



## **Communities Scrutiny Group**

**Thursday, 7 October 2021**

### **Police Performance and Resources in Rushcliffe**

## **Report of the Director – Neighbourhoods**

### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. Councillors have requested a review of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership (SNCSP) performance with particular emphasis on the further transformation of the Nottinghamshire Police service and opportunities for community engagement and development.
- 1.2. The Communities Scrutiny Group will receive a presentation from Inspector Rob Lawton from Nottinghamshire Police.

### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Communities Scrutiny Group consider and make comments on the performance of the Police and the wider CSP during 2020/21 within Rushcliffe and provide suggestions on the priorities for the year ahead.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1. The SNCSP covers the administrative areas of Rushcliffe, Broxtowe, and Gedling.
- 3.2. It performs the role of being the Council's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership which is a statutory group required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 3.3. Statutory and voluntary partners participate in the SNCSP with a common aim of reducing crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and promoting healthy and safe communities.
- 3.4. Nottinghamshire Police is a core delivery partner on the community safety agenda within South Nottinghamshire. In addition to an overview of crime performance within the Borough, the presentation will provide an overview of how the Police are continuing to adapt to the on-going challenges around finance, crime reporting, prioritisation (adoption of a Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment (STRA) approach) and the identification of future opportunities for further locality working with other key CSP partners such as the Council.

#### **4. Supporting Information**

- 4.1. The Communities Scrutiny Group will receive a presentation covering the performance of the SNCSP within Rushcliffe during 2020/21. This will provide an opportunity to share further data on how the global pandemic has resulted in some significant challenges and changes to reported crime with reductions seen in certain types of acquisitive crime and an increase in others such as fraud and cyber related crimes.
- 4.2. The presentation will be an opportunity to explore crime trends in more detail and how local police and CSP resources are working to respond to force wide priorities such as serious violence/knife crime, sexual crimes etc alongside local priorities such as ASB and rural crime which in addition to the theft of farm equipment, fly tipping, hare coursing etc also includes more general crime types which can have a greater impact on smaller rural communities.
- 4.3. Resource deployment is a key area, and the presentation will detail how the new local inspector has structured his neighbourhood teams and the Operation Reacher staff under his command along with the opportunity to use shared priority resources such as the Council's Community Safety Officer who delivers a wide range of proactive community safety engagement work such as bike marking, neighbourhood watch schemes etc.
- 4.4. Communication and stakeholder engagement is an important aspect of successful community safety work and the presentation will explain how the current arrangements are working including newsletters, social media and how local priority setting meetings will remain a vital tool in responding to local needs.

#### **5. Risks and Uncertainties**

None identified

#### **6. Implications**

##### **6.1. Financial Implications**

The Council received funding of £24,900 from the Safer Notts Board / Police and Crime Commissioner to support the implementation of local plans in 2021/22 and is due to receive the same figure for the 2022/23 financial year.

##### **6.2. Legal Implications**

None identified

##### **6.3. Equalities Implications**

None identified

#### 6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

This report and accompanying presentation will demonstrate how both the Council and its partners operate to prevent crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and re-offending across Rushcliffe

#### 7. Link to Corporate Priorities

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Quality of Life    | Ensuring that residents feel safe in their community                           |
| Efficient Services | Ensuring more efficient services by working in partnership with other agencies |
| Sustainable Growth | NA   |
| The Environment    | NA   |

#### 8. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Communities Scrutiny Group consider and make comments on the performance of the Police and the wider CSP during 2020/21 within Rushcliffe and provide suggestions on the priorities for the year ahead.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>For more information contact:</b>               | Geoff Carpenter<br>Service Manager - Public Protection<br><br>gcarpenter@rushcliffe.gov.uk |
| <b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b> | None   |
| <b>List of appendices:</b>                         | None   |