

Community Safety Report 2022-23

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE



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PURPOSE

1. To provide an update to The Executive of Burnley's community safety performance as part of the required statutory duty, in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and request Executive approval of the Pennine Lancashire Community Safety Partnership's strategic priorities for 2022-2025.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Executive notes the detail of the report and endorses the Pennine Lancashire CSP's agreed priorities.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, a statutory requirement is placed on Community Safety Partnerships to identify and set strategic priorities in addressing crime and antisocial behaviour as part of a three year cycle. This requirement for Burnley is satisfied through formal membership of the Pennine Lancashire CSP.

In December 2021 the Lancashire Strategic Assessment was published for 2022-2025 which identifies key risks and threats for the County. It is from this analytical work that Pennine Lancashire CSP has identified its strategic priorities for the period 2022-2025. These are:

- Maintaining Low Crime & Antisocial Behaviour
 - Targeting repeat offenders and those causing the greatest harm
 - Serious Violence.
 - Road Safety
 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
 - Domestic Abuse.
4. Local community safety delivery in Burnley remains the responsibility of the Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating (MATAC) group which meets monthly and reports to Councillor Shah Hussain, Executive Member for Community and Environmental Services.

5. Local activities and the response of the MATAC group also take into account emerging threats identified through the Partnership Analyst and/or data provided by partner agencies and the community monthly via the partner meetings.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Pennine Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2022-2025

6. The Pennine Lancashire CSP has, in line with its statutory duties and to reflect the Lancashire Strategic Assessment, set the strategic priorities for the next three years. The existing thematic groups for Maintaining Low Crime & ASB and Reducing Offending will remain and, in acknowledgement of future Serious Violence Duty that comes into effect 31st January 2023 (Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022), a Pennine Lancashire thematic group will be established that links in with the Lancashire Violence Reduction Unit.
7. Road Safety remains the remit of Lancashire Road Safety Partnership which is the coordinating body responsible for activity between Lancashire and the unitary authorities in Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen. Road safety was recognised as a priority in all fourteen districts.
8. Operation Genga is Lancashire's initiative to tackling Serious and Organised Crime. The Lancashire serious and organised crime (SOC) strategy reflects the 2018 national strategy of a 4P (pursue, prevent, protect & prepare) framework to tackle SOC. The strategy is built on a fully engaged partnership approach involving police and law enforcement, local authority and other statutory community safety partners, and other public sector bodies to maximise information sharing and ensure all powers available are used in tackling SOC. Local Genga panels tackle issues specific to those areas with Burnley and Pendle forming one of these, owing to shared and cross district threats.
9. Domestic Abuse is a priority across the County and is overseen by the Pan Lancashire Domestic Abuse Steering Group. Locally the PLCSP Steering Group oversee performance around Domestic Abuse, with representation from commissioned services attending to update. In Burnley an officer and partner working group has been established to oversee local responses, coordinate with local providers, and respond to Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Part 4 Regulations. The Regulations require local authorities to review the provision of safe accommodation for victims and their children. During 2021, the Council received £31k of funding from Central Government and working in partnership with Safenet our local

Domestic Abuse Provider work has been undertaken to develop key roles that will strengthen the community outreach services for victims and their families.

10. The Council plays a vital role via its Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Officers in coordinating and responding to the agreed Strategic CSP priorities at the local level and across the Council.

Community Safety Projects and Activity in Burnley 2021/22

11. All local activities are agreed through the Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating meeting that is managed by the Council and emerging and predictive threats, such as alcohol related crime in the run up to Christmas are considered. For instance, the Council ensured in the run up and during the festive period of 2022, key Community Safety messages were issued to local communities. Informing the community of our actions and their responsibilities in reducing crime are a key element in all local activities undertaken.
12. The Council in partnership with local partners has established an ASBRAC panel to focus on anti-social behaviour. The panel focuses on both geographic issues and specific cases to ensure coordinated responses where necessary.
13. The Community Alcohol Partnership panel (formally Youth Panel) continues to bring together statutory agencies and youth service providers to co-ordinate youth activity across the borough and address youth related anti-social behavior. The panel provides an effective forum for youth service providers, local agencies, and representatives of the town's schools to meet, share updates and ideas, and more effectively work together to provide support for young people.
14. Town Centre Offender Group - The Town Centre Offender Group coordinates targeted work against prolific shoplifters, aggressive beggars, and other anti-social individuals affecting the town centre. This work enables the Council to respond to local concerns, surrounding our towns to secure enforcement and interventions via coordinated work. This work is often complex and to date we have been able to obtain restrictive orders against some of the most problematic individuals, whilst offering targeted support, helping to create a more pleasant environment for businesses and members of the public alike.
15. A key community safety priority is to reduce re-offending. The Council, working with partners helps to identify the most prolific, high-risk offenders and ensure that risks are reduced via both enforcement and support interventions. The Council ensured this work is undertaken locally with joint work with the Police's Managing Sexual Offenders and Violent Offenders (MOSOVO) unit. The Council meets regularly and forms the Pennine Lancashire screening panel with partners from other districts, the police, probation

services, and drug and alcohol services, identify candidates to be included on the enhanced project.

16. The Council have recently renewed the Town Centre PSPO for a further 3 years. In addition to the existing prohibitions, further prohibitions dealing with alcohol and substance misuse have also been included to give authorities more tools for dealing with issues associated with the night-time economy. Working with senior neighbourhood police officers a protocol has been developed to improve the efficiency of managing the order. Oversight of the performance will be managed through MATAC.
17. New alleygates continue to be rolled out by the Council, with a further seven schemes installed in 2022. These schemes were in Queensgate, Trinity, Daneshouse with Stoneyholme, and Gawthorpe wards. The new schemes provided increased home security for over 150 properties.
18. In light of the Council's continued commitment to tackle Domestic Abuse across the Borough, the Council during 2022 have devised and delivered Domestic Abuse training to all Council colleagues and partner agencies. A program of interactive, theatre-based, awareness raising sessions were developed to refresh the Council's approach to domestic abuse. Four sessions were held in the autumn and there will be further sessions in the new year.
19. The Council maintains White Ribbon accreditation demonstrating its commitment to standing against violence against women and girls. The Council continues to support pan-Lancashire work to raise awareness of domestic abuse.
20. As a member of the Pennine Lancashire CSP, Burnley Council has supported the process of application to the Home Office's Safer Street's program. In 2020 a successful application was made and £549,500 funding was secured. This project funded a range of home security improvements to domestic properties, back yard gate replacement, alleygating, additional CCTV coverage, and green space improvement. The Council continues to work to identify further funding opportunities for subsequent Safer Streets programmes.
21. As part of Annual Review a brief overview of crime and anti-social behaviour performance for the Borough is provided.

The main theme of 2022 is that of crime and anti-social behaviour trends returning to the mean of pre-pandemic levels.

- Crime in Burnley for the 12 months to October 2022 rose by 3%, compared to the previous 12 months. This increase is below that of Lancashire which stood at 5% and this is the third best performance in the County.
- Burglary in Burnley fell by 15.5% over this same period which is the highest reduction in the county. The Lancashire average was an increase of 2.58%.

- Following a period of increased ASB incidents, a consequence of the Covid 19 restrictions coming under this classification, incident rates are now consistent with pre-pandemic rates. Burnley recorded the 5th highest number of ASB incidents in the County behind Blackpool, Preston, Blackburn with Darwen, and Lancaster.

Proposed Burnley Borough Council Activity for 2022/23

22. The Dog Control PSPO, under which dog enforcement activity is carried out will be renewed for a further 3 years. The terms of the order will remain unchanged.
23. A coordinated program of alleygate review has commenced and will continue during 2022/23 to identify schemes that are not meeting the expected standards of usage.
24. The borough-wide Alley Gate PSPO will be due for renewal in October 2023.
25. A further roll-out of alley gating with approximately 5 new schemes to be identified from existing applications.
26. Continue to support the development and delivery of key, pan-Lancashire, strategies around reducing reoffending, violence reduction, domestic abuse and knife crime, as well as locally defined priorities through Pennine Lancashire CSP and MATAAC.
27. Support the establishment of the new Police-chaired Youth Panel to manage partnership responses to youth related ASB. The panel will operate as a youth focused ASBRAC.
28. A bid to the Safer Streets round 5 funding program will be submitted that is focused on public safety in the town centre, especially in the night time economy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

29. Community Safety delivery remains pro-active with strong partnership arrangements in place, collaborative and funding opportunities continue, wherever possible to be sought to support activities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

30. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

31. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

32. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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