



Report to: Safe Newcastle Board

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Report Title: Development of Safe Newcastle Strategy 2010-2013

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1.0 Summary

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the proposals and timescales for the refresh of the Safe Newcastle Strategy 2010-2013.

2.0 Background

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Reform Programme 2007 introduced changes to the remit and work of CDRPs. These include preparation of an annual Strategic Assessment and preparation of an annual rolling 3 year plan from 1 April each year.

This report focuses on the refresh of the Safe Newcastle strategy including progress on the Partnership Strategic Assessment,(SA) details of planned consultation activity and the work required to ensure that the refresh is finalised by the statutory date of 1 April 2010.

2.1 Strategic Assessment

The SA must comply with the 2006 Practice Advice on Tasking and Co-ordination and requirements of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships by the Home Office and the 2006 Police and Justice Act (see website).

The SA is a statutory requirement. The product aims to review existing priorities; identify the long term issues; identify intelligence requirements; identify the scope of change of crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and community safety; and make recommendations for future priorities.

Work on the 2009 SA is now underway. It is the first joint SA for Northumbria Police and Safe Newcastle. The product must therefore provide an evidence base and recommendations on priorities to inform: Safe Newcastle (for its 2010-13 strategy and 2010-11 delivery plans); Northumbria Police, Newcastle BCU (for its 2010/11 Control Strategy) and Newcastle City Council (for its Corporate Plan).

It is therefore essential that adequate resources are committed to ensure that a good product is developed in line with statutory requirements. As the post of Safe Newcastle Researcher / Analyst is currently vacant, Northumbria Police and Safe Newcastle Unit Staff will

- Assist with data collection
- Assist with data research
- Contribute to analytical processes, including attendance and involvement at the Analysts Group
- In conjunction with the Analysts Group to identify priorities and make recommendation on the priorities
- Produce and write Newcastle's Strategic Assessment, including initial draft, interim drafts and final version.
- Liaise with Spencer Chainey, as required, in relation to his quality assurance role.

Robyn Thomas, Community Safety Manager and Dan Lloyd, Senior Police Analyst are acting as joint project managers and additional police analyst support has also been agreed. The project brief and project plan have now been developed. In addition, Safe Newcastle's Analyst Group has been reconvened and will contribute to assessing, analysing and testing the data. Spencer Chainey of the Jill Dando Institute has been commissioned to provide a quality assurance/mentoring role

In order to back fill the ongoing work of the Safe Newcastle Research and Analyst function, Tyne and Wear Research and Information Unit (TWRI) have been commissioned to produce the regular 4 weekly profiles for SNAPS groups.

Emerging findings/ priorities from the SA will be presented to the Safe Newcastle AGM on 9 December.

2.2 Consultation

Safe Newcastle has a statutory obligation to consult with its residents as well as a series of hard to reach groups. This is to inform its strategy and to verify their approach. The consultation activity focuses on each of the four Priority Outcomes in the current Safe Newcastle Strategy. Barefoot Research has again been commissioned to undertake focus group consultation.

Details of the consultation programme are being developed. This will include the following;

- Tyne and Wear Community Safety Survey being led by Northumbria police and GONE
- Evaluation of ongoing consultation work through attending and delivering events
- Street-work consultation planned for January and February 2010 across Newcastle. The findings of this work will be triangulated against specific consultation activity that is being undertaken as part of the strategic assessment e.g. focus group work with target groups recognised from the Social Inclusion strategy.

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- Focus Group consultation - Newcastle City Council's Social Inclusion Strategy (2008) identifies a series of priority target groups. These will form the basis of the consultation exercise and will include;
 - People living in deprived areas
 - Adults facing chronic exclusion
 - Households with the lowest incomes
 - Young People in transition into adulthood who face exclusion
 - People with low educational achievement
 - Vulnerable workers and people facing multiple barriers to employment
 - People who are at risk of exclusion or are excluded because they are disabled
 - Isolated and vulnerable older people
 - Adults who face exclusion because they are carers

In addition to these groups, we will also consult with Islamic faith groups and migrant worker communities.

3.0 Safe Newcastle Programme Board

The refreshed Safe Newcastle Strategy, including revised delivery plans, has to be forwarded to the Home Office by 1 April 2010.

The Safe Newcastle Programme Board has been reconvened to agree a work programme which will ensure that stakeholders and partners have the opportunity for input and comment. The draft revised strategy and action plans will be submitted to the Partnership Board by March 2010 to allow enough time for final endorsement by partners and to ensure that partners can take the document through their own governance structures.

Dissemination of the document will then take place during April and May 2010.

4.0 Recommendations

Safe Newcastle Board is asked to:

- note the progress being made in the refresh of the strategy
- endorse the arrangements in place for the joint strategic assessment
- agree to the proposals and timescale outlined for the refresh process.
- receive further reports at the next Board meeting.

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