

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

**10 DECEMBER 2018**

### **LSCSB UPDATE: LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT**

#### **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. The CSA requirement and the proposed update process was presented and approved at the last meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board with development directed through the Senior Officer Group. This report outlines the development of the CSA so far and next steps.

#### **CSA Development Process**

3. The Board previously agreed to adopt a statutorily compliant web-based single page 'live' document. With relevant hyperlinks the CSA will form a comprehensive web-portal and single reference point for users. The principles underpinning its development are reprinted below:
  - 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.
4. The rudimentary CSA template presented at the last Board has been developed and various fields populated with content. Hyperlinks to relevant partnership webpages and strategic documents have been identified and will be incorporated at design stage. The latest iteration is attached at Appendix 1.

**Current Status**

5. A 'finalised' excel version (V9) is attached at Appendix 1. The intention is to produce and 'table' design V10 at the Board meeting which will be the public facing document.
6. The final document will retain the Excel format rather than adopt a more conventional PDF layout. Doing so will facilitate ease of update without the need to resort to redesign at every iteration.
7. Subject to Board approval the finalised document will be 'published' on the LCC website, more specifically on the pages dedicated to 'the Board' and 'Community Safety'. A communications plan will be put in place to coordinate rollout across partners.

**Recommendations for the Board**

8. It is recommended that the Board
  - a. note the content of the report and
  - b. approve and adopt the Community Safety Agreement.

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**Appendices**

Appendix 1- Community Safety Agreement (V9)