

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB UPDATE: LCC COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT REFRESH

Introduction

1. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (C&DA) places a statutory requirement for the production of an annual 'Community Safety Agreement' (CSA). It sets out how the police, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, probation service and health intend to work together to reduce crime and disorder in their communities.
2. In relation to two tier authorities the 'Act' specifies that the body responsible for community safety strategy for the locality should oversee governance and performance in relation to the CSA and prepare and update the agreement annually.
3. This paper sets out the CSA requirement and the proposed refresh/update process.

Background

4. Guidance specifies that CSA's should be set using the strategic assessments for the year set by the constituent community safety partnerships.
5. Crucially the CSA should promote coordinated joint working and should:
 - a. Identify ways in which responsible authorities in the county might more effectively implement priorities through coordinated or joint working;
 - b. Show how responsible authorities in the county might reduce crime and disorder or combat substance misuse through coordinated or joint working;
 - c. Identify and reflect common business priorities;
 - d. Take account of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan.

National Scanning

6. The above directions accepted there is no specified format or layout for a CSA and as a consequence they vary greatly in content layout and design across the country.

The Proposed Leicestershire CSA

7. It is proposed that a refreshed CSA should as far as possible adhere to the following principles:
 - a. Simple layout- 'Plan on a Page' Lengthy documents seldom get read and there are CSA examples nationally that utilise this format;
 - b. Public facing- A simple 'easy read' document without jargon;
 - c. Legitimate- Adhere to the statutory requirement;
 - d. A living document- A web based document demonstrating the resilience in our services and agencies which can be updated as changes/developments require;
 - e. Interactive- Explore the possibility of linking to partnership social media links and partner consultation portals;
 - f. Signposting the public - provide clear explanation and linking around priority setting, strategy and action;
 - g. Showcase what we deliver.

Next Steps

8. The proposal within this document has been discussed initially at Senior Officer Group (SOG) and agreed in principle but requires formal sanction at board level.
9. A rudimentary CSA template is attached at appendix 1. If approved, further work is now required to populate the various fields with current data and links. Although it is a single page document the added hyperlinks and references within the CSA will ultimately result in a comprehensive reference point.

Recommendations for the Board

10. That the Board:
 - a) notes the content of the report;
 - b) Approves further work to develop the CSA following the principles outlined within this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1- Community Safety Agreement (CSA) Draft Template

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