Report to:	Safer Sefton Together
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Subject:	Strategic & Governance Interdependencies
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1   Purpose of the Report

1.1   The purpose of this report is to update Safer Sefton Together (SST) on the strategic and governance interdependencies of the SST with other boards and strategies.

2   Recommendations

2.1   SST notes the contents of the report and are asked to suggest any boards strategies that may exist which are not represented. Furthermore SST are asked to suggest ways we can strengthen the links within the structure to ensure strategic and governance oversight.

3   Background

3.1   The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a statutory requirement for each local authority area to form a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) tasked with reducing crime, fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, drug misuse and reoffending. The partnerships contain the statutory partners of:

- The Council
- Police
- Fire & Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Community Rehabilitation Companies (now part of NPS)
- CCGs (now Integrated Care Partnership)

CSPs are traditionally administered by Local Authority funded Community Safety Teams and over the years have taken on additional responsibilities as the

environment has evolved. Other papers on this agenda demonstrate how the responsibilities for Seftons CSP have grown.

3.2 In Sefton the CSP is now known as Safer Sefton Together (SST) having previously been known as Sefton Safer Communities Partnership (SSCP). As the role of SST has grown over the years so has the interdependencies with other governance boards and other strategies. This paper aims to pictorially demonstrate where these interdependencies occur and how SST maintains governance and strategic oversight and influence. The diagram is at Appendix 1.

4   Strategic & Governance Oversight

4.1 The links and interdependencies with other governance boards and strategies is fairly complex and difficult to represent pictorially. There are overlaps across areas and often the links between the different governance structures are a person that attends both boards. This presents a certain amount of risk. The diagram doesn't take into account the wider LCR governance structure which would add another level of complexity.

5   Summary

5.1 SST has a significant level of complex interdependencies with other strategies and governance structures. Partners are asked to ensure all governance structures are accounted for and how best to strengthen the governance and strategic oversight.