



Safe Newcastle Board

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Safe Newcastle Strategy Update 2009-2012 - Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

To provide an update on progress of the refresh of the Safe Newcastle Strategy 2009-2012 and outline proposals for its dissemination and launch

2 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 an annual rolling 3 year plan from 1 April 2008. The Safe Newcastle Board endorsed the strategy update at a special meeting on 24 March 2009 and noted the continuing alignment of Safe Newcastle's strategic priorities to the "Safe, Inclusive, Empowered and Cohesive" theme of the refreshed Local Area Agreement.

3 Strategic Assessment

Safe Newcastle must produce an annual strategic assessment as an evidence base to inform priority setting and resource allocation. The Strategic Assessment was submitted to the Board in February 2009 who endorsed the proposed strategic priorities and themes for the update. It was agreed that the existing themes be retained as they are still relevant and are flexible enough to incorporate existing and new local and national drivers.

4 Strategy Summary

Safe Newcastle has a statutory responsibility to publish a summary of the strategy document which is accessible to partner and residents. It is proposed to meet this requirement by including a summary in the forthcoming edition of City Life newspaper which is distributed to all households in Newcastle. This will be available in June 2009.

5 Dissemination and Launch Arrangements

A limited number of copies of the strategy update (up to 500) will be printed and circulated to partner organisations once the strategy has been submitted to GONE and Newcastle City Council in June. The distribution list will be the same as that used for dissemination of the 2008-2011 strategy.

The strategy will also be placed on the Safe Newcastle website by late June. We are also investigating the use of new technology to aid distribution such as USB memory sticks, bracelets and lanyards. Costs are currently being investigated.

It is not proposed to hold an official launch event. However, as an alternative it is suggested that we have a Safe Newcastle open day in early autumn. Partners would be invited to provide stalls and /or make brief presentations on their areas of work together with information about a range of current Safe Newcastle projects and initiatives. The event would be well publicised and open to all partners and residents to attend. Further details of the event will be circulated in due course.

6 Recommendation

Safe Newcastle Board is asked to endorse the proposals regarding the dissemination of the safe Newcastle strategy update as set out in paragraphs and for the proposed safe Newcastle open day.

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