

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB UPDATE: LCC COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT (CSA)

Introduction

1. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (C&DA) and Crime and Disorder Regulations 2012 introduced a statutory requirement to produce an annual 'Community Safety Agreement' (CSA). The document 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 current format of the Leicestershire CSA and accompanying update process was presented to and approved by the Board in 2018. The document takes the form of a 'Live' online document.

Purpose.

3. The CSA is a live web-based document which with ongoing timely and relevant updates should remain current, negating the need for annual reproduction. There is however a legislative requirement to review the CSA annually.
4. The purpose of this report is to allow compliance with the review requirement and in addition set out and inform the Board of supporting governance arrangements designed to support CSA management.

Current Document Makeup

5. On the face of it the CSA may appear a simple format, however, with relevant hyperlinks it forms a comprehensive web-portal and single reference point for users. The current document can be viewed here at:
<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/community-safety/leicestershire-county-community-safety-agreement>
6. The document is separated into broad areas;
 - a. Partnership and agency strategic plans and priorities.
 - b. Key strategic documents and reference sources.
 - c. Key messages as set out in the OPCC Crime Plan
 - d. Common partnership themes and priorities distilled from constituent strategies.
 - e. Web-links to enable public feedback to partners to in-turn inform ongoing development of priorities.

- f. A Compendium of supporting toolkits and reference points.

Governance

7. The following will be undertaken to ensure the CSA remains current and relevant;
- a. The CSA contains cross-cutting partnership priorities not least to encourage shared problem solving, local priorities excepted new and emerging priorities may come to light. The LCC Community Safety Team will incorporate such emerging priorities into the CSA document subject to consultation and agreement by partners.
 - b. Linked to the above, CSP/Partnership community safety strategies undergo annual review with a three-year cyclical renewal. Taking cognisance of the planning cycle the LCC Community Safety Team will be responsible for reflecting any priority changes/new business areas into the CSA document. Any such changes will be presented to the Board for approval prior to adoption. A formal review of the priorities will be undertaken by the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) on an annual basis.
 - c. The Leicestershire CSA has a heavy reliance on web hyperlinks to webpages and reference documents, it is imperative that broken links are fixed in a timely manner either by re-linking or sourcing alternate content. To minimise any delay in remedial action;
 - A member of LCC Community Safety Team will test document links on a regular basis and take remedial action as required.
 - Partners are asked to email the LCC Community Safety Team (CommunitySafety@leics.gov.uk) with details of any planned changes to their website and content relevant to community safety. Doing so will reduce delays in remedial action and promote more timely relinking if required.
8. Notwithstanding ongoing CSA update and renewal, a formal review of the overarching arrangements to produce the CSA including the format and accompanying governance will be undertaken on a three-year cycle. Any continuation or changed process being sanctioned formally by the Board.

Recommendations for the Board

9. The Board is recommended to
- note the content of the report.
 - Approve the continued use of the CSA in its current format and design.
 - Approve the CSA governance arrangements set out in the report.

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