.
- 1.3 The Safer Monmouthshire Group (SMG) formally undertakes the Local Service Board's statutory responsibility in-line with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Part 1: S6) which includes, strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder, strategies for combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and strategies for the reduction of reoffending.

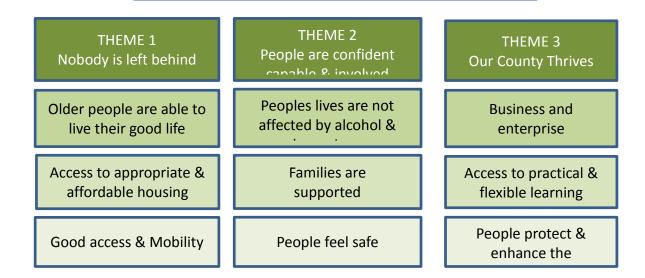
Under the direction of the Monmouthshire Local Service Board, the SMG brings together representatives of the key organisations responsible for shaping and delivering community safety actions which contribute to the Monmouthshire Single Integrated Plan and are in-line with the Crime and Disorder Act.

The Safer Monmouthshire Group contributes to Theme 2; People are Confident, Capable and Involved and Outcomes 4, 5 & 6 of the Single Integrated Plan.

These are:

- People's lives are not affected by alcohol and drug misuse
- Families are supported
- People feel safe

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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 The scrutiny committee review the Safer Monmouthshire Group action plan and its alignment to the Monmouthshire Single Integrated Plan, to satisfy that the current set of actions are in-line with local community safety needs.
- 2.2 This report provides the Strategic Needs Assessment data (2014/15) used to inform the planning of community safety activities as outlined in the attached draft Safer Monmouthshire Action Plan.

3. REASONS:

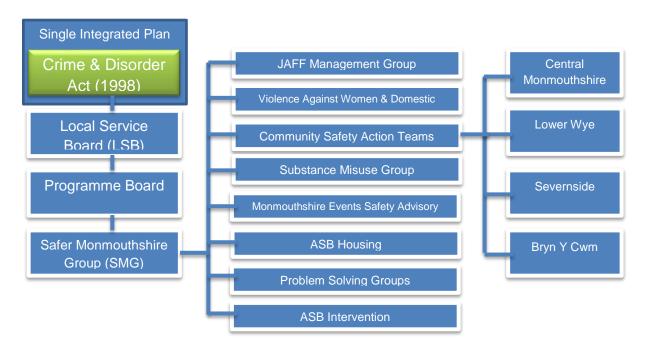
In 2012 the Welsh Government Statutory Guidance "Shared Purpose, Shared Delivery" rationalised the partnership landscape, by reducing complexity and duplication, and freeing up resources, through the development of Local Service Boards and the Single Integrated Plan. The Single Integrated Plan replaced the existing statutory plans and strategies, which included the Community Safety Partnership Plan, that incorporated the the three crime and disorder strategies; (1) the reduction of crime and disorder, (2) strategies for combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and (3) strategies for the reduction of re-offending.

The old Community Safety Partnerships were disbanded, and under the Monmouthshire LSB, the Safer Monmouthshire Group was formed and the statutory duties, of the Crime and Disorder Act, were discharged to the Safer Monmouthshire Group.

3.2 The Safer Monmouthshire Group embraces multi-agency working, with representation from a wide range of partner organisations, who work collaboratively to address community safety issues across Monmouthshire. Collaboration and partnership working forms a key part of the delivery of community safety actions across the county, and it is

important that Select Committees have a strong oversight of this work and the actions that are being taken to address the challenges of crime & disorder across Monmouthshire's rural and urban landscapes.

3.3 The current structure within Monmouthshire is depicted in the diagram below indicating the governance of the Safer Monmouthshire Group.



4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no additional resource implications associated with the Safer Monmouthshire Group.

5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no implications at this review stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

- Strategic Needs Assessment 2014/2015
- Safer Monmouthshire Group Terms of Reference
- Safer Monmouthshire Group Action Plan Outcome 4
- Safer Monmouthshire Group Action Plan Outcome 5
- Safer Monmouthshire Group Action Plan Outcome 6

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