

STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING: GETTING MORE OUT OF OUR SPENDING

Proposal 4: Community Safety

Lead Portfolio: Children's Services; Communities & Housing

1. Summary of proposals

- 1.1 A review of the Community Safety Services delivered across Stockport has identified opportunities to provide a more joined up and more efficient approach that will improve outcomes across the Borough.
- 1.2 The proposals will simplify the approaches to dealing with anti-social behaviour and domestic noise nuisance and will enable savings to be made in a way that does not impact on front line services.
- 1.3 The proposals build on existing good practice and partnership working and will bring together some areas of work under the management of Stockport Homes and Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support.
- 1.4 The first two proposals relate to the funding and provision of anti-social behaviour (ASB) prevention and enforcement services in Stockport.
- 1.5 The Council also intends to change its security arrangements. This will include building security and patrols service schedule for some Council buildings, currently provided by Totally Local Company.
- 1.6 The final proposal is to transfer responsibility for dealing with youth ASB from Public Protection to Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support.

2. Proposals

- 2.1. Stockport Homes will contribute to the provision of youth ASB prevention projects in support of the work of Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support and wider Stockport Safer Partnership. A further saving will be made through realignment of external funding sources to the Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support cash limit budget relating to this work.
- 2.2. The provision of adult ASB work and investigation of domestic noise nuisance complaints is currently delivered by the Public Safety and Protection Service in the Place Directorate. The proposal is for this work to be carried out by Stockport Homes. Stockport Homes undertake this work currently for their tenants and undertaking for all residents within Stockport would bring about efficiencies and enable savings to be made. Stockport Council would still retain legal responsibility for approving the issuing of any legal processes but the investigative work would be carried out by Stockport Homes.

- 2.3. The Council would still retain the role of managing conditions within a neighbourhood area. In cases where individual premises are the source of ASB problems existing provisions will remain in place under the Stockport Safer Partnership (SSP). Stockport Homes would be responsible for tackling individuals involved in carrying out ASB. Overall governance would remain with the Council as part of the SSP.
- 2.4. The Council has reviewed its current security and patrols schedule and activity and has identified a number of buildings where this service is no longer required. This proposal involves either a change in the schedule of routine security patrols undertaken or a change in the level of priority of response to building alarms, for certain buildings. Based on feedback from scrutiny committee, members and discussions at the Council's Contributors Committee it is proposed that this element of the community safety proposals be implemented from 2020/21.
- 2.5. The final proposal is to create efficiencies through the transfer of responsibility for youth related ASB from Public Safety and Protection to the Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support, which already undertakes this work in relation to young people.

3. Scope

- 3.1. The following community safety activity is in scope of these proposals:
- Public Safety and Protection,
 - Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support,
 - Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety responsibilities across the organisation,
 - Building security and patrols.

4. Financial Summary

- 4.1. The Community Safety Services project needs reduce the budget by £0.320m. The savings will be made over two years as shown in the table below.
- 4.2. Details of the savings that could be achieved by each of the proposals are shown in the table below.

Saving Name	2018/19 Cash Limit Budget £000	2019/20 Full Year Saving £000	Revised Cash Limit Budget £000	Year 2 2020/21 Saving £000	Revised Cash Limit Budget £000
Stockport Homes to fund youth ASB prevention projects	40	-80	-40		-40
Stockport Homes to provide ASB and domestic noise nuisance work	40	-40	0		0
Realignment of building security and patrols.	290		290	-170	120

Transferring responsibility for youth ASB from Public Safety and Protection to Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support	30	-30	0		0
Total	400	-150	250	-170	80

5. Key Timescales

Milestone description	Date Expected	Output at milestone
Cabinet Decision	5 th February 2019	Cabinet decision on the proposals
Subject to Cabinet Decision – implementation of the approved proposals	From 1 st April 2019	Implementation of the proposals

6. Consultation and Engagement

6.1. The following consultation and engagement will be undertaken:

- Engagement will be undertaken with all parts of the community safety system via the Stockport Safer Partnership.
- Public consultation on the proposals is not required as the level of services provide to the public is not expected to change.
- Some staff consultation will be required in relation to the transfer of ASB and domestic noise nuisance work.

7. Risks, Interdependencies and Constraints

7.1. Risks

- Risk that the reduction in the value of the contract the Council has with Totally Local Company for Security and Patrols significantly affects its ability run a commercially viable service. This proposal will now be implemented from 2020/21 whilst further engagement with Totally Local Company is undertaken.
- Stockport Homes have agreed in principle to the transfer of ASB and domestic noise nuisance work. Further work will take place to confirm the precise operating model. These arrangements will also be subject to TUPE. The assumption is that these matters can be satisfactorily resolved or mitigated as part of the implementation.
- Potential reduction in current external funding streams and grants impacting on the Targeted Youth Service's ability to deliver services.

- A reduction in security and patrols leading to an increase in break-ins or vandalism in some buildings. This may also result in an increased number of callouts to buildings for Greater Manchester Police.

7.2. Constraints

- Prevention of noise nuisance is a statutory service, all reports of noise nuisance must be investigated and the Environmental Protection Act defines that it is the Local Authority that must serve the notice. However, the Council is able to authorise another organisation to act on its behalf in relation to investigation of complaints but it would still retain responsibility for approving the issuing of any formal notices or legal processes required. The Council will also put appropriate quality controls in place to ensure enforcement work is carried out to the required standards.
- Applications for ASB injunctions can be made by a housing provider only if the application concerns ASB that directly or indirectly relates to or affects its housing management functions. However, Stockport Council will appoint Stockport Homes Group to act on its behalf in relation to injunctions not under the control of Stockport Homes, whilst still retaining responsibility for the approval of any notices.

8.0 Equality Impact Assessment

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25/01/2019

Stage: Final

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

About Equality Impact Assessments

The proposals will not impact the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 disproportionately.

Impact on Staff

The second proposal, namely Public Protection ASB enforcement work for domestic noise nuisance complaints and ASB to be undertaken by SHG will result in changes for staff at SMBC and SHG.

TUPE arrangements will apply where the above work makes up above 50% of any persons work. Where this is identified as being the case a consultation will take place with staff affected.

The third proposal, a reduction in building security, CCTV and patrols provided by TCL, may require TLC staff consultation. Where impacts on staff are identified, consultation along with equalities implications will be developed.

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.

Four members of staff could be covered by TUPE arrangements if ASB work is transferred to Stockport Homes. Three of the staff members are female, one male. Informal discussions have taken place with the staff involved.

Stage 2a: Further data and consultation

Staff consultation to take place in relation to TUPE arrangements as required.

Stage 3: Results and Measures

Please see 2a. As such there are no current results or measures.

Stage 4: Decision Stage