

Report to:	Cabinet Council	Date of Meeting:	2 February 2023 2 March 2023
Subject:	Adoption of the Safer Sefton Together Strategy		
Report of:	Assistant Director of People (Communities)	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Communities and Housing		
Is this a Key Decision:	Yes	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

Safer Sefton Together (SST) Partnership have produced a 3-year strategy. The strategy reflects the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), the priority themes contained within the annual Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment (SSNA) as well as local knowledge gained from staff, elected members and community groups.

Recommendation:

Cabinet:

That Cabinet recommend to Council, as per the Constitution, the adoption of the 3-year Safer Sefton Together Strategy as part of its statutory Community Safety responsibilities.

Council

The Council approve the adoption of the 3-year Safer Sefton Together Strategy as part of the Council's statutory Community Safety responsibilities.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

By adopting the strategy, the Council can bid for additional funding streams that will serve to address the priorities contained within. The strategy places the priorities for Community Safety on a more realistic 3 year timetable that allow for longer term projects, that will affect significant change, to be commissioned.

By adopting the strategy, the Council, and wider partnership, will have an overarching strategic document to inform the delivery of services and can bid for additional funding streams that will serve to address the priorities contained within .

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

The alternative option is to not adopt the strategy which will leave the Council vulnerable to future funding allocations.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The Council currently receives **£332k** Crime & Disorder Reduction Grant per year.

The Council currently spends **£154,290** on posts linked to Community Safety Outcomes

- Anti-Social Behaviour Officers
- Hate Crime Coordinator
- Management oversight

(B) Capital Costs

None

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):	
None	
Legal Implications:	
None	
Equality Implications:	
The Equality Impact Assessment is attached at Appendix 2	
Climate Emergency Implications:	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	No
Have a neutral impact	Yes
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes
In adopting the strategy this will have a neutral effect on the climate emergency.	

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable:
The strategy will support some of the most vulnerable people in our communities that are affected by crime

Facilitate confident and resilient communities: The strategy will be a major contributing factor to developing and supporting our communities to become more confident and resilient.
Commission, broker and provide core services: N/A
Place – leadership and influencer: N/A
Drivers of change and reform: N/A
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: N/A
Greater income for social investment: N/A
Cleaner Greener N/A

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.7086/23.) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5286/23) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

External consultations with stakeholders have taken place.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Safer Sefton Together – Strategic Plan 2023-2026
Appendix 2 – Equality Impact Assessment

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 22 June 2022, the Safer Sefton Together Partnership (SST) received a report outlining the intention of refreshing its strategy from an annual plan to a longer term 3-year strategy. The strategy would take into account the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), the priority themes contained within the annual Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment (SSNA) as well as local knowledge gained from staff, elected members and community groups.
- 1.2 Partners were invited to comment on the priorities as well as contribute to work already being undertaken as well as comment on gaps that should be addressed in the future. Furthermore, partners were asked to comment on where strategic connection with other boards, partnership and strategies existed as well as what metrics could be used to measure success of the strategy.

2. Safer Sefton Together – Strategic Plan 2023-2026

- 2.1 The Strategy contains 6 themed priorities
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Domestic Abuse & Violence Against Women & Girls
 - Vulnerable People
 - Child Exploitation
 - Community Engagement
 - Serious Organised Crime & Serious Acquisitive Crime
- 2.2 The strategy outlines the success we have achieved for each theme so far but sets out the priorities for activity over the next 3 years. Many of the areas for development involve a public health approach to long term generational, behaviour change. The strategy also includes a list of boards, partnerships and strategies where the work of the SST overlaps and a strategic link needs to be maintained. The strategy is included at Appendix 1
- 2.3 Safer Sefton Together Partnership will be responsible for the monitoring of the Strategy and will oversee the development of a Strategy Action Plan and Performance Framework which will set out the detail of how the priorities will be delivered.

The Partnership will also review the strategy on an annual basis and will consider:

- Progress made against the strategy's objectives.
- The overall impact and effectiveness of the strategy measured through the strategy outcomes
- New legislation or government directives for incorporation in the strategy.
- Local need and any other emerging priorities.