



Derby City Council

COUNCIL CABINET
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ITEM 16

Report of the Strategic Director for
Communities and Place

Building Safer and Stronger Communities

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Derby City Council is renewing and refreshing its partnership arrangements surrounding two key priorities; the Safer and Stronger Agendas. This refresh is part of a wider initiative to strengthen and improve the Council's partnership arrangements and build stronger relationships with partners across the city
- 1.2 A number of service areas fall within the scope of delivering Safer and Stronger communities, including, but not exclusively, Community Safety, Prevent, Counter Extremism, Community Leadership, Engagement and Development, developing Social Capital, and working closer with the Community and Voluntary Sector.
- 1.3 To ensure an authentic collaborative approach it is critical that an equal and strategic partnership is created with our partners and especially the Community and Voluntary Sector. It is therefore necessary to create a new framework that will enable this to happen effectively.
- 1.4 A more robust and collaborative framework will also ensure future resilience and the ability to respond to future operational service demands resultant of emerging issues and potential future risks in relation to Community Safety, Cohesion and Integration; areas that directly relate to building both Safer and Stronger communities.
- 1.5 This report outlines a proposal to extend the current Leadership Outcome Boards to create a 'Safer and Stronger Strategic Outcomes Board'. It is also proposed that two new Partnership Boards will be created under this Strategic Board; a 'Safer Communities' and a 'Stronger Communities Board', which will allow greater focus at a tactical and operational level.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To establish a 'Safer & Stronger Strategic Outcomes Board' to align the strategic outcomes of both the 'Safer Communities' and 'Stronger Communities' Boards.
- 2.2 To authorise Officers to work with our Community and Voluntary Sector partners to establish a Stronger Communities Board, as part of the Leadership Board Governance.

2.3 To note the role of the new Safer Communities Board, that will identify and analyse future risk and threat.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 This proposal will contribute to both the Safer and Stronger agendas in;
Safe – ‘a place where people are safe and the vulnerable are put first and supported’ and;
Strong – ‘a place where people work together can enjoy good health and wellbeing throughout their life and feel that they belong to a thriving community’.

- 3.2 This proposal will;
- Connect ideas, people and resources across boundaries of all kinds, supporting communities to harness and build on their strengths.
 - Focus on working in partnership, creating trust and synergy between the institutions, businesses and citizens in Derby.
 - Continue to provide a consistent level of basic services, but will target limited resources as appropriate to meet community needs and strive to maximise the impact of all our services by collaborating with others.
 - Maintain strong accountability and governance, and engage communities.
 - Celebrate diversity and promote equality of opportunity to support everyone to achieve their potential.
 - Use robust data and intelligence to make informed and evidence based decisions.
 - Promote creativity and foster innovation amongst partners and communities.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The overarching ‘Safer and Stronger Outcome Board’ will meet 2 or 3 times a year to set the direction and review progress of both the Safer and Stronger Boards, and the membership will include Cabinet Leads, Police & Crime Commissioner/Deputy and other senior stakeholders who could steer and contribute to the achievement of outcomes around Safer and Stronger communities, for example Police and Derby Homes.
- 4.2 The new Safer Communities Board has recently been formed drawing on pre-existing partnerships with key partners, namely Derbyshire Constabulary, Derby City Council, Derby Homes, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue, National Probation Service, Public Health and the Community Rehabilitation Company
- 4.3 The more challenging area surrounds the Stronger Communities agenda – where the establishment of a Stronger Communities Board will require a more Community and Voluntary Sector representation that can best harness the ability to bring together communities and the sector to work collaboratively with public and private sector organisations to overall deliver better outcomes for the City.

- 4.4 The Stronger Board will embed both the voice of communities and the Community and Voluntary sector within a strategic framework, enabling early intervention and engagement in policy and planning, and create the potential for co-designing and co-delivery of solutions to existing and emerging issues. This includes a more robust approach to community impact assessments, whereby a smoother transition may be obtainable through greater community involvement within the process.
- 4.5 The Stronger Board will also be better positioned to design ways to reach out into the community and voluntary sector in an innovative way to achieve shared objectives – for example extending local area coordination, neighbourhood working and other social impact areas of service.
- 4.6 Appendix 2 – Proposed Structure
- 4.7 Appendix 3 - Safer Board Terms Of Reference

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 NONE

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 There are no financial implications. The work involved will be delivered within existing resources

Legal

- 2.1 The council has a statutory duty under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act to have a community safety board

Personnel

- 3.1 None

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- 4.1 None

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The changes in the service offer, reflect the priorities within the city and in terms of community safety and cohesion and integration provides a more effective service to our communities.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None

Risk Management

- 9.1 None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 Safer and Stronger Communities