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| <b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>        | CABINET<br>COUNCIL                                |  |                           |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>               | SAFE CITY AND YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIES<br>UPDATES |  |                           |
| <b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>      | 15 MARCH 2016<br>16 MARCH 2016                    |  |                           |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b>             | CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND<br>SUSTAINABILITY  |  |                           |
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| <b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>   |  |   |
| NOT APPLICABLE  |  |   |
| <b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>  |  |   |
| <p>In November 2014 Cabinet agreed the Safe City Strategy (2014-2017) and the Youth Justice Strategy (2014-2017), which were approved by Council in February 2015. It was also agreed to review and update the strategies as required, following the annual statutory Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment. This was completed in October 2015, and has been used to inform updates of the strategies.</p> |  |   |
| <b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>   |  |   |
| Cabinet   | (i)  | To consider and recommend to Council the updated Safe City Strategy and Youth Justice Strategy. . |
| Council   | (i)  | To approve the updated Safe City and Youth Justice strategies.                                    |
| <b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>   |  |   |
| 1.  | To ensure that the statutory Safe City and Youth Justice Strategies reflect the latest challenges and opportunities for the city, informed by the Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment, and that they include a clear and up to date set of actions to make Southampton a safer city for residents and visitors.                                  |   |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>  |  |   |
| 2.  | An alternative option is to not update the Safe City and Youth Justice Strategies. However, continuing to use a strategy that is outdated would risk the Council not meeting its statutory obligations, and being unable to draw down funding for the Youth Offending Service. In turn, this would impact the Council's ability to maintain the service. |   |

| <b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b> |   |
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| 3.   | <p><b>Key Findings from the Strategic Assessment</b></p> <p>The Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment undertaken in 2015 identified that recorded crime increased in Southampton by 8% in 2014/15. Particularly significant increases were highlighted in relation to sexual offences, domestic violence and abuse and violent crime. However, it should be noted that the increase in recorded crime is not necessarily indicative of an increase in actual crime. A likely factor behind the changing trend in Police recorded crime is the renewed focus on the quality of recording by Hampshire Constabulary, following the inspection of forces by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC). Hampshire Constabulary report that the rise in recorded crime has not led to a rise in calls for service and the independent Crime Survey for England &amp; Wales indicates that, in real terms, crime continues to fall across the Constabulary. The increase in recorded crime is in line with national trends.</p>   |
| 4.   | <p>The assessment also noted that reoffending continues to be a concern across the city, with 61% of recorded crimes having been committed by offenders who have already committed two or more offences in a year. Alcohol and substance abuse also continue to be key factors in violent and sexual crimes, and domestic violence and abuse, as well as contributing towards reoffending rates.</p>  |
| 5.   | <p><b>Review of Progress</b></p> <p>A review of progress since the adoption of the Safe City Strategy in February 2015 has highlighted particular successes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeat referrals for the highest risk domestic abuse cases remaining consistently low at around 22%.</li> <li>• The number of arrests that lead to a charge for domestic violence increased from 30% to 43.2% over the past 4 years.</li> <li>• The development of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) has established clearer safeguarding referral processes and better information exchange between statutory agencies to ensure vulnerable children are supported.</li> </ul>  |
| 6.   | <p>In terms of Youth Justice, recent successes have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements to the way Southampton Youth Offending Service (YOS) operates: for example, the YOS Management Board has been reinvigorated through partnership development work and shared target setting.</li> <li>• Significant engagement with the local Youth Bench and senior youth magistrates, who now sit on the YOS Magistrate Board.</li> <li>• The Southampton Joint Decision Making Panel, which is a scheme in partnership with Hampshire Constabulary to engage young people in robust early help intervention, has been particularly successful and has been reviewed to ensure it continues to be efficient.</li> <li>• As a result of these improvements, custody rates have continued to fall, from 20 young people in 2013/14 to 16 young people in 2014/15. Youth reoffending rates have fallen by 14.5%, and the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice system reduced by around 40% in 2014/15. Youth reoffending rates are now amongst the lowest in our</li> </ul> |

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|    | <p>comparator group and lower than the England average. However, first time entrants and custody rates still remain higher than the national average and most local comparators.</p>   |
| 7. | <p><b>Overview and Scrutiny</b></p> <p>A Safe City Partnership Annual review was undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee in December 2015. The Committee reviewed the progress of the Safe City and Youth Justice work in 2015. They also considered the Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment, and made recommendations which were considered when developing the new action plans contained within the updated Safe City and Youth Justice Strategies.</p>  |
| 8. | <p>The recommendations, and responses were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that OSMC be provided with an update of the action plan developed following the 2014 Community Safety Peer Review identifying progress made implementing the agreed actions – the Peer Review action plan was provided to OSMC.</li> <li>• that, to raise the profile of the Partnership, the Safe City Partnership explore how the good work being delivered could be more effectively communicated – a new action has been added to the Safe City Strategy to improve communications. The Safe City Partnership webpage is now live and showcases some of the achievements of the Partnership.</li> <li>• that the Safe City Partnership seek to develop the Police and Communities Together Panels (PACT) by ensuring that best practice is shared across the Panels and, to enable local members to hold Inspectors to account, ward Councillors be consulted when scheduling PACT meetings – this recommendation has been considered by the Safe City Partnership and the PACT meetings are being reviewed as part of the assessment of the effectiveness of Community Tasking and Coordinating Group (CTCG) meetings led by Hampshire Constabulary.</li> <li>• that the Safe City Partnership explore the potential to establish a ‘diverted giving scheme’ in Southampton that encourages people to donate to charities that support homeless people rather than give directly to beggars - this recommendation has been considered by the Safe City Partnership and is being explored.</li> <li>• that the Hate Crime Action Plan be circulated to the Committee – the Hate Crime action plan was provided to OSMC.</li> </ul> |
| 9. | <p><b>Updating the Strategies</b></p> <p>The Council’s Strategy Unit, working with service area leads and partners from Hampshire Constabulary, the Youth Offending Service and other stakeholders, have reviewed and updated the strategies. The evidence from the Safe City Strategic Needs Assessment demonstrates that the 4 key priorities identified for each of the strategies continue to be significant issues for the city, and the priorities have therefore remained the same.</p>   |

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| 10. | <p>However, in order to reflect the recent strategic needs assessment and other feedback, the following changes have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics have been updated to reflect the most recent evidence.</li> <li>• The layout has been amended slightly to make the strategies user friendly.</li> <li>• The action plans have been updated based on the recommendations in the Strategic Assessment.</li> </ul> |
| 11. | The strategy updates have been presented to and approved by the Safe City Partnership and the Youth Offending Board, as well as being endorsed by Southampton Connect.  |

## RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

### Capital/Revenue

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| 12. | There are no additional resource requirements arising from the approval of the strategies. The partnership working arrangements aim to ensure that the existing resources from each partner are targeted at the key actions identified. |
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### Property/Other

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| 13. | None |
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## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

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| 14. | Southampton City Council has a statutory responsibility to formulate and implement, for each relevant period, 'a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area' under section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (reinforced in Schedule 9(3) of the Police and Justice Act 2006) . |
| 15. | The Youth Justice Strategy underpins the annual Youth Justice Plans submitted to the Youth Justice Board as required by section 40(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.  |

### Other Legal Implications:

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| 16. | None |
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## POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

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| 17. | The Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy (Safe City Strategy) and Youth Justice Plan (Youth Justice Strategy) are both requirements within the Policy Framework. |
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| <b>KEY DECISION?</b>               | Yes       |
| <b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b> | All wards |
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

**Appendices**

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| 1. | Safe City Strategy (updated)     |
| 2. | Youth Justice Strategy (updated) |

**Documents In Members' Rooms**

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| 1. | None |
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**Equality and Safety Impact Assessment**

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| Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out. | No |
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**Privacy Impact Assessment**

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| Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out. | No |
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**Other Background Documents**

**Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

Southampton Safe City Strategic Assessment 2014/15 (Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment) – this can be viewed via the following link:

<http://www.publichealth.southampton.gov.uk/Images/Safe-City-Strategic-Assessment-2014-15-FINAL.pdf>

| Title of Background Paper(s) | Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable) |
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| 1. None                      |  |