

# **Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee**

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**Thursday 14 March 2019 at 5.00 pm**

**To be held at the Town Hall, Pinstone  
Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH**

**The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend**

## **Membership**

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Councillors Ben Curran (Chair), Penny Baker (Deputy Chair), Sue Auckland, Michelle Cook, Dawn Dale, Keith Davis, Roger Davison, Terry Fox, Mark Jones, George Lindars-Hammond, Karen McGowan, Anne Murphy, Zahira Naz, Kaltum Rivers and Richard Shaw

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In accordance with the Constitution, Substitute Members may be provided for the above Committee Members as and when required.

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**SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY AND POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA  
14 MARCH 2019**

**Order of Business**

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- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**  
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest**  
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**  
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public
- 7. Sheffield Community Safety Partnership - Annual Reporting**  
To receive a presentation from the co-chair of the Community Safety Partnership.
- 8. Rough Sleeping Initiative**  
To receive an update on Sheffield's Rough Sleeping Initiative.
- 9. Street Culture Task Group**  
To receive a verbal update from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety and Partner Providers.
- 10. Gun and Knife Review**  
To consider the findings of the Gun and Knife Crime Review.  
(Report of the Policy and Improvement Officer to be circulated in advance of the meeting).
- 11. Work Programme 2018/19 and onwards**  
Report of the Policy and Improvement Officer.
- 12. Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the Committee will be held on a date to be arranged.



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  - the landlord is your council or authority; and
  - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
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  - (b) either -
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Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Meeting held 10 January 2019

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ben Curran (Chair), Penny Baker (Deputy Chair), Sue Auckland, Michelle Cook, Dawn Dale, Keith Davis, Roger Davison, Terry Fox, Mark Jones, George Lindars-Hammond, Karen McGowan, Zahira Naz, Kaltum Rivers and Richard Shaw

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Anne Murphy.

**2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 There were no public questions raised or petitions submitted by members of the public.

**5. GUN AND KNIFE CRIME SCRUTINY REVIEW**

5.1 Prior to the meeting, an open information gathering and input to scrutiny session was held as part of the Scrutiny Committee Review on “Gun and Knife Crime in Sheffield – Has the City got it right when it comes to reducing gun and knife crime in Sheffield?”

5.2 The Chair, Councillor Ben Curran, said that following on from the afternoon session, he had invited Saeed Brasab and Will Mason to address the Committee.

5.3 Saeed Brasab introduced himself, stating that he was based in Broomhall and was a volunteer at the Unity Gym which was situated on Wellington Street. He said he had become involved in the charity in 2009 following the death of a young man involved in a drive-by shooting incident. He said that the Unity Gym Project was a registered charity that had been established in the inner city ward of Broomhall in 2010. He added that the Project was committed to community development and the promotion of health and wellbeing by seeking to engage with vulnerable young people and adults who don't always wish to access mainstream services. The aim was to help them make positive life choices and take ownership of their own future development.

5.4 Will Mason, a Lecturer at Sheffield University, was also a volunteer at the Gym. He said that the Project was hoping to do more, due to the increase in youth violence, and was looking at ways to prevent these crimes and also to offer support to the victims and their families after attacks. Will Mason said that he had visited a young person and his family after an attack and had found that often very little support had been given to victims and felt that this was something that needed to be addressed. Research has shown that 16 to 24 year olds were most affected by violent crime and whilst support was given to under 18 year olds, after that age, no support was given and this needed to be addressed. He said that smaller services embedded within communities were trusted rather than larger organisations, but more still needed to be done. Will Mason believed that there were two key factors in tackling anti-social behaviour and violent crime, these being:–

- Education – a lot of research points to school engagement, keeping children in school, rather than exclusions, was important.
- Poverty – a driving pattern of those involved in violence lived in poverty and this needed to be addressed.

5.5 Saeed Brasab and Will Mason stated that, through ongoing consultation with young people, they had found that it is the young people themselves that know more about what's happening. They had learned that young people put up their own individual barriers, or when in public places, sit with their backs to the wall, or when someone innocently runs past them, they automatically guard themselves against attack.

5.6 Members of the Committee asked a number of questions, and responses were given as follows:-

- One-to-one mentoring sessions had helped young people get the most out of life. Each young person seeking help have had their own personal mentor to tailor support according to their needs and help them gain confidence, attend extra-curricular activities, improve attendance in education, gain qualifications, socialise with other young people etc. However, whether a formal Mentor Qualification would prove to be a good thing would need to be properly assessed, as it was important to attain high quality mentoring relationships. The Mentoring aspect to the Project was crucial, to be able to work with a child and get to know the family and offer as much support as necessary. It was a constant challenge and sometimes the experience could be overwhelming.
- The Unity Gym Project worked in partnership with Sheffield Futures, and also had dialogue with South Yorkshire Police and the Neighbourhood Policing Team and an element of trust had been established between those agencies and those who attended the Gym.
- The Gym was open to everyone, not just those resident in the Broomhall area and a mix of different ages, cultures, backgrounds, etc.

- Those affected by trauma are sometimes the ones that don't access the services they so desperately need to offer them encouragement to live a positive and productive life.
  - Training at the Gym provides routine and discipline, factors that are needed to be stronger and healthier both physically and mentally.
  - Attendees at the Unity Gym were predominantly male but some young girls do attend and it has been acknowledged that females also have issues. Whilst a few might feel intimidated by an organised visit by Councillors, many would welcome the opportunity to share their experiences with them and other organisations.
  - The Project has a lot of support from Sheffield Futures and it was felt important that the City Council, the Youth Services and local businesses were all involved and worked together to offer prevention, education and support wherever it was needed.
  - It was felt that there was mixed terminology with regard to the public health approach to tackling serious violence, advocated by the World Health Organisation. Whilst extensive research to understand the approaches taken in Glasgow, where a long-term public health approach to tackling serious violence has been in place for more than a decade and has delivered large reductions in violent crime, there was some concern as to whether it would work if adopted in England. The causes of violent crime have been many years in the making and a long term solution will be needed to cut the levels of such crime, and the necessary resources need to be put in place to tackle it.
  - Will Mason has visited Leeds to study their approach to tackling violent crime and feels there may be lessons to be learned from the work they do.
- 5.8 Councillor Curran thanked Saeed Brasab and Will Mason for attending the meeting and outlining the valuable work they were doing as part of the Unity Gym Project.
- 5.8 Alice Nicholson, Policy and Improvement Officer, gave a brief overview of the afternoon session that had taken place. She stated that she had taken notes and would produce a report following on from this. She asked Members what more could be done as a Committee; was there a need for more activity to be undertaken during February, whether as a whole or in smaller groups; that visits could be arranged to Sheffield Futures, the Unity Gym and Mums United.
- 5.9 One of the main factors arising from the open session and discussion that followed was children missing education for one reason or another. Members asked a number of questions and raised the following issues:-
- How many children were not in education either through exclusion or not attending at all?
  - How many children were home schooled and what level of qualifications are

- gained from home schooling?
  - How were children monitored who were home schooled?
  - Was the Children, Young People and Families Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee looking into knife crime?
- 5.10 Alice Nicholson informed Members that there was an overlap between the remits of the two Scrutiny Committees and along with other Policy and Improvement Officers, both this and the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Committees would look at ways of working together to deal with this issue.

## **6. WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19**

- 6.1 The Committee received a report of the Policy and Improvement Officer, to which was attached the Committee's Work Programme for 2018/19 for Members' consideration.
- 6.2 RESOLVED: That the Committee approves the Work Programme as detailed in the report.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 7.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 5.00 p.m., in the Town Hall.

# Sheffield Community Safety Partnership

14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Cllr. Jim Steinke, CSP Co-Chair &  
Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods  
and Community Safety

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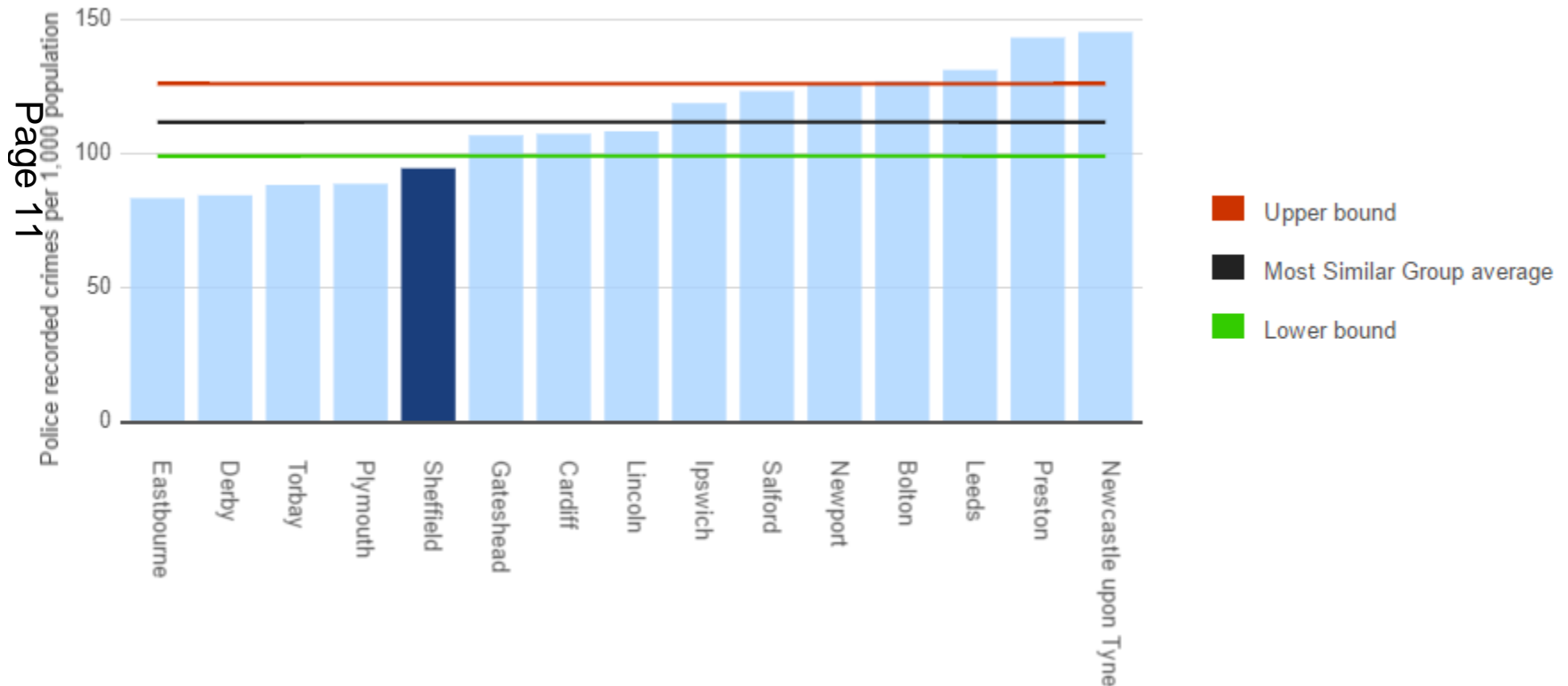
# Sheffield Community Safety Partnership

- Statutory Community Safety Partnership
  - Lead by Police and Local Authority
  - Bring together expertise, knowledge, consistency of action
- Statutory requirement to have a local strategy for tackling community safety issues



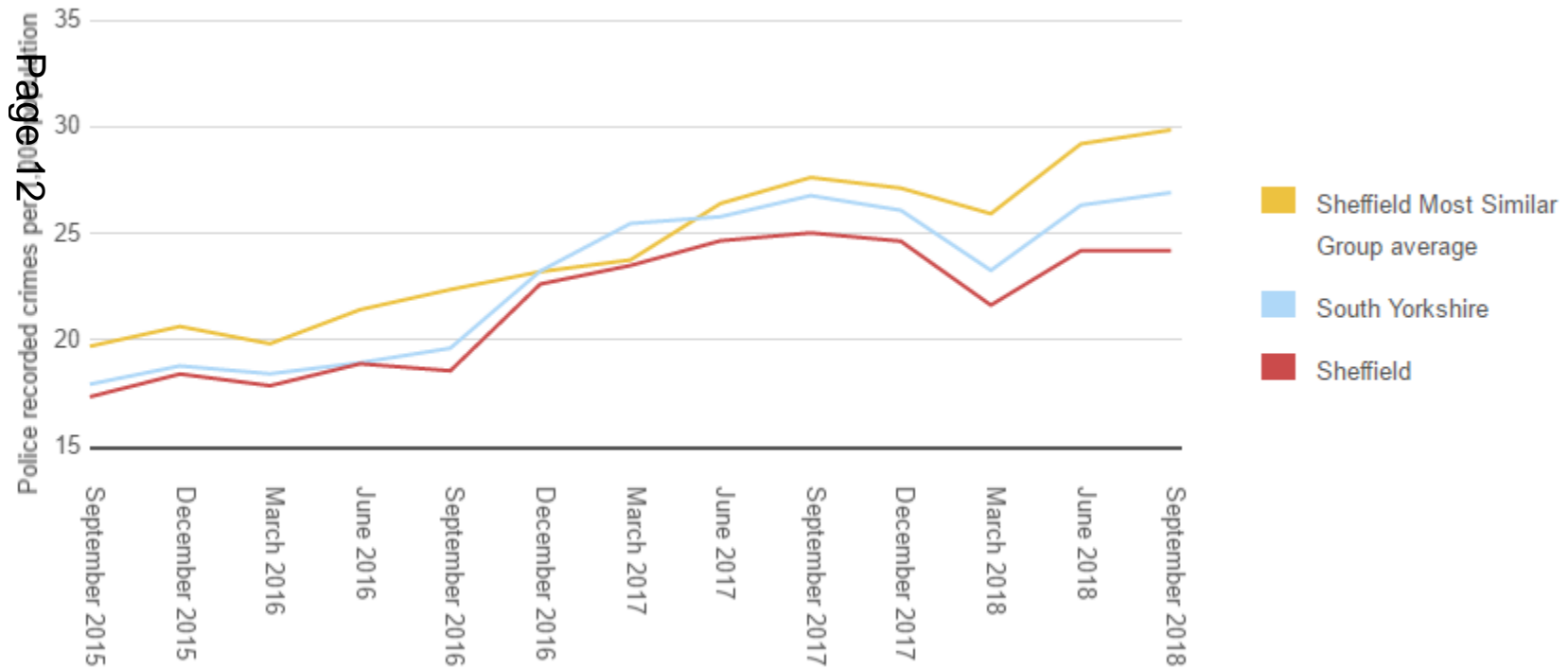
# Performance comparison

All crime per 1,000 population  
Oct 2017- Sep 2018



# Performance comparison

All crime per 1,000 population  
Quarterly 2015 - 2018





# Community Safety Priorities

- Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment of 12 months crime and disorder information
- Informs 3yr Community Safety Plan and annual refresh
- 2018/20 Plan priorities:
  - Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
  - Gangs and Youth Violence
  - Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls
  - Hate Crime against the most Vulnerable
- Cross cutting themes:
  - Reducing Reoffending
  - ASB and Acquisitive Crime
  - City Centre
  - Cohesion

# Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

- Servitude, slavery, forced or compulsory labour
- Exploitation, coercion, abuse of power, deception, threats of violence
- Legitimate or illegitimate businesses

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## Gangs and Youth Violence

- Escalating anti-social behaviour
- Street gangs
- Carrying or using weapons

# Domestic abuse and violence against women and girls

- Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process to share information and agree actions to safeguard people
- Work with perpetrators to help them change their behaviour

Also increasing our awareness and understanding of

- Female Genital Mutilation
- Forced Marriage
- Honour-based Violence

- Partnership responsibility to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews

# Hate crime against the most vulnerable

- The victim, or any other person, believes the crime was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a personal characteristic
- Significantly under reported nationally
- Encourage people to report it – Stop Hate UK reporting line in Sheffield

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**0800 138 1625**

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# Emerging Issues

Recommendations from JSIA are:

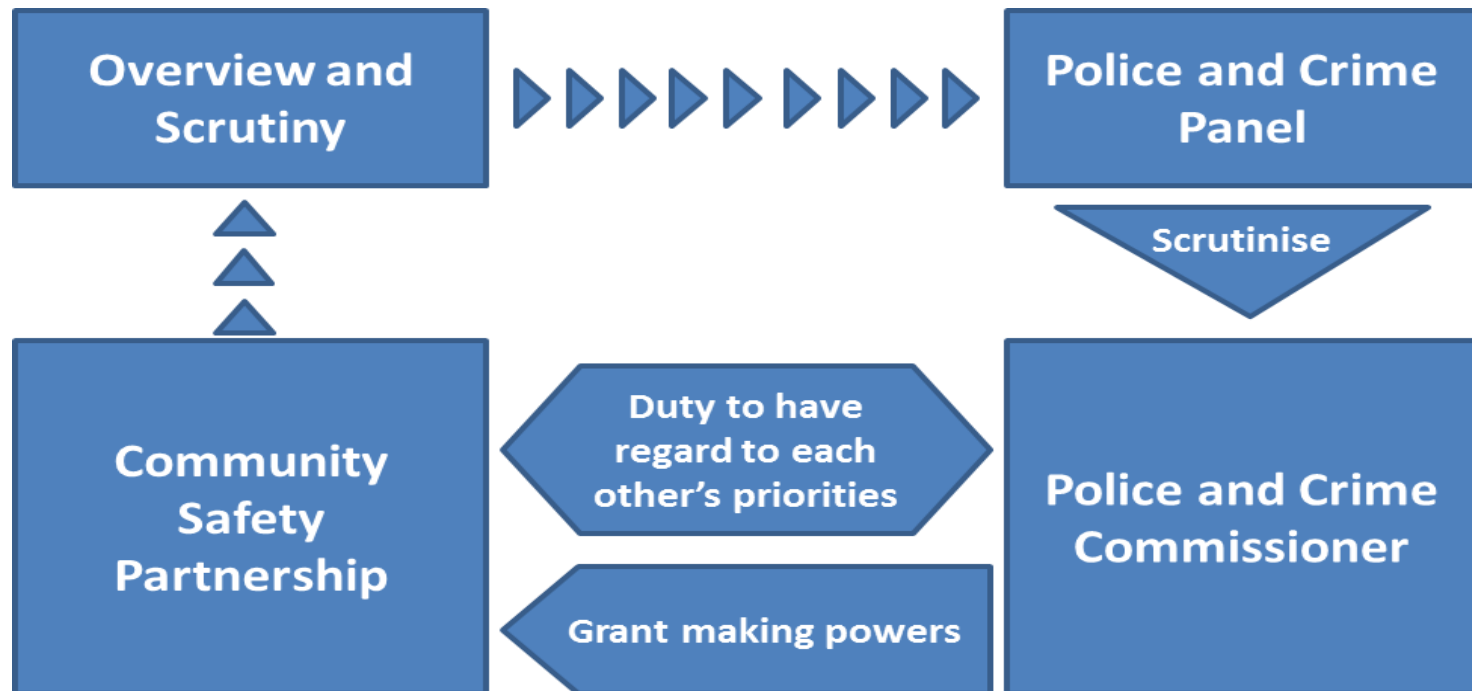
- Gangs and youth violence: consider a focus on drugs criminality, child criminal exploitation and wider exploitation of vulnerable people
- ASB and crime: consider a focus on Spice
- Knife crime and serious violence: continue to monitor for consideration as potential future plan priority



# Police and Crime Commissioner

- Police and Crime Panel scrutinises PCC
- Duty for PCC and CSP to have regard to each other's priorities

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# Budget for community safety 2018/19

- £243k PCC grant to address PCC priorities and £74k SCC community safety:
  - Partnership analyst (top sliced from PCC)
  - Supporting and protecting vulnerable people
  - Hate Crime Coordinator in post
  - Domestic abuse perpetrator programme to help change behaviour
  - Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour through education and prevention as well as enforcement

# FORTIFY

Sheffield's multi-agency approach to tackling organised crime. Results Oct-Dec 2018:

- seizures (grams): 8127 cannabis; 148 heroin, 94 crack; £10,420; 7 vehicles; and 1 firearm seized;
- 25 OCG members arrested, 12 charged; 6.5 years in custodial sentences;
- 15 children and 8 adults referred into safeguarding;
- over 50 partner disruptions, including joint operations with Housing, Trading Standards and Immigration.

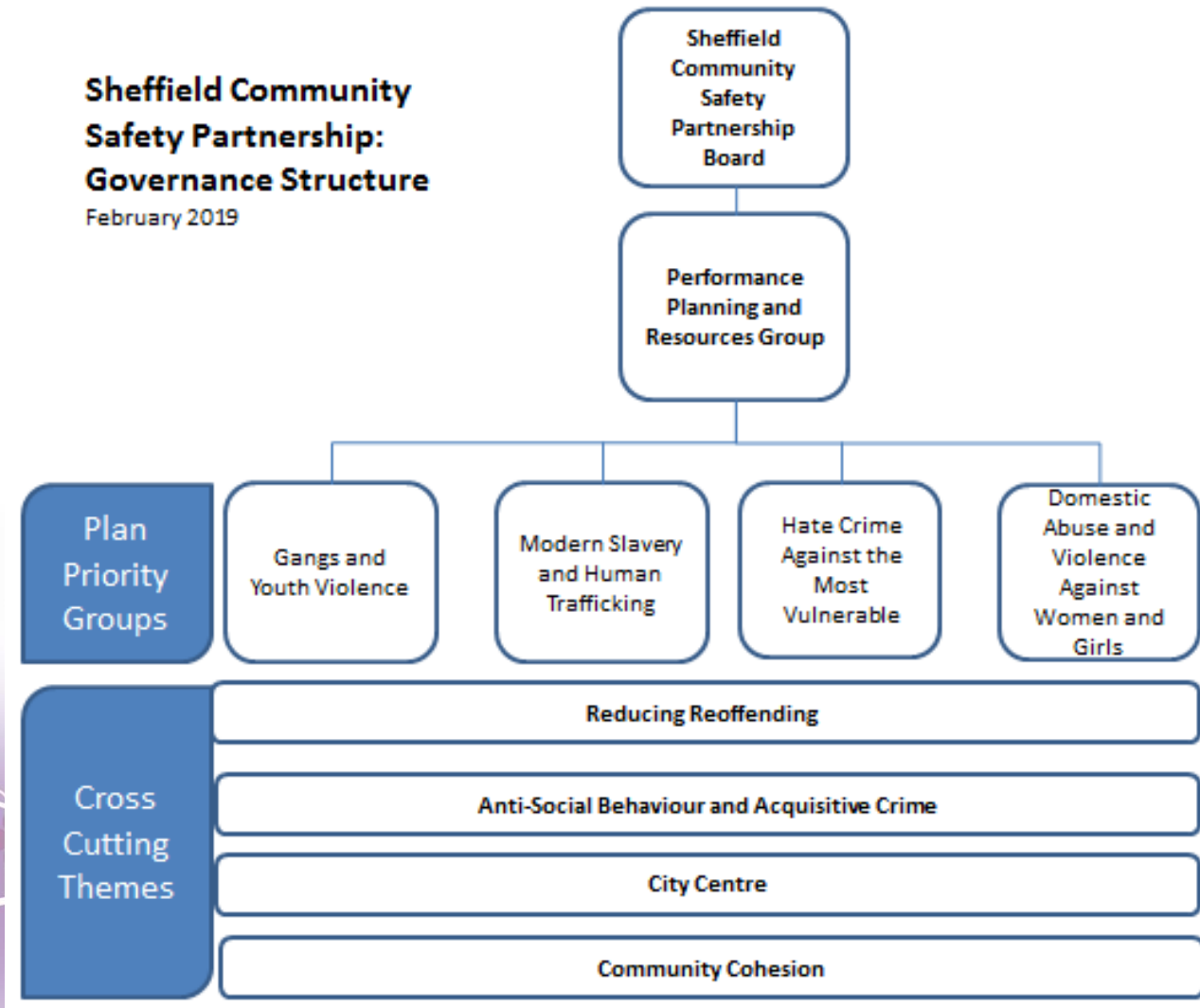




# Partnership Review

## Sheffield Community Safety Partnership: Governance Structure

February 2019



# Communications

- SYP Neighbourhood Policing Teams established
- Relevant local issues (anonymised) now being communicated to ward councillors regularly



# Anti-social Behaviour and Community Safety Team (Safer Neighbourhood Services)

- Co-located team at Moorfoot
  - Council Housing Enforcement and Support Officers (ASB)
  - Street Response Team
  - Partnership Support
  - Community Justice Panels
  - South Yorkshire Police Inspector, Sergeant and PCs
  - SY Community Rehabilitation Company
  - Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust, Mental Health
  - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue



# Contacts

- Anti-social Behaviour and Community Safety Team tel. 2734040 or 2734076

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## Rough Sleeper Initiative

### What is it?

In March 2018, the MHCLG announced the creation of a new multi-disciplinary rough sleeper initiative to work intensely with local councils to tackle rough sleeping. The main aim of this initiative was to identify and put in place actions to remove barriers to end rough sleeping in England.

Funding of £30 million was made available for this initiative and Sheffield placed a successful bid for a share of this funding to support local work.

The funding available to Sheffield has enabled the creation of a small team in Housing Solutions, who work alongside existing services with rough sleepers, helping them to find suitable and sustainable long-term housing options. The team are focused on developing a personalised, tailored response to each individual's circumstances.

The team have developed a clear assessment process alongside prisons, the probation services and hospitals to ensure that those being released or discharged from those services and who have no fixed address do not end up sleeping rough. Strong working relationships have been forged through partnership working with the commissioned outreach service, Framework and supported housing providers throughout the City.

### What do the team do?

The Rough Sleeper team comprises of a number of staff who ensure that rapid assessments take place for anyone who is rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping. These assessments can take place just about anywhere – such as on the street, at probation offices or at community outreach sessions, like the Archer project day centre.

For those people who access our overnight emergency accommodation they also provide next day assessments to try to plan a successful move on suitable housing.

Key to some of the success of the team is the work undertaken by the Enhanced Support and Resettlement officers, who develop and intensive support approach to help manage those with very chaotic lifestyles and who have complex needs. These officers provide long term support to help individuals adapt from living on the streets to living independently, which also ensures their engagement with key services such as health, drug, alcohol and substance misuse services.

## **Accommodation for the Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI)**

Some immediate accommodation options have been developed with our partners specifically for rough sleepers. Additional bed spaces have been made available at a number of sites across the City including The Salvation Army, our temporary accommodation schemes and hostels. A project is also underway to recommission a former hostel premises to provide emergency accommodation, some of which will be available to those who are homeless and sleeping rough.

Other social housing providers have also pledged properties specifically for rough sleepers as move on accommodation, which is provided alongside intensive and bespoke flexible support by the RSI team.

## **What have the team achieved?**

Through targeted intervention, since August 2018, when the RS team was set up, it has:

- prevented 117 cases of homelessness and rough sleeping
- has relieved 99 cases of homeless and rough sleeping by finding and supporting longer term housing options.

Some of these have been entrenched rough sleepers who rarely engage with authorities, so we know that our approach to building up relationships and supporting them through their journey is a successful one.

## **What's next for the team?**

The team are working alongside other agencies and partners to develop a number of initiatives to support those who are rough sleeping and to find further opportunities to engage with them and relieve homelessness.

Some of these are:

- Developing and piloting a 'Safe Space' project. This offers overnight accommodation and support for people who are sleeping rough or at risk of rough sleeping in Sheffield. This will not be a night shelter where people can stay for the duration, but an assessment hub providing access to advice and assistance. Placements will be made on a short term basis on the understanding that the individual will agree to engage with support and take the necessary steps in order to address their situation.
- Street Outreach Nurse. To work alongside and provide basic health care and advice for rough sleepers
- Review of the sit up service at Sheffield Fire Service during weather watch.





## Report to Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Report of:** Policy and Improvement Officer

**Subject:** Street Culture Task Group Committee Recommendations Update

**Author of Report:** Alice Nicholson, Policy and Improvement Officer  
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 0114 273 5065

The Committee will receive a verbal update from the Cabinet Member for Community Safety in response to scrutiny recommendations from the Street Culture Task Group. This is the second update, the first, at the November 2018 meeting, focused on 'Are we Ready for Christmas?', those minutes are appended for information. The Committee's Street Culture Report is supplied as background information. This item will be an opportunity for the Committee to hear more about progress, what works, areas for improvement, in regards some of the findings and recommendations of the Street Culture Task Group. The Rough Sleeping Initiative item on this same agenda will provide a more detailed update on that initiative.

**Type of item:** The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	<b>X</b>
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	

**The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

- Consider the verbal update, and progress reported
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**Background Papers:**

**Category of Report:** OPEN

## **Street Culture Update - Are we ready for Christmas?**

To receive a verbal update from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety on how ready are we in the city for any Christmas peak in Street Culture activity.

### **Minutes:**

- 7.1 The Committee viewed a short film and received a verbal update from Councillor Jim Steinke (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) and Tracey Ford, Sheffield City Council Drug, Alcohol and Domestic Abuse Co-ordination Team (DACT)) regarding Street Culture – Are we ready for Christmas?
- 7.2 Councillor Steinke stated that the police and voluntary agencies had differing views on the effectiveness of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), and he would be presenting a report to Cabinet in December regarding this. He said requests had been made in two other areas of the city for PSPOs to be put in place. Councillor Steinke further stated that the number of rough sleepers in the city had risen and that, following a summit of South Yorkshire Local Authorities and homelessness agencies, it had been found that there was a clear crossover, especially from Rotherham and Doncaster, where people were coming into the city purposely to live on the streets and this needed to be addressed. He said that giving money to beggars had a damaging impact on their lives and the Help us Help campaign was aimed to get the message across to members of the public. Since the introduction of the “Best Bar None” scheme, it was reported that pubs and clubs in the city centre had improved their operations regarding knife crime and violence.
- 7.3 Tracey Ford stated that, once again, Weatherwatch will be in operation this winter and there were enough agencies out there to help the homeless. Once again, the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service were opening its doors to provide shelter to those who needed it. She added that the Outreach Team were working to communicate the message, that nothing had changed regarding the provision of services to the homeless. She referred to the “HelpusHelp” campaign and stated that, along with DACT, local businesses, HarC, Ben’s Centre, the Cathedral Archer Project, Soup Kitchen, and many more, were behind the campaign to encourage more people to get involved in helping rough sleepers and those who beg in the city. She reiterated that giving money to beggars could do more harm than good and that there were plenty of charities working hard to help beggars in other ways. Ms. Ford said that 10,000 copies of a HelpusHelp leaflet had been produced and these would be distributed in stores and coffee shops situated in and around the city centre, and that the Team would, once again, have the use of a stall within the Christmas Market.
- 7.4 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:-

The Communications Team were working to ensure that information regarding Weatherwatch was made clearer this year, as last year, Members

and some street people were unaware of its existence.

It was felt that Chairs of Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) could be empowered to help tackle some of the issues.

Work was ongoing with both Universities in Sheffield to get the message across to students not to give money to beggars, as it was thought that a large number of students did, in fact, give money to them. One of the problems was that there was a cohort of new students each year, so the message had to be repeated year after year. Sheffield University was keen to enlist the help of Chinese students in getting the message across to fellow students.

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive have agreed to help advertising the HelpusHelp campaign.

It was thought that, at present, there were 34 rough sleepers, but it was difficult to judge exactly how many people were living on the streets as there was a tendency to try and not be spotted, so the number could be higher.

The City of Manchester uses digital signage to assist rough sleepers to find out where to go and what was available during Weatherwatch, and it was thought that this was something that could be done in Sheffield.

Following feedback from last year, 18 roadshows had been held in areas such as Fir Vale, Crookes and Broomhill and Sheffield BID funding had been secured to fund these activities.

Regarding the increased use of Spice, it was reported that 400 people were now trained to offer help, advice and guidance to those using the drug. However, many of the drug users on the streets used multiple drugs, not just Spice.

With regard to PSPOs, there is to be a briefing session with members of the Cabinet before the beginning of December, 2018, to get the Cabinet's views on the effectiveness of PSPOs. It is thought that PSPOs should be considered cross-party and hopefully a decision made as soon as possible, providing that the right decision was made.

Outside of London, Sheffield was considered to be the most generous place regarding members of the public giving money to beggars, mainly due to the number of students in the city.

An invite to any Member who wants to go on the 6.00 a.m. "wake-up" was issued, as it was considered that Members could learn a lot about street culture from it.

7.5 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks Councillor Jim Steinke and Tracey Ford for their contribution to

the meeting; and

- (b) notes the contents of the film and responses to questions.

# **Street Culture Scrutiny Task Group**

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and  
Policy Development Committee – March 2018

Findings and recommendations of the task group of members from Safer and Stronger  
Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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# Street Culture Scrutiny Task Group

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – March 2018

## OVERVIEW

The Scrutiny Task Group of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee was set up by the Committee after hearing from a range of partners, and service providers at a meeting to better understand Street Culture in Sheffield.<sup>1</sup> Full Council had on a previous occasion heard a petition, which the Committee considered in its evidence gathering on 9<sup>th</sup> November and is referenced later in this report.

This report has been drafted following the task group's further evidence and information gathering, for consideration by the full Scrutiny Committee to then present findings and recommendations to Sheffield City Council.

The report includes information about the Scrutiny Task Group, its approach and findings. The report sets out a series of recommendations on three main themes:

- Joined up provision
- Making more of a difference in Sheffield
- Local leadership

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<sup>1</sup> see Appendix 1 for link to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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What do we mean by 'Street Culture'?

- rough sleepers
- street beggars
- street drinking
- substance misusers

**HELP US HELP**

[Help Us Help encourages more people to get involved helping rough sleepers and people who beg in Sheffield]

## Members

The Scrutiny Task Group, set up in November 2017 comprises eight members from Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 2017/18.

**Task Group Members:** Councillors Chris Peace (task group Chair), Penny Baker, Michelle Cook, Dawn Dale, Terry Fox, George Lindars-Hammond, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten.

## Purpose

The Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee set up a task and finish group to determine how joined up the street culture provision in the city is; to seek further evidence of what services are out there and how they knit together; to determine whether more is needed to make a difference in Sheffield; to describe where leadership and responsibility for the agenda currently lies; and to benchmark with other Core Cities.

## Timeline of activity

- Agreement to a task group of Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – **9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**
- Meetings of the Scrutiny Task Group 2017/18
  - **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** - *purpose, project plan, evidence*
  - **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – *consider information gathered to date*
  - **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – *Housing Options and Advice Service Manager*
  - **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - *South Yorkshire Police, Sheffield City Centre/Central Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers*
- Small group evidence sessions **December 2017 to January 2018**
  - During December and January members of the task group shadowed City Centre Ambassadors and volunteered on the rough sleeper night count
- Share draft recommendations with Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**
- Committee activity
  - Visit to Safer Neighbourhoods Team (Sheffield City Council & South Yorkshire Police) – **January 2018**

# APPROACH

## Context

At a meeting in November 2017 Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee sought to find out what Street Culture is and what services



are available in Sheffield. The evidence heard that day suggested there was more still to find out to see if the best is being done in Sheffield to make a difference to the people and place, and therefore the Committee agreed to set up this task and finish group.

### Full Council petition

Additionally, Full Council received a petition on 6 September 2017 requesting the provision of a Night Café for the Homeless and Vulnerable. The Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee was asked to consider the petition as part of its discussions on rough sleeping. It did so at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and heard from a range of experts. The minutes from that discussion are given below:<sup>2</sup>

*In considering the provision of a Night Café for the homeless and vulnerable, it should be borne in mind that one single place might not be effective due to the considerable mental health issues and complex relationships of those living on the streets. Those attending the meeting acknowledged that a Night Café might be a solution, but it was important for people to be able to access services in a safe place. That it should also be noted that other cities had found such facilities difficult to manage and it was felt that the provision of a Night Café would not address the fundamental issues involved. There was also a need to take action to protect the night-time economy to ensure that people were protected in the City Centre.*

The Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee resolved that having heard testimony from a range of experts in the field of homelessness, it recommends that the excellent work by different agencies, including Help Us Help, be given the opportunity to develop further before the idea of a Night Café be considered and, whilst commending the intentions behind this idea, notes the concerns about its safety expressed by some contributors.

**Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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<sup>2</sup> See appendix 1 for link to list of attendees on 9<sup>th</sup> November

## Our approach

The purpose of scrutiny is to hold decision makers to account, examine services provided by the Council and its partners, as well as to carry out in-depth reviews into specific service areas. The aim of these different approaches is to continuously improve the delivery of local public services to residents.

The Committee agreed to gather more evidence as a task group, and set out to collect information both as a whole task group and in smaller group visits, to determine whether as much as possible is being done in Sheffield to make a difference.

Over a period of 14 weeks the group invited comment from, accompanied, and met further with those who provide services directly for rough sleepers, as well as agencies who interact with rough sleepers regularly and day to day and the local community:

- Sheffield Street Outreach team – night counts
- City Centre Ambassadors – out on patrol
- SCCRAG (Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group)
- Sheffield Business Crime Reduction and City Centre CCTV control room
- Sheffield City Council, Housing Options and Advice Service Manager – Zoe Young
- South Yorkshire Police City Centre Neighborhood Policing Team – Inspector John Mallows and T/PS Scott Szymczack

Alongside the above, members of Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, including task group members met with the combined Safer Neighborhoods Team (Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire Police).

# FINDINGS

We have found ourselves focusing on help and services for Rough Sleepers. We are aware begging may be more noticeable than rough sleepers and we have heard from some agencies that not all those begging also rough sleep. We know there has been a rise nationally in the number of rough sleepers, but Sheffield is not identified as a hotspot where big increases have been reported.<sup>3</sup>

## Core findings

### **Council Priority**

At the meeting of the committee on 9<sup>th</sup> November we heard Sheffield Council Cabinet Adviser (Tony Downing) emphasise that ending rough sleeping was a priority for the Council and that it was working with partners to provide a robust and holistic response to the issue of homelessness. Further that the Council is committed to ending rough sleeping in the city by means of support in crises situations and prevention of rough sleeping. He also explained that in relation to homelessness the Council assess each individual's situation in regard definition of statutory homelessness, they provide an out of hours service available for those finding themselves homes at short notice.

### **Partnership Working**

South Yorkshire Police as a key partner in the multi-agency approach emphasised the importance of, and their commitment to, partnership working. Framework who have experience of working in other cities and are commissioned to deliver Sheffield Street Outreach Team commented that there is good partnership working in Sheffield.

### **The Issue**

Those attending the meeting also highlighted specific issues to Sheffield, for example, that there is organised begging in the city and it was thought this could have organised crime behind it. Begging is a particularly important issue, as it has a bearing on people's perception of homelessness and can result in homelessness as individuals disengaged from support as they had access to money. The City Centre residents group felt that people were falling between the cracks in the support services provided and that the problem was growing. We also heard that Spice users had become a problem in the city and that service providers, such as Archer Project were working with the local policing teams to address this issue.

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<sup>3</sup> See Appendix 1, bullet 3, for links to articles in The Guardian and BBC News webpages

### **Current Activity**

At the same meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017, we heard in regard to action and operations that the City Centre Ambassadors record interactions with street beggars and rough sleepers, and they signpost those they come across to services and pass on intelligence to relevant support agencies. We heard that the Soup Kitchen started 30 years ago and worked out of a base given by the Council, approximately 30-40 people used it, and it is a good opportunity of getting to know people, signposting them to the appropriate services. We heard the Cathedral Archer Project is a day facility engaged in collaborative work, ensuring that people had access to good advice, with an emphasis on those who were viewed as being outside the system and developing an understanding of what it was like to be on the street. The Cathedral Archer Project seeks to build relationships through recovery, learning and participation, with the intention that some individuals might become volunteers or gain employment. The project are also developing links outside of usual agencies with the private and creative sectors.

### **Task Group**

We heard more of the same when we delved deeper as a task group, which has led us to strongly believe that there is joined up provision that shouldn't be lost and should be encouraged to be as robust as possible, hence our recommendations 1 to 3 under the theme of Joined Up Provision. The recommendations are pointers for improvement of an already good system through more education on the message of Help us Help and having the right collaborative system for frontline workers to be able to support their interactions with rough sleepers, street beggars, substance misusers, and access into the system.

However, we did hear evidence of chinks in operation of the whole system and collaboration, this has informed our recommendation 5 under the theme of making more of a difference in Sheffield.

### **The Evidence**

In reaching recommendations the task group relied on not only the evidence heard at the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> November, referred above, but also the further in-depth evidence gathered as part of the task group's work. The core findings from this phase of work are summarised below. However, please be aware that not everything heard has been reflected in a recommendation.

### **Information that helped us understand the picture – the size or nature of the issues**

- We heard from City Centre Ambassadors that in one year on their patrols there had been approximately 5,000 interventions with beggars on the streets of Sheffield.
- Shadowing the City Centre Ambassadors for a short period in the run up to Christmas we observed 4 beggars in a two hour period, and all were known to have accommodation – and were told an average of 12 beggars in a day moved on by the Ambassadors, mostly without incident;
- Volunteering on Night Counts revealed on one occasion 12 rough sleepers, 11 of whom were known to the street outreach team, along with a few more walking around but not sleeping, on a second occasion there were 10 rough sleeping and 2 walking, all of whom were known - this is evidence that there are rough sleepers but that the size of the problem did not always tally with the public's perception;
- There seemed to be a gap in the communication flow around Weather Watch when it is operational;
- South Yorkshire Police reported a number of begging/vagrancy and a street drinking incident in city centre, they use monthly recorded data to identify hotspots of begging and rough sleeping; high risk days and key risk times.

### **How joined up does the provision feel – what we found out**

- Rough sleepers information sharing group/meeting – the meeting is attended by housing solutions and mainly voluntary sector working in the city around homelessness, the meeting purely focuses on homelessness, rough sleeping and getting the rough sleepers in to accommodation;
- Observed the City Centre Ambassadors and South Yorkshire Police are very joined up in their daily interactions;
- Noted there is good data sharing through technical systems (for example Sheffield Business Crime Portal and CCTV);
- Listening to provider experiences we got a sense of a gap across some provisions and systems;
- We heard and observed on more than one occasion concerns relating to appropriate communications in regard the Weather Watch facility being in operation.

### **Link/connect/work/knit between services or organisations**

- We got a strong message that all providers from commissioners, to commissioned and voluntary provisions all know of each other's existence and services. How individuals might move from one to another, how nearly all rough sleepers are known – evidenced on night count. Also that most beggars are known by City Centre

ambassadors;

- Information on business crime system supports police convictions, flags up repeat offender;
- Triangulation of police data with local authority and third sector.

### **What more to make a difference in Sheffield – what we heard**

- One message we heard was more direct access to beds, as well as making it easier to get back into the system once dropped out or burnt bridges. Paperwork associated with moving rough sleepers into accommodation poses a time lag and sometimes means places are lost;
- A praise for local addiction services, although these could be improved significantly with outreach services, not just location based drop-in;
- In support of the above we heard of life stories where tailored support and intervention packages are crucial and lead to results to move individuals inside and on from rough sleeping;
- In regard to access to universal health services, St Luke's Hospice shared with us the start of some research with a future service outcome to improve interface/interaction with terminally ill homeless (both no fixed abode and hostel) for palliative and end of life care;
- Sheffield business crime portal system would be even more effective if more city centre business were to participate.
- There are discussions on a collaboration with other services to provide at night for Rough Sleepers

### **Local leadership and responsibility – what we found**

- We found that leadership in the city with regard to 'street culture' issues is provided now through new multi-agency working, and we believe this to be step in the right direction. We heard this multi-agency working includes a City Centre Task Group that reports to the Safer Communities Partnership, partnership and collaborative sub groups that respond to the issues of ASB, where proportionate and appropriate change, legislation and enforcement routes are shared, and helping those on the street, such as Rough Sleepers meeting – where data is shared and focuses on homelessness, rough sleeping and getting rough sleepers into accommodation.
- We didn't get a sense or suggestion from the evidence of a significant gap in local leadership and heard praise for the future through the multi-agency working now in place. We found there is good communication and knowledge of services.
- We make no recommendations for improved leadership at this point, but would welcome hearing more about mental health provision and linkages in the system, as

mental health was suggested as a very common underlying issue. Based on this we would encourage our recommendations to be shared with mental health services and through the multi-agency working arrangements.

- We were made aware of legislation (Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) that allows a Local Authority to make a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in appropriate circumstances. We would advocate caution if Sheffield City Council, as the Local Authority, are to consider using this legislation, that it be proportionate and only be sought to prevent behaviour that is proven to be persistent and aggressive.

### **Benchmark with Core Cities**

- We heard from South Yorkshire Police that the severities of the issues, especially by volume, are far less in Sheffield than that experienced for example in Manchester.
- Figures in Sheffield Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2017-2022 show that numbers of rough sleepers in Sheffield is low compared with our Core Cities – 15 recorded 2016 compared with core cities average of 38.<sup>4</sup>

We have reached a suitable point as a task group in our evidence gathering to draw a line and present our recommendations. We know there is more beyond our focus at this point, however we especially recognise that new collaborative ways of working need time to establish to evaluate success or improvement and we feel this is a natural pause to see how these play out.

We know some of the data around the extent and nature of the issue does not chime with public perception, nonetheless street culture and its impact is an issue of safety for all using the city, the vulnerable who are part of street culture and those working in, living in, visiting and passing through the centre. In our view this makes having a system that works on the basis of collaboration and partnership working is critical.

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<sup>4</sup> See Appendix 1 for link to report

# RECOMMENDATIONS

With our findings in mind we have framed our recommendations around three themes:

- Joined up provision – Education and having the right system for frontline workers
- Making more of a difference in Sheffield – Potential improvements to services and support
- Local leadership - Sharing scrutiny recommendations

<b>JOINED UP PROVISION</b>	
<b>Education and having the right system for frontline workers</b>	
1	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Support what is done now across the system. We recommend areas for improvement in education of others to improve our message about rough sleepers, and for example the relationship with begging, and particularly raising profile and awareness of “Help Us Help” through media.
2	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ensure the system is effective for all those involved in working at the frontline on the street and that they know how/where to get the right support for an individual, enhanced through common training & culture in frontline organisations of handling individuals.
3	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Encourage the sharing of information and systems that support joined up provision and collaboration – both technical and relationship – and that the current good communications and relationships across agencies continue to be formalised so that they are not dependent on individuals or impacted negatively by changes in personnel.
<b>MAKING MORE OF A DIFFERENCE IN SHEFFIELD</b>	
<b>Potential improvements to services and support</b>	
4	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> We support and reinforce our previous recommendation that having heard testimony from a range of experts in the field of homelessness, that the excellent work by different agencies, including Help Us Help, is given the opportunity to develop further before the idea of a Night Café be considered. Further, whilst commending the intentions behind this idea, note the concerns about its safety expressed by some contributors at the committee meeting on 9th November and subsequently to the task group.
5	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> We do have some concerns about current provision, for example what are the alternatives when some provision is not there e.g. Ben’s Centre on Wednesdays, and the suggestion that addiction services be offered outreach as well as drop-in, and we ask Cabinet to lead on a response to this.



6	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <i>We have a concern with the robustness of communication on Weather Watch, and ask that the channels of communication for informing Weather Watch is in operation be reviewed and/or monitored.</i>
<b>LOCAL LEADERSHIP</b>	
<b>Sharing scrutiny recommendations</b>	
7	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <i>We want to feed our recommendations into multi agency working for further response. For example to the City Centre task groups and into the action plan of the workshop held on 11 October 2017</i>
8	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <i>We would recommend that committee findings be shared with health providers for a response. We would like to see that access to universal health services is not disadvantaged by being of no fixed abode or in a hostel, especially mental health services, as we believe these are essential to tackle predominant underlying issues for rough sleepers, street beggars, substance misusers.</i>
9	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <i>We seek reassurance that should the authority take the legislative route of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) where appropriate, it would be implemented proportionately. We would welcome early engagement in development of any Sheffield PSPO and ask Cabinet Member to include the Committee, or its task group, in the development process.</i>
<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	
10	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <i>Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 should be included in the scrutiny work programme 2018/19 – review of impact and actions in Sheffield</i>
11	<b>We ask that the Committee</b> <b>a) consider and approve the recommendations above</b> <b>b) request that Cabinet provide an initial response to recommendations by July 2018</b> <b>c) request that Cabinet lead on behalf of partners to provide a multi-agency response for October 2018</b>

# FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

As a task group we have heard and considered the evidence, and found there may be further areas of importance to understand a fuller picture of interdependencies of issues in regard Street Culture in Sheffield and courses of action available in regard to balancing concerns, we note in particular future consideration could be:

1. Begging – Impact on the Economy, perception, image, safety, vibrancy of the City Centre and shopping districts
2. Homelessness – impact of Homelessness Reduction Act
3. Universal Credit – Lobby for alteration and for rent paid direct to landlord
4. Learning from others before marked increase in rough sleepers in Sheffield

# CONCLUSION

## *Conclusion*

Having heard a considerable amount of evidence from a number of contributors, our overriding conclusion is that there is a lot of joined up provision out there, a range of agencies, organisations, volunteers working collaboratively, and whilst there will always be room for improvement, our recommendations are intended to be helpful pointers.

We also recognise there are further issues of importance to understand and respond to street culture and courses of action available in regard to balancing concerns, these we have listed under future considerations. We would support and applaud an aim that rough sleeping or people begging should be non-existent in Sheffield.

Finally, we would like to thank all those who provided information, shared their experience, answered our questions, and especially we would like to thank those who tirelessly work to improve life for rough sleepers in Sheffield on a daily basis and supporting individuals into accommodation.

## APPENDIX 1 - Evidence

1. Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November – link to agenda and minutes
  - a. <https://imgmeetings.sheffield.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=6749&Ver=4>
  - b. Attendees of above listed in 6.2 of Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> November meeting  
<https://imgmeetings.sheffield.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=15929>
2. Sheffield Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2017-2022
  - o <http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=24116>
3. Press articles of interest
  - a. Rise nationally in number of rough sleepers
    - i. [https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/jan/25/rough-sleeper-numbers-in-england-rise-for-seventh-year-running?CMP=share\\_btn\\_link](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/jan/25/rough-sleeper-numbers-in-england-rise-for-seventh-year-running?CMP=share_btn_link) – Guardian 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018
    - ii. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42781377> - BBC News 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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**Report to Safer and Stronger Communities  
Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Report of:** Policy and Improvement Officer

**Subject:** Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – work programme review 2018/19 and onward

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**Summary:**

This is the last meeting this municipal year (2018/19). This report summarises activities over the municipal year and topics that might be appropriate for carry forward into 2019/20, including commitments appropriate for future year consideration.

**Type of item:** The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	<b>X</b>

**The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

- Consider and comment on a forward look for a Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Work Programme 2019/20

**Background Papers:** None

**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – work programme review 2018/19 and onward

### 1.0 Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Scrutiny Activities 2018/19

- The full list of topics considered by this Committee during 2018/19 is outlined below:

<b>Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - List of topics 2018/19</b>	
Street Culture Task Group Committee Recommendations	July
Fire Safety on Tower Blocks, Council High Rise Residential Buildings and including Hackitt Review interim report	July
Gun and Knife Crime in the city - scene setting with CSP & SYP	September
Fire Safety on Tower Blocks - latest report on cladding	September
Petition - Make Housing Developers be Transparent About Costs in Sheffield	November
Street Culture Update - Are we ready for Christmas	November
Call-In of Cabinet Decision: Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Portion (Local CIL)	November
London Road, Abbeydale Road & Chesterfield Road (LAC) Selective Licensing - update post implementation	December
Challenge for Change: How well is Anti-social Behaviour dealt with by the Housing Service	December
Councillor's Guide on spending the CIL Neighbourhood Portion (Local CIL)	December
Gun and Knife Crime - open evidence gathering session	January
Sheffield Community Safety Partnership - Annual Reporting	March
Rough Sleeping Initiative	March
Street Culture Task Group Committee Recommendations	March
Gun and Knife Crime Review	March
Work Programme 2018/19 and onwards	March

- Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee met 6 times in the municipal year 2019/20, including one single agenda item meeting preceded by a drop-in call for input session.

### 2.0 Forward look on work programme 2019/20

Below table outlines appropriate topics for carry forward into Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Work Programme 2019/20, including commitments appropriate for future year consideration. It is fully appreciated that membership of the Committee for 2019/20 is unknown at this point in the year, however it can be helpful for incoming Committee to get a steer on forward look items and commitments based on this year's activity.

<b>Possible Topic</b>	
<i>Hate Crime</i>	<i>Continue to monitor progress and actions in response to scrutiny recommendations across agencies</i>
<i>Selective Licensing Scheme - London Road, Abbeydale Road and Chesterfield Road: Update 4 months into scheme</i>	<i>Monitoring the impact of the impact of the scheme over 6/12 months - Cabinet Decision 20th June 2018 - implementation scheduled 1st November 2018 - progress report, issues/impact during first 4 months of operation</i>
<i>Homelessness Reduction Act 2017</i>	<i>Reporting one year on from implementation April 2019 in Sheffield</i>
<i>Private Rented Housing Sector</i>	<i>Increase in % of private rented sector in Sheffield (PRS); Cost and Quality - Mitigations, standards e.g. Selective Licensing, private landlords</i>
<i>Drug Strategy</i>	<i>Executing the strategy</i>
<i>New Housing Repairs Service</i>	<i>A 2 years post in-source update; What impact did it have in-sourcing, what does it look like now, and for the future</i>
<i>Homes for all - Housing Strategy Update and New Homes Delivery Plan – HRA Business Plan</i>	<i>To consider the updated strategy and delivery plan for homes in Sheffield – role of HRA Business Plan</i>
<i>Affordable Housing</i>	<i>How can we get housing in the city that is affordable to Sheffield people? Though national rank places Sheffield as affordable, local average wage makes housing unaffordable for large proportion of Sheffield population, this is about responding to city fairness and equality, and Making Sheffield Fairer</i>

### **3.0 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

- Consider and comment on a forward look for a Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee work programme 2019/20

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