



# Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	<b>CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
Date	<b>9 MAY 2023</b>
Topic	<b>ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22</b>

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## BACKGROUND

The Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership (CSP) consists of several organisations working together to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and ensure people feel safe.

The CSP produces an annual report to:

- provide a summary of research and analysis on crime and anti-social behaviour
- highlight significant community safety issues
- include information about key trends and emerging issues
- enable identification of priorities for the CSP
- inform the strategic plan, and
- identify gaps in knowledge which need to be understood and action taken.

It is important for partners to understand the levels and patterns of crime and disorder on the Isle of Wight, to enable them to ensure the right priorities are identified and to target resources effectively.

The aim of the annual report is to provide partners with statistical analysis and information about crime, its changes and patterns over time and, where possible, an explanation as to why these changes have occurred.

## FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

To consider the annual report of the CSP in accordance with the Committee's statutory function to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions.

## OUTCOME

The committee to confirm it is satisfied that the partnership is fulfilling its statutory duty.

## APPROACH

A committee report to be submitted.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

Scrutiny Committee Meeting CSP Report May 2023  
Appendix 1 - CSP Strategic Assessment 2021-22 FINAL  
Appendix 2 - CSP Strategic Plan May 2023

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# Committee report

Committee	<b>CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
Date	9 MAY 2023
Title	ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 21/22 AND PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2023-2025
Report of	AMANDA GREGORY, CHAIR OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (ON BEHALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP).

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership (CSP) consists of several organisations working together to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and ensure people feel safe. The partnership consists of six statutory authorities; the Isle of Wight Council, Hampshire Constabulary, Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service and the Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board. Other organisations also contribute to the partnership including Housing Providers, the Voluntary Sector, Adult and Children's Services, Public Health, Mental Health Services, Town and Parish Councils and the Youth Offending Team. The partnership also works closely with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner and the Violent Crime Reduction Unit.
2. It is a requirement that the partnership produces an annual strategic assessment to:
  - provide a summary of research and analysis on crime and anti-social behaviour
  - highlight significant community safety issues
  - include information about key trends and emerging issues
  - enable identification of priorities for the CSP
  - inform the strategic plan, and
  - identify gaps in knowledge which need to be understood and action taken.

In addition, the Community Safety Partnership has a statutory responsibility for:

- Delivering the Prevent duty (counter terrorism)
- Reducing Re-offending
- Undertaking Domestic Homicide Reviews.

3. It is important for partners to understand the levels and patterns of crime and disorder on the Isle of Wight, to enable them to ensure the right priorities are identified and to target resources effectively.
4. The aim of the assessment is to provide partners with statistical analysis and information about crime, its changes and patterns over time and, where possible, an explanation as to why these changes have occurred.
5. The 2021/22 Strategic Assessment (Appendix 1) will be used to inform the Community Safety Partnership Plan and help identify key strategic priorities in order to combat crime and disorder more effectively.
6. Both the strategic assessment and strategic plan are public documents and will be published on the IWC Community Safety webpage hosted on the Isle of Wight Council website.
7. There was a delay in undertaking the 2021/22 Assessment due to resource implications and the availability of an analyst. It is anticipated that the 2022/23 assessment will commence in May 2023 with a revised partnership plan in Autumn 2023.
8. The Police & Justice Act 2006 places a duty on local authorities to have a crime and disorder committee to review & scrutinise decisions made in connection with the discharge of the Local Authorities crime and disorder functions; and to make reports or recommendations to the Local Authority with respect to discharge of those functions. The Council has delegated the crime and disorder scrutiny function to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.
9. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 requires the committee with this function to “meet to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions as the committee considers appropriate but no less than once in every twelve-month period”.
10. This requirement forms part of the Government’s commitment to strengthen the accountability of local CSP and enhances the role of local councillors and local communities in preventing and reducing crime.
11. The purpose of this report is to present the CSP strategic assessment for scrutiny.

## RECOMMENDATION

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>12. It is recommended that the committee:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Considers the report and scrutinises the Strategic Assessment 2021/22</li><li>• Acknowledges the updated Strategic Plan 2023-2025 (Appendix 2)</li><li>• Confirms it is satisfied that the partnership is fulfilling its statutory duty</li></ul></li></ol> |
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## BACKGROUND

13. Community Safety Partnerships are statutory partnerships working together to tackle crime and disorder established by the Crime & Disorder Act 1998. The responsible authorities within the local partnership are;
  - Isle of Wight Council
  - Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary
  - Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service
  - Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board
  - National Probation Service
14. Legislation places a duty on the responsible authorities to share evidenced-based data to undertake an annual strategic assessment and publish a Community Safety Partnership Plan.
15. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the 2020/21 strategic assessment in November 2021, it was resolved that:
  - (a) THAT the Strategic Assessment 2020/21 be noted, and the committee confirms it is satisfied that the partnership is fulfilling its statutory duty.
16. The community safety partnership believes that crime, disorder, antisocial behaviour and reducing the fear of crime can only be tackled effectively through a multi-agency partnership. The purpose of the strategic assessment is to analyse the trends which aids the partnership in identifying priorities. This in turn helps formulate a plan to reduce and prevent crime and to promote confidence and safety in our communities.

## UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT

17. To set the priorities and the partnership plan, a Strategic Assessment is completed. This is a process that analyses known data about crime and disorder and highlights the risks, hot spots and impacts to our community and how we compare to our nearest statistical neighbours.
18. The strategic assessment compares data with areas with similar characteristics (most similar group), national data and other local authorities within the Hampshire Constabulary force area.
19. The overall crime rate for the IOW has seen a recent increase after a reducing trend during the covid pandemic period. The IOW crime rate continues to be lower than all but two of its most similar comparator areas.
20. Incidents of anti-social behaviour have reduced compared to the previous year.
21. Using the weighted online YouGov dataset, most residents feel safe on the IOW with feelings of safety higher than the Hampshire average.
22. The CSP delivered on a number of different priorities during the last period through its various working groups. Some of the highlights include:

- a) The Joint Action Group tackling anti-social behaviour issues and intervening to support more vulnerable residents
  - b) The established Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) has led a number of successful interventions aimed at those under the age of 25 on the island. In 2020/21 over 140 young people benefitted from positive interventions through this program.
  - c) Safer Streets 3, Mentors in Violence/ positive bystander training in island schools, Community in Motion bystander training for those working in the night time economy and implementation of Safe Spaces program
  - d) Road Safety forum has been re- established – Completion of Project Pictogram which focuses on the 'Fatal Four' plus tailgating. Stickers printed and applied to the 210 vehicles across the Isle of Wight Council internal fleet, waste contractor (Amey), highways contractor (Island Roads) and the Ambulance service. Fire and Police not recruited as they have their own variations of pictogram stickers on their vehicles.
  - e) Following the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 capacity review was undertaken and responsibilities around domestic violence were transferred to the newly established domestic abuse board.
23. The CSP have agreed to focus on the following priorities for the next two years:
- Serious Violence Duty Compliance (Jan 2024)
  - Reduce Reoffending and first-time entry into criminal justice system
  - Reduce Anti-social Behaviour
  - Complete Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)
  - Produce the Prevent Strategy and Partnership Plan
  - Community Engagement and awareness
  - Gender Based Violence and VAWG in public spaces

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

24. The community safety strategic assessment relates to several corporate priorities of the Isle of Wight Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner Police and Crime Plan, as well as other partner priorities and action plans.
25. Isle of Wight Council Corporate Plan 2021-2025 has the following commitments:
- Creating affordable housing for island residents
  - Responding to climate change and enhancing the biosphere
  - Economic recovery
- As well as the core values:
- Being community focused
  - Working together
  - Being effective and efficient
  - Fair and transparent
26. Specifically relating to community safety:
- Endeavour to reintroduce 24-hour CCTV monitoring to one third of identified 'hotspots' annually.
  - Reduce the levels of street based unwarranted attention faced by woman and girls by the introduction of the safe streets programme.

- Work in partnership to deliver key priorities for community safety in the reduction of crime, antisocial behaviour and disorder, reduce reoffending and prevention of radicalisation (counter terrorism).
27. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner, Police and Crime Plan:
- 600 more police officers by 2023
  - Improve police visibility – bringing policing to your community
  - Tackle anti-social behaviour
  - Making it easier to report crime through 101
  - Prevent young people from committing crime
  - Zero tolerance approach on knife crime
  - Crack down on unauthorised encampments
  - Improved outcome for victims
  - Targeting rural crime
28. Other plans/reports/strategies/ groups include:
- Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children’s Partnership annual report and business plan
  - Isle of Wight Safeguarding Adult’s Board annual report and business plan
  - Domestic abuse Partnership Board and Plan
  - Substance Misuse Partnership Board and Plan
  - Various safeguarding board subgroups such as Missing Exploited and Trafficked (MET), Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR)
  - Integrated Offender Management
  - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
  - Health and Wellbeing Strategy
  - Isle of Wight CSP Prevent Board
  - Home Office 2018 Counter Terrorism CONTEST. 3 Strategy

#### FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

29. From 2013/14 the Home Office funds previously given to CSP were incorporated into the budgets of the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), who provides opportunities to bid for funds to meet local priorities.
30. As part of the new serious violence duty CSPs are now responsible for the completion of a strategic assessment and strategy on serious violence. Funding has been made available from the home office to assist specified authorities in complying with the duty. This is being distributed through the Police and Crime Commissioner (funding plan still to be confirmed).
31. There is no statutory requirement for partners to fund the CSP, although the statutory partners are aware future Strategic Assessments will likely need a financial contribution due to the analytical resource required to complete this extensive piece of work.

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

32. The partnership is required to produce a strategic assessment and strategic plan.

33. Statutory partners are also required to commit resources to support the delivery of the plan; although there is no specific detail on what resources or financial commitment within the statute.
34. The Police and Justice Act of 2006 (section 19) requires the Local Authority to have a committee with the power:
  - To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions;
  - To make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of those functions.
35. Under the Isle of Wight Council constitution this function is delegated to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.
36. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 requires the committee with this function to “meet to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions as the committee considers appropriate but no less than once in every twelve-month period”. This function is also delegated to the Corporate Scrutiny committee.

#### SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

37. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by Police and Justice Act 2006) provides that: ‘...it shall be the duty of each authority ... to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent, crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour adversely affecting the environment, and substance misuse in its area’.
38. By endorsing the priorities and delivery plan the organisations within the partnership are contributing to meeting section 17 of the crime and disorder act, reducing crime and disorder and promoting community safety on the Island.

#### RECOMMENDATION

39. It is recommended that the committee:
  - Considers the report and scrutinises the Strategic Assessment 2021/22 and Partnership Plan 2023/2025.
  - Confirms it is satisfied that the partnership is fulfilling its statutory duty

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

40. There is a risk to the Council that if statutory scrutiny functions are not undertaken the Council could face criticism and reputational damage should the Community Safety Partnership not meet its statutory duties.
41. By ensuring there is at least an annual review of the CSP arrangements and that members are fully briefed on their role, this risk will be mitigated.



APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix 1 – Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment 2021/22  
Appendix 2 – Community Safety Partnership Strategic Plan 2023-2025

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