

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	SAFE CITY STRATEGY 2017-2020		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	15 MARCH 2017		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
<p>It is a legislative requirement for the Safe City Partnership to undertake a Community Safety Needs Assessment each year. The 2015/16 Safe City Strategic Assessment was published in December 2016, and the findings have been used to inform the proposed update of the Safe City Strategy.</p> <p>The current Southampton <a href="#">Safe City Strategy</a> covers the period 2014 to 2017. As part of the annual review of the strategy and following the publication of the Strategic Needs Assessment, the Safe City Partnership have drafted the revised strategy covering the period 2017-2020. Updates will be made following the publication of the annual strategic assessments.</p>			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>			
	(i)	To approve the Safe City Strategy 2017-2020	
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
1.	To ensure that the Safe City Strategy reflects the latest challenges and opportunities for the city, informed by the Safe City Strategic Assessment. The strategy provide a clear vision to make Southampton a safer city for residents and visitors.		
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>			
2.	No alternative option was considered as it is important for partners to update the Safe City Strategy in light of the recommendations of the annual statutory strategic assessment, the results of which were published in December 2016.		

<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
	<b>Background</b>
3.	The Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2016 identified Hampshire Constabulary recorded a 19% increase in 2015/16. However, the rise in reported crime is largely driven by crime data integrity improvements by Hampshire Constabulary following an HMIC audit in 2014. This is the first full year of the new recording practices and hence, this latest increase is not unexpected.
4.	Similar proportionate increases have taken place in Portsmouth (22%) and Hampshire (20%) confirming that this is likely due to an overall change of reporting across Hampshire Constabulary. The rise in recorded crime has not led to a commensurate rise in calls for service and resident perceptions are that crime levels remain similar to two years ago. However, Southampton continues to have the highest overall crime rate amongst our statistical neighbours at 111 crimes per 1,000 population (compared to the national average 67 per 1,000 population).
5.	<p>Southampton recorded a higher numbers of crimes in 2015/16 than the national average at 111 crimes per 1,000 population, compared to a national average of 67 per 1,000 population. There were also increases across a number of recorded crime types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12% increase in non-domestic burglary (including high value commercial breaks ins)</li> <li>• 22% increase in alcohol related violent crime</li> <li>• 25% increase in reported serious sexual offences</li> <li>• 15% increase in violent crime</li> <li>• 53% increase in reported domestic violence and abuse crimes</li> </ul>
6.	However, the 2015/16 Strategic Need's Assessment also showed some reductions in Southampton, including a 29% reduction in drug offences, a 15% reduction in anti-social behaviour and a 48% reduction in first time entrants into the youth justice system.
7.	Whilst reported crime levels have increased across the majority of crime types due to the changes in recording practices, most people feel safe in their local area. In the City Survey 2016 91% of residents said that they feel safe during the day, and although this falls to 62% at night it is an improvement on 2015, when 85% felt safe during the day and 52% at night.
	<b>Strategy update</b>
8.	<p>The Safe City Strategy 2017-2020 focuses on four priorities:</p> <p><i>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</i></p> <p>Most people feel safe in Southampton, but recorded crime rates in the city have increased in 2015/16. The Safe City Partnership wants to build on the successful activity taking place across the city to reduce crime and keep people safe. Partners will work together to address crime and anti-social behaviour, reduce reoffending, and contribute towards making Southampton a vibrant and attractive city where people feel safe.</p>

9.	<p><i>Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</i></p> <p>The effects of drugs and alcohol can reduce inhibitions, leaving people vulnerable to becoming either a victim or perpetrator of antisocial behaviour, violence, and other crime, as well as having negative impacts on their health. Alcohol remains a key contributing factor in violent crimes and sexual offences. Drug related violence rose by nearly 13% in 2015/16, although drug offences have fallen. By helping individuals to make better choices their own health will be improved and levels of crime will be reduced.</p>
10.	<p><i>Protecting vulnerable people</i></p> <p>We want to protect vulnerable people to help improve their quality of life, and prevent the growth of criminal behaviour that targets vulnerable people. This includes supporting victims of domestic violence and abuse and vulnerable victims*. 28.5% offences were identified as involving a vulnerable victim in 2015/16.</p>
11.	<p><i>Reduce youth crime</i></p> <p>Reducing youth crime in Southampton will positively impact on everyone living and working in the city. There will be less victims of crime and better outcomes for young people who have previously been involved in criminal activity. The Youth Offending Service has been successful in reducing the number of young offenders dramatically (from 200 in 2012/13 to 102 in 2014/15), and continuing this trend remains a priority.</p>
12.	<p>The actions in the Safe City Strategy have been revised and updated, based on the recommendations of the Safe City Strategic Assessment and the activity and performance of the partnership. The new strategy will run from 2017 to 2020 with annual updates in line with the publication of the strategic assessment. The Safe City Partnership will be responsible for holding partners to account, and partners will be responsible for driving improvements and providing updates and performance data for actions they are responsible for.</p>
13.	<p>The Safe City Strategy will contribute to achieving towards community safety outcomes in Southampton including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southampton Connect City Strategy (2015-2025) – priority “Healthier and safer communities”.</li> <li>• Southampton City Council Strategy (2016-2020) – “People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives” and “Southampton is a modern and attractive city where people are proud to live and work”.</li> </ul>
14.	<p>The strategy will be supported by a number of other strategies and plans including the Youth Justice Strategy (to be updated later in 2017), the Alcohol Strategy, the Drugs Strategy and the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy (in development).</p>

## RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

### Capital/Revenue

15. None

### Property/Other

16. None

<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>		
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>		
17.	The Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Part iii section 40.	
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>		
18.	None	
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>		
	The Safe City Strategy is a requirement of the Policy Framework (Constitution Articles 4.0): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime &amp; Disorder Reduction Strategy (S.5 and 6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998)</li> </ul>	
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>		No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>		All wards
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>		
<b>Appendices</b>		
1.	Safe City Strategy 2017-2020	
2.	Equality Impact Assessment	
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>		
1.	None	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.		Yes
<b>Privacy Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.		No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>		
<b>Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	The Strategic Needs Assessment	<a href="http://www.publichealth.southampton.gov.uk/healthintelligence/jsna/community-safety.aspx">http://www.publichealth.southampton.gov.uk/healthintelligence/jsna/community-safety.aspx</a> .