

# STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING: GETTING MORE OUT OF OUR SPENDING

## **Proposal 4: Community Safety Update**

**Lead Portfolio: Children's Services; Communities & Housing**

### **1. Summary of proposals**

- 1.1. A review has been undertaken to understand the Community Safety Services delivered across Stockport.
- 1.2. The review has identified two areas where financial savings could be made by either changing or ceasing the service. The first element will review how anti-social behaviour and youth disorder is tackled within Stockport. This work is currently undertaken by a range of services within the Council, including Targeted Youth Services, Community Safety and Public Protection plus Stockport Homes and GMP. It is clear from initial review of processes that there is scope to alter working practices to improve the efficiency and targeting of cases.
- 1.3. The second strand has identified the potential to replace the security patrols currently undertaken by Totally Local Company on behalf of the Council with a reduced service. The current patrols maintain the security of Council owned buildings. Officers are working with Totally Local Company to alter this service to achieve savings, whilst still providing a responsive service where needed.

### **2. Proposal Update**

- 2.1. A review of the services in scope (Targeted Youth Services, Community Safety, Public Protection and Stockport Homes) has identified that there are potential efficiencies from organising work in a different manner. The alternative potential arrangements are being developed to meet the timetable in section 5.
- 2.2. Management of youth based disorder and anti-social behaviour has significantly improved in recent months with effective partnership working between the agencies in scope and GMP identifying perpetrators and taking a broad range of interventions to modify behaviours. Prior to this, there had been concerns within Stockport regarding youth disorder and anti-social behaviour, with an increase in incidents taking place within the town centre and parts of its fringe. It is proposed to build upon these strengthened partnership arrangements to continue to effectively manage youth anti-social behaviour and disorder whilst reducing the number of agencies involved in individual cases.

- 2.3. It is also proposed to reduce and rationalise the Council's security and patrols services currently undertaken across the Borough. The patrols protect Council owned assets rather than manage community safety matters across the borough and therefore residents will be unaffected by changes in arrangements. Officers have identified that it is possible to alter the nature of the responsive service without compromising the security of key assets.

### 3. Scope

3.1. The following community safety activity is in scope of these proposals:

- Public Safety and Protection,
- Youth Offending Service,
- Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety responsibilities across the organisation,
- Security and patrols.

### 4. Financial Summary

4.1. The financial scope for this review is as follows:

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	Saving Name	2018/19 Cash Limit Budget £000	Full Year Saving £000	Revised Cash Limit £000	2019/20 £000	Cumulative 2020/21 £000
4	Community Safety Services.	2,958	(320)	2,638	(320)	(320)

4.2. The precise saving figures have not yet been calculated but the indicative ranges identified to date are detailed below:

Service Area	2018/19 Full Year Saving Range
Deletion of Vacant Posts	£50,000 - £100,000
Reduction of external commissioning	£50,000 - £80,000
Security Patrols	£150,000 - £250,000

### 5. Key Timescales

Milestone description	Date Expected	Output at milestone
Final proposals considered by Scrutiny	15 <sup>th</sup> January 19	Scrutiny views provided to Cabinet
Cabinet Decision	5 <sup>th</sup> February 19	Cabinet decision on the proposals

Subject to Cabinet Decision – implementation of the approved proposals	1 <sup>st</sup> April 19	Implementation of the proposals
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## 6. Consultation and Engagement

6.1. The following consultation and engagement will be undertaken:

- Continuing engagement with all parts of the community safety system will be undertaken as further detail of the proposals are developed.
- Formal consultation on specific proposed changes to services. This will include workforce, service users, providers and the wider public.

6.2. Elected Councillors and key stakeholders associated with the Safer Stockport Partnership will be involved throughout all stages of Consultation and Engagement, both at Scrutiny Committee and in other settings.

## 7. Interdependencies, Constraints, and Risks

7.1 An update will be provided to Scrutiny in January 2019.

## 8.0 Equality Impact Assessment

Equality Impact Assessment	
Proposal 4: Community Safety Services Review	16/11/2018
	Stage: Draft

### Stage 1: Do you need to complete an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)?

#### About Equality Impact Assessments

Yes, an EIA is required as this proposal seeks to change the way in which community safety services are delivered across the borough.

Specific proposals will be developed to reduce costs in current services and to improve better target joint-working across services. As the proposals are developed, a more detailed EIA will be prepared and consultation will be carried out. The EIA will incorporate feedback from consultation and any changes to the proposed new service design.

The full EIA will  
I be available when this is completed.

## Stage 2: What do you know?

The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are as follows:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation.

Analysis will be gathered in relation to service uptake and service users to determine the protected characteristics affected by the proposal. Where we have it, we will include information about socio economic status.

Information will also be gathered about the staff affected by the proposal.

In addition, consideration will also be given regarding:

- Borough wide demographics and needs
- Consultation and engagement feedback.

## Stage 2a: Further data and consultation

To be completed for the final proposal.

## Stage 3: Results and Measures

To be completed for the final proposal.

## Stage 4: Decision Stage

To be completed for the final proposal.