



Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 13th September 2018

Report of: Policy & Improvement Officer

Subject: Gun and Knife Crime Scrutiny Review Scope

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The Committee included an update on gun and knife crime and approaches in its work programme this year, and at the meeting on 12th July this year chose to expand this to a longer range review including a day summit gathering evidence from a range of invitees.

To start the gun and knife crime review a first tranche of evidence gathering will be a scene setting from Sheffield's Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership at Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on 13th September 2018.

In response to Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee request for a more in depth review of gun and knife crime this report includes a Scrutiny Project Mandate that sets out a draft scope for a gun and knife crime review. Once agreed the scrutiny project mandate and scope will set a way forward for this review, the Committee may wish to consider amendments following the preceding scene setting item from the Community Safety Partnership.

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Agree scope for a Gun and Knife Crime review, as set out in the Scrutiny Project Mandate document, attached to this report.
- Agree a steering group from members of the Committee to support the review process

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Scrutiny Project Mandate – Full Review			
Subject/title	Gun and Knife Crime		
Lead Committee	<i>Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee</i>		
Committee Chair	Ben Curran	Lead Review Officer	Alice Nicholson, Policy and Improvement Officer
Task Group Membership	Whole Committee review: initial scene set from Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership (Sheffield's Community Safety Partnership - CSP); subsequent day of information gathering, deliberation of recommendations, in place of whole committee meeting, may include a closed evidence session.		

Relevance	
Reasons for selecting the topic	<i>At the request of the Committee an update on gun and knife crime and approaches being taken in the City is included in the work programme 2018/19 – the Committee wish this to be a day summit gathering evidence from a range of invitees. Gun and knife crime impacts on public perception of community safety, and has a negative impact on Sheffield citizens. Recent reporting suggests there has been an increase in the city, the Committee want to find out extent of this crime, has it increased and impact on safety. Evidence says....</i>
Key issues	<i>What is the evidence - Finding out the gun and knife crime picture in Sheffield, now and previously, the issues, approaches, and activity already in place for managing it in Sheffield, where does lead responsibility for prevention rest, is enough known about underlying causes or influences. Consider an outcome of what more could be done to reduce gun and knife crime in Sheffield? Over what time period and by how much?</i>
Key lines of enquiry	<i>What are issues around gun and knife crime, do we understand why gun and knife crime has increased in Sheffield, if it indeed has, are there noticeable causes; what approaches are there in Sheffield; find out about solutions and interventions, especially what works, hearing about current local interventions, as well as good practice and examples from elsewhere; has reduction in funding had an obvious negative impact.</i>
Links to other areas	<i>This isn't finite but areas to consider could be is there a causal/solution link to school exclusions (CYP & FS Scrutiny Committee overlap), reductions in alternative active provision & services for young people in the city (including private facilities); can the impact of mental health or poverty be measured.</i>

Scope	
Aims of the review	<i>Find out the policy context, a Sheffield and national picture; identify possible solutions and interventions, could they be applied in Sheffield and would they work and result in a reduction. Scrutiny is not decision making. Scrutiny can make recommendations to Cabinet Member, the Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership (CSP) influence through Police and Crime Panel, forward findings to the Police and Crime Commissioner, and appropriate agencies.</i>

Methodology	<p>1) Scene setting – first tranche of evidence at the 13.09.2018 meeting of Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Scene setting from Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Partnership and working together - Maxine Stavrianakos (SCC) b) Current issues and how the partnership are starting to tackle the issue, aims & objectives – Una Jennings (SYP) <p>2) Information / evidence gathering/ deliberation of recommendations – October / November 2018 – subsequent one day session of Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee in place of whole committee meeting, at which members of the committee can gather information, deliberate draft recommendations. This could be preceded by an open call for information, then an invited and closed evidence session. The format to be scoped further following an understanding of the picture and issues in Sheffield, the format could include focus groups, workshop with stakeholders and service / partner agency representatives in attendance; consider a model of deliberation from partners/agencies on draft recommendations, through feedback at the day session.</p> <p>3) Presentation of recommendations to Cabinet – January / February 2019</p>
	<p><i>Background information from beyond Sheffield of potential interest:</i></p> <p>European report on preventing knife crime among young people: http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/121314</p> <p>UK Government papers on knife crime reduction: https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/knife-gun-and-gangcrime</p>
Public involvement or consultation	<p><i>Who to invite - partners:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) – police and crime priorities, commissioning • Community Safety Partnership - working in partnership, commissioning • South Yorkshire Police - actions/delivery <p><i>Who to invite – Stakeholders:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young People – Youth Council • Campaigners, communities and families affected • Local initiatives/facilities/provision for young people • Ward perspective from members • Good practice – national and global examples <p><i>Focus public involvement on impact & solutions, not fearmongering, encourage input from localities where incidents have taken place; direct engagement with young people.</i></p>

Schedule			
Start date	Sept 2018	End date	December 2018 / January 2019
Schedule of task group meetings	13.09.2018; remainder TBD		
Committee meeting mandate	<i>Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - 12th July 2018 agreed on a ‘scrutiny summit’ for this item; 13th September 2018 - scene setting and Committee agreement on scope</i>		
Committee meeting	<i>Final report of recommendations – December 2018 / January 2019</i>		

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