# **Public Protection Partnership Strategic Assessment - Summary Report**

Committee considering report: Joint Public Protection Committee

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## 1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Committee on the outcomes of the first Strategic Assessment (SA) of the PPP and to agree the priorities and Control Strategy (CS) to deliver against these for the 2018-19 period. These documents have been developed to inform and direct our proactive project, intervention and enforcement activities as part of our adaptation of the National Intelligence Model

## 2. Recommendation(s)

- **2.1** It is recommended that the Committee consider the Strategic Assessment and resolve that:
  - a) The overarching themes identified in the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) and set out at Appendix C remain relevant and should be retained;
  - **b)** The functional priorities and cross cutting issues identified in the Strategic Assessment Summary at Appendix E inform service delivery for the coming year; and
  - c) The draft Control Strategy at Appendix F form the preventative, information gathering and enforcement activities of the Public Protection Partnership for the coming year.

## 3. Implications

### 3.1 Financial:

All identified activities are undertaken as part of the core work of the PPP within the existing revenue budget, this will be scrutinised through the Strategic Tasking Group. Where appropriate grants such as support for public health related activity or investigations will be sought and used to deliver the key work streams set out in the Control Strategy. Working with other authorities as part of shared working arrangements to deliver efficiencies and effectiveness will also feature as a key priority.

### 3.2 Policy:

It is a key responsibility of the Joint Committee as set out in the IAA to set the strategic direction and priorities for the service. The first set was the approval of the Business Plan in March 2017 which laid out the operating model which included the production of a Strategic Assessment and Control Strategy. A diagram illustrating how the Strategic Assessment and Control Strategy flow from the high level priorities set out in the IAA can be found at Appendix D to this report.

### 3.3 Personnel:

There are no specific personnel issues arising out of this decision. If approved the Joint Management Board will consider the most effective structure to deliver against the priorities. Where any implications arise from this a further decision making paper will be brought to the Committee.

## 3.4 Legal:

The functions delegated to the Joint Committee by the Councils have their basis in statute. In this respect many are statutory duties placed on the Councils. In some areas (such as food safety and standards) there is a high level of prescription about how elements of the service are delivered. In most there is a high degree of flexibility for local policy making. The draft Control Strategy invites members to consider how the service will be delivered in the coming period in a manner that meets the legal obligations of the Councils.

# 3.5 Risk Management:

The emphasis on local drivers may not align with those national regulators which have an oversight function in an area of law. Where there is any divergence from national drivers these will be documented in individual project plans to ensure we can justify and defend robustly any challenges to our methodology and priority setting. Project Management Methodology will enable early identification of operational risks.

### 3.6 Property:

None specifically arising from these proposals. The issue of accommodation and rationalisation of accommodation remains a priority for the service. Members have previously considered this matter. Work continues in this

area but in order to deliver an effective service teams where possible are being co-located following staff consultation. Local delivery remains a high priority.

3.7 Other: None

## 4. Other options considered

None, the IAA commits the partnership to an intelligence focused delivery model

## **5. Executive Summary**

- 5.1 The vision of the Public Protection Partnership (PPP) is:

  'To protect and support residents and legitimate business through the successful use of information and intelligence, delivering safe and healthy neighbourhoods.'
- 5.2 The Business Plan approved in March 2017 expanded on how the Vison and Aims of the PPP will be delivered through its Operating Model, an adaptation of the National Intelligence Model. An integral part of this model is the production of the Strategic Assessment to inform the setting of priorities
- 5.3 The Business Plan requires the Joint Management Team of the PPP to produce a Strategic Assessment for consideration by the Committee annually
- **5.4** The Control Strategy informs and directs our proactive project, intervention and enforcement activities
- 5.5 Communicating with our Stakeholder Audience is key to delivering the outcomes of our Control Strategy and our Business Plan, this is achieved by following our 2018-2020 Communication Strategy.

### 6. Conclusion

**6.1** The Strategic Assessment and Control Strategy meet the governance requirements of the IAA and Business Plan with regard to priority setting for the delivery of the PPP services across the member authorities.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A – Supporting Information

Appendix B - Equalities Impact Assessment

Appendix C – Inter-Authority Agreement Priorities

Appendix D – Model Flow Diagram

Appendix E – Strategic Assessment Summary

Appendix F – Draft Control Strategy

Appendix G – Draft Communication Strategy

Background Papers: Business Plan – approved by Joint Committee March 2017

## **PPP Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:**

The proposals will help achieve the following Public Protection Partnership aims as stated in the Inter Authority Agreement:

**□** 3 - Protection of the Environment

4 – Supporting Prosperity and Economic Growth

5 - Effective and Improving Service Delivery

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