



LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMUNITIES, LAW AND GOVERNANCE, LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

25 JUNE 2026

TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to enable members to review the Board's Terms of Reference and consider suggested amendments relating to the membership of the Board arising from a departmental restructure and changes to Cabinet portfolios within Leicestershire County Council.

Background and Legal Basis

2. Safer Communities Strategy Boards were set up as a result of The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007, Section 8 of which states that "for each county area there shall be a county strategy group". The purpose of the Boards is to co-ordinate community safety priorities across the area covered by the Board.
3. The first meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board took place on 13 May 2008.
4. At a meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board on 29 September 2023 it was resolved that Rutland County Council become members of the Board and the name of the Board be amended to 'The Leicestershire and Rutland Safer Communities Strategy Board'. The Terms of Reference for the Board were amended in accordance with this.
5. Both Leicestershire County Council and Rutland Council's respective Cabinets had agreed the proposal subject to the Board's approval.
6. The first meeting of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safer Communities Strategy Board took place on 15 December 2023.

Proposed Changes to the LRSCSB Terms of Reference

7. There has been a departmental restructure within Leicestershire County Council so that Communities including Community Safety has moved to what is now named the Department of Public Health, Communities, Law and Governance.
8. In line with this, at the County Council meeting on 13 May 2026 the Cabinet portfolios were amended so that Communities including Community Safety became a separate Cabinet portfolio not including Domestic Abuse. Domestic Abuse remains within the Children's portfolio.
9. It is therefore proposed that in line with the Cabinet portfolios the Chair of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safer Communities Strategy Board should be the Leicestershire County Council Cabinet Lead Member for Communities including Safer Communities.
10. The Leicestershire County Council Assistant Director – Education and Early Help was a member of the Board because Safer Communities fell within the Children and Families Department at Leicestershire County Council. However, now that Safer Communities has moved to the Department of Public Health, Communities, Law and Governance it would no longer be necessary for the Assistant Director in Children and Families to be a member of the Board. Therefore, it is proposed to delete the Assistant Director - Education and Early Help from the membership list and replace them with the Assistant Chief Executive - Public Health, Law and Governance.
11. The Director of Public Health, Communities, Law and Governance (formerly Director of Public Health) will remain a member of the Board and his full new title should be included in the Terms of Reference.
12. Since the Terms of Reference were last updated The National Probation Service has changed its name to The Probation Service therefore that amendment needs to be made to the Terms of Reference.

Recommendations

13. The Board is asked to approve the LRSCSB Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 1.

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Appendix 1 – Draft LRSCSB Terms of Reference

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