



LEICESTER
COMMUNITY
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Community Safety Partnership Plan

April 2023 – March 2026

Revised April 2025



FOREWORD

Cllr Cutkelvin

As Lead Member of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), I have overseen the review of our partnership plan for 2025 - 2026 and the setting of the priorities for the city. I want Leicester to be a place where people can go about their daily lives feeling safe, wherever they are and I believe that our plan reflects the needs and concerns of the city.

I will ensure that the partnership continues to engage and involve communities, with clear communication processes. I will promote the great work we undertake to make Leicester a safe place and how we look out for and protect children and adults who are vulnerable.

Some of our effective partnership work during the last year includes;

- 1) Continuing the work of our Changing Futures Programme providing intensive support to our most vulnerable adults in Leicester.
- 2) Adopting the management of all Housing related ASB within the Community Safety team in order to provide a cohesive and singular approach to tackling Anti Social Behaviour across the City.
- 3) A co-ordinated approach to targeting prevention and early intervention initiatives regarding child criminal exploitation and public place violence.

There are also a number of national priorities for the Community Safety Partnership to oversee. These include:

***Reduce Crime and ASB

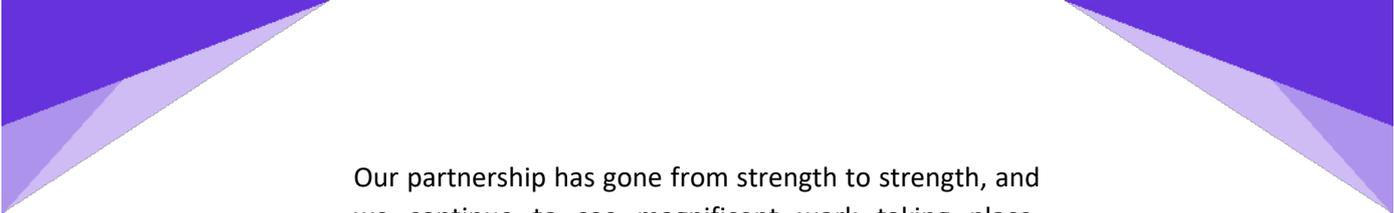
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Local Authorities and key partners to work together to formulate an evidence based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence in Leicester, and then produce and implement a strategy detailing how we will respond to those particular issues.

Our local definition of Serious Violence is:

“Violence resulting in significant physical injury and other serious harm, including sexual violence. Violence may be committed with or without weapons, and may take place in domestic or public places”



Our partnership has gone from strength to strength, and we continue to see magnificent work taking place.

However, I do not underestimate the challenges the communities of Leicester are currently facing due to the cost-of-living crisis and the ramifications this has.

INTRODUCTION

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) aims to serve all its communities effectively. Our renewed partnership plan for 2023 – 2026 which has been reviewed in 2025 to reconsider the priorities in line with the needs of our City, sets out our priorities and how the partnership works collaboratively to ensure Leicester is a safer place to live, work and visit.

Leicester is one of the most diverse cities in England and is considerably more diverse than neighbouring Leicestershire and nearby Rutland.

Up until September 2022 we were a very stable city where different communities lived alongside each other peacefully and cohesively. The recent uprise in tensions has unfortunately caused some divisions within our local communities, therefore as a CSP we have made a commitment to work with and support these communities to regain a safe cohesive city.

Key Facts:

- 43% of Leicester's population is Asian, of whom the majority are of Indian heritage. Leicester also has large Eastern European (Polish, Romanian), Black African (Somali, Nigerian), and Caribbean populations.
- 41% of Leicester residents were born outside of the United Kingdom.
- Leicester's population at the 2021 census was 368,581.
- The city's population is one of the fastest growing in England and increased by 11.8% since 2011.
- Leicester is a young city with a median age of 33 compared to 40 for England.
- Leicester has a large 20-24 year old population due to students attending the city's two universities.

Employment

- Leicester has a lower labour force participation rate and higher unemployment rate than England.

Households

- There are 127,389 households in Leicester. 29,495 households rent from the social sector, of which 18,748 rent from the council.

Deprivation

- Leicester was the 32nd most deprived of 317 local authority district areas based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019 and is significantly more deprived than surrounding areas. Eyres Monsell, Saffron, Braunstone, New Parks, and Beaumont Leys are the most deprived areas within the city and are among of the most deprived nationally.

Crime

- From January 2022 – December 2022 Leicestershire Police created 91,491 incidents which were from within the city of Leicester, of which:
 - 35% related to crime
 - 31.4% related to public safety
 - 4.9% related to Antisocial behaviour (ASB)
 - 21% required an emergency response
 - 32.6% required a priority response
- Of the ASB incidents:
 - 78.5% related to neighbour disputes
 - 13.5% were environment-related
- During 2022 49,802 offences were recorded, these were made up of:
 - 38.2% Violence against the person
 - 25.9% Theft-related
 - 14% Public disorder offences
 - 2.35 Sexual offences
 - 1% Robbery
- In relation to hate crime 2027 offences, were recorded of which:
 - 73.5% were racially motivated
 - 17.2% were religiously motivated
 - 10% were related to sexual orientation
 - 5.9% were motivated by disability
 - 37.8% of offences took place in public
 - 28.2% took place in a dwelling

The Community Safety Partnership priorities have been reviewed and updated after full consultation with the Community Safety Partnership members, ward councillors and key partners/ stakeholders.

The Community Safety Partnership has a statutory requirement to:

- 1) Produce an annual assessment
- 2) Prepare and implement a partnership plan
- 3) Establish information sharing agreements
- 4) Oversee updates on Domestic Homicide Reviews



VISION

The Community Safety Partnership will work together to reduce crime, disorder and vulnerability so individuals and communities in Leicester feel safe and are safe in their homes, on the streets and the places they go.

THE PARTNERSHIP

The agencies that comprise statutory membership are:

- Police
- Local Authority
- Fire Authority
- Probation
- Health Service

It is recognised that the Community Safety Partnership has a strong body of co-operating partners supporting the priorities. The plan will be implemented by the CSP sub-groups through their annual delivery plans. These sub-groups bring together all the partnership's key delivery agencies

PARTNERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

We expect our Community Safety Partnership Partners to:

- 1) Align relevant service delivery to the priorities.
- 2) Manage threat risk and harm via a process of regular review and challenge.
- 3) Identify, support and deliver programmes of activity that have direct impact on individuals, families and communities.
- 4) Ensure value for money through cost effective delivery of projects funded by the Community Safety Partnership having regard to evidence-based needs assessments, equality and sustainability.
- 5) Ensure cross-cutting themes are included throughout workstreams/sub-groups.
- 6) Have regard to strategic plans including the Police and Crime Plan for Leicester.

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

The CSP is provided with funding from the OPCC (Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner) to deliver on the key priorities. Funding is available through an application process overseen by the CSP and the OPCC. All funded projects will be expected to complete a quarterly performance report.

Funded Projects will be assessed against the CSP priorities and consider the impact on local communities as well as the sustainability of the proposals. This will ensure that the valuable resources and funds available are utilised to the benefit of the residents of Leicester.

PARTNERSHIP MONITORING

The lead for each priority area reports into the CSP using a template document for consistency which includes our cross-cutting themes. There is also a requirement to provide key performance data so that we can view and measure success and work with the priority lead to tackle any challenges they face in delivering the area of work.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Partners within the CSP are committed to communicating its success, outcomes and results publicly through a variety of platforms. Communication officers from our partner organisations will continue to work with strategic leads to ensure messages are shared and they will actively support work in the priority areas. Engagement takes place in numerous forums throughout the CSP, locally at ward meetings and then with more specific focus in Community Gold meetings.

PRIORITIES

The Community Safety Partnership will undertake a review of priorities annually to ensure that we are able to recognise and respond to emerging themes, threats or issues.

The priorities for 2023 – 2026 were identified as per the 2023-2026 initial plan using the expertise of the partnership with the overarching aim of achieving Safer and Cohesive Communities and since reviewed to align the needs of the City in 2025

The 3 strategic priorities for Leicester are:

Priorities for 2025 – 2026	Key Deliverables
1. City Centre Violent Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reduce Serious Violence In City Centre ➤ Ensure NTE safe space for users specifically women and girls. ➤ Reduce number of robberies in city centre
2. Anti Social Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reduce Reports of ASB linked to homelessness ➤ Reduce reports / occurrences created by street lifestyles ➤ Increase action taken against premises causing nuisance or ASB issues ➤ Reduce ASB in community led insights
3. Business Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reduce retail crime in City ➤ Reduce repeat offenders committing retail crime ➤ Reduce premises that breach legislation in relation to sales of knives/vapes

➤ Increase in Offenders completing treatment

Within each of these priorities there will be a designated lead that will be expected to report updates to the partnership and be directed accordingly. Each lead officer will also ensure that their priority is delivering across several strategic cross-cutting themes.

Cross Cutting Themes
Domestic Abuse
Children and Young People
Prevent

CONCLUSION

Our Community Safety Partnership Plan allows us to focus and act on some of the main concerns for the people in our city. During the past 12 months we have spent time reviewing our processes so that we can act on what matters to local people and use our data to inform and target resources where it is most required.

Our partnership is strong and working together and engaging with our communities during the life of this plan, the CSP will:

- Create a safer city for people to live in, work in, and visit.
- Work in partnership to deliver local priorities that address crime and disorder.
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- Seek to identify concerns early and act to tackle, reassure and tell communities what we have done to make a difference to them.