

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Communities Housing and Public Protection
<b>DATE</b>	11 March 2025
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Community Safety Partnership System Awareness
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	CORS/25/039
<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	Andy MacDonald
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b>	Vikki Cuthbert
<b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>	Mark Wilson, Community Safety and City Warden Manager
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	1.1.1, 2.20 and 2.21

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the current efforts undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership to manage antisocial behaviour in the city centre, as well as to enhance the wider system's awareness. This report details the existing operational framework and functions of the Community Safety Partnership. By outlining the mechanisms and strategies in place, the report aims to offer a comprehensive understanding of the partnership's role in promoting community safety and public protection.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 notes the update from the Community Safety Partnership including the multi-agency governance model and the collaborative approach between various agencies and stakeholders.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 05 September 2024 considered a Notice of Motion by Cllr Macdonald and Cllr Malik thereby instructing the Interim Chief Officer - Governance to coordinate a further report from the Community Safety Partnership to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on current efforts to manage antisocial behaviour in the city centre and on approaches to offering wider system awareness and understanding of the issues.
- 3.2 The Community Safety Partnership has recently undertaken a review of the governance structure and began to implement the new model.

- 3.3 The new model operates through a structured framework of thematic groups, each focusing on specific areas of community safety. These groups work collaboratively to address various issues, develop strategies, and implement interventions to enhance safety and well-being in the community.

Effective governance is integral to this model, ensuring that all issues are identified and addressed promptly and effectively. By maintaining clear and accountable governance structures, the Community Safety Partnership ensures that no incident or concern goes unnoticed. This commitment fosters transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in our community safety efforts.

Each thematic group and sub-group is supported by data and insights gathered across the partnership and analysed by our Community Safety Analyst. This ensures that interventions are evidence-based and targeted effectively. By leveraging comprehensive data analysis, we can identify trends and patterns that inform our approach, allowing us to address community safety concerns proactively and efficiently.

Appendix 11.1 Community Safety Partnership Governance Model sets out the governance structure currently in place and aims to provide the committee with wider system awareness and how issues may be identified and addressed through the partnership approach.

- 3.4 In response to the number of young people accessing the city centre during school holidays, a partnership was formed between the Community Safety Partnership and Youth Work Services to address instances of youth disturbance and anti-social behaviour. In Aberdeen, the vast majority of young people who live in and visit the city centre behave well and respectfully, with a decrease in the overall instances of youth disturbances reported over a 3 year period.
- 3.5 A review of available data has shown that Aberdeen City has continued to record fewer antisocial offences when compared to the national average in Scotland over the last 6 years.
- 3.6 The City Centre Manager job role has now been filled with in the City Development and Regeneration Cluster. The City Centre Manager has begun work on preparing the council's submission for 2025 purple flag accreditation.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H)  *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	No significant risks identified'			<b>N/A</b>
<b>Compliance</b>	No significant risks identified'			<b>N/A</b>
<b>Operational</b>	No significant risks identified'			<b>N/A</b>
<b>Financial</b>	No significant risks identified'			<b>N/A</b>
<b>Reputational</b>	No significant risks identified'			<b>N/A</b>
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	No significant risks identified'			<b>N/A</b>

## 8. OUTCOMES

<b><u>Council Delivery Plan 2024</u></b>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>  <u><b>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</b></u>	<p>Improve community safety by continuing to invest in the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigations Team, in City Wardens, in community safety projects.</p> <p>Promote and develop city centre community safety through sustained partnership work with Street Pastors, the private sector and others and by continuing effective measures including Taxi Marshalls</p> <p>Tackle fly-tipping and establish a squad to tackle illegal graffiti across the city</p>

	Support, encourage and assist the city's Community Policing Teams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other community safety partners.
<a href="#"><u>Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-2026</u></a>	
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	The Community Safety Partnership contribute to the shared vision for 2026 that 'Aberdeen is a place where all people can prosper' and towards the achievement of the LOIP theme which aims to make people more resilient and protect them from harm; where every child, irrespective of their circumstances, is supported to grow, develop and reach their full potential; and where all people in Aberdeen are entitled to live within our community in a manner in which they feel safe and protected from harm, supported when necessary and fully included in the life of the city
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The Community Safety Partnership contribute to the shared vision for 2026 that 'Aberdeen is a place where all people can prosper' and towards the achievement of the LOIP theme which aims to support individuals and communities to live in healthy, sustainable ways.

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>	No assessment required. I confirm this has been discussed and agreed with Vikki Cuthbert, Interim Chief Officer Governance (Assurance) on 31 January 2025.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
<b>Other</b>	N/A

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 [CUS/23/299 - Antisocial Behaviour – Aberdeen City Centre](#)

## 11. APPENDICES

11.1 Community Safety Partnership Governance Model

## 12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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