

## **1.0 Introduction and Purpose**

The purpose of this briefing note is to set the context and provide an overview of key aspects of the strategic approach to crime reduction in Lincolnshire.

This paper is intended to enable Members to formulate specific questions for key external partners (in this instance, the Police and Crime Commissioner – PCC) to further understand crime reduction and challenges in West Lindsey and to explore opportunities for partnership working at both a strategic and operational level.

Should members have specific questions that are outside of the PCC's remit, officers will direct these to the appropriate professionals within partner organisations and either; feed-back to members in advance of the meeting **or** invite representation from those key partners as required where possible.

It is proposed that this approach is repeated for future strategic briefings.

## **2.0 Police and Crime Commissioner's – Role, Responsibilities and Remit**

Police and Crime Commissioners took office on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 – replacing former Police Authorities. Elected by local communities, Police and Crime Commissioners aim to be the voice of local people.

Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) are responsible for police area budgets and more recently, have also been granted the responsibility, power and funding to commission local practical and emotional support services for victims of crime.

PCC's aim to reduce crime, deliver an effective and efficient police service within their local area and seek to ensure that community needs are met as effectively as possible. PCC's have a responsibility to hold Chief Constables and Police Forces to account and are themselves held to account by local Police and Crime Panels.

Partnership working and engaging directly with communities are key elements of the role of the PCC, and the Lincolnshire PCC is clear that partnership working is a key element of successful policing. Supported by a small team, the PCC actively works in partnership across a wide range of organisations at a national, regional and local level to ensure an effective approach to preventing and reducing crime.

The opportunity for Members to meet with the PCC provides an opportunity to seek clarity on any areas of challenge for West Lindsey, and to proactively explore opportunities for enhanced partnership working to reduce and prevent crime across the district.

Committee members are encouraged to read both the [Lincolnshire Police and Crime Plan](#) and the PCC's [Annual Report 2013-2014](#) to advance their knowledge and to help inform any questions that the Committee may wish to pose to the PCC in advance of the meeting.

### **3.0 Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire - Key areas of interest to WLDC**

In order to help shape Members strategic thinking regarding the Police and Crime Commissioner's role within Lincolnshire, Officers have considered some current key policy and work areas and have provided links to these below.

Each of these areas of work relate to the Police and Crime Plan, and Members are encouraged to consider the impact, opportunities, challenges and successes for West Lindsey in line with each of these key areas.

[Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act](#)

[Victims' Commissioning Landscape](#)

*Partnership Working – Successes, Learnings and Opportunities* – to be discussed verbally with members at Committee

Members are also encouraged to view the [website](#) for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for further information.

### **4.0 Role of the County Community Safety Partnership.**

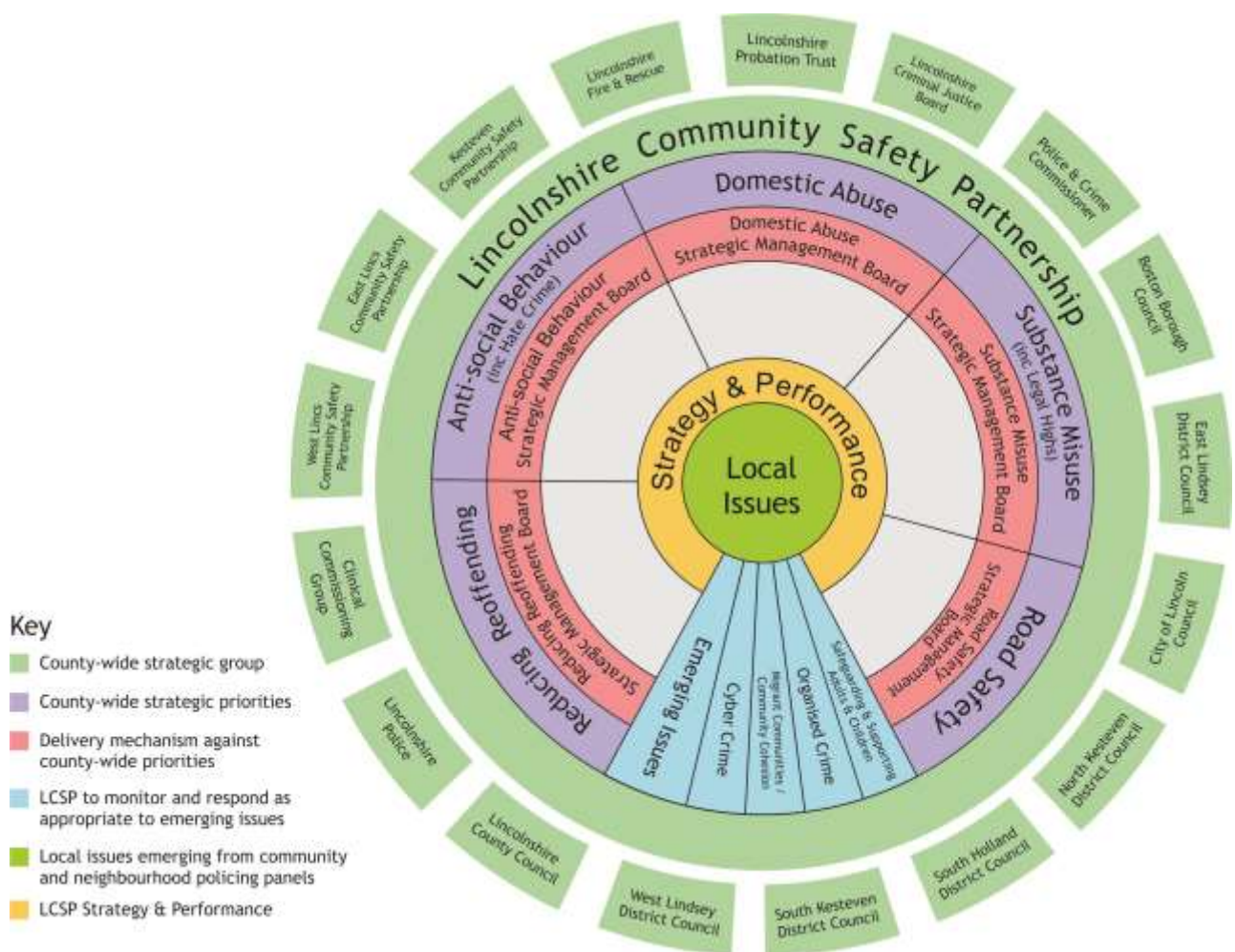
The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 stipulates that Community Safety Partnerships must be created in two tier authorities. Within the regulations it is the partnerships responsibility to prepare and implement a Community Safety Agreement. The regulations state that the Agreement must identify:

- The county-wide community safety priorities that arise from the strategic assessment and that require escalating to the county level.
- Ways of co-ordinating across the county to address priorities.
- How the responsible authorities might otherwise contribute to reducing crime, disorder and substance misuse through closer joint working across the county.

The Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership, in producing the Community Safety Agreement must have regard to the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. It is important for Members to understand that the County Community Safety Partnership has distinct responsibilities which are different to the role of the PCC. The Chair of the Partnership is Pete Moore, Should Members have specific questions for Pete officers will suggest that he attends a future committee meeting.

The Partnership is made up of 17 representatives; each of the seven district councils, the county council, the Police & Crime Commissioner, Police, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Probation, Fire & Rescue, the Local Criminal Justice Board and the four local Community Safety Partnerships.

The diagram below provides a visual representation of the community safety structures within the county.



The follow priorities were agreed following a County Strategic assessment in December 2013 (The next Strategic Assessment is due to take place in December 2014):

- Anti-Social Behaviour (to include hate crime)
- Domestic Abuse

- Reducing Reoffending
- Road Safety
- Substance Misuse (to include legal highs)

There were some other issues identified which are also being considered by the partnership:

- Safeguarding and Supporting Adults and Children (including Child Sexual Exploitation, Missing from Home, Vulnerable Adults)
- Migrant Communities/Community Cohesion
- Cyber Crime
- Organised Crime (including Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery)

Strategic Management Boards (SMBs) have been established as the delivery groups for each of the countywide community safety priorities. Each SMB is responsible for formulating and implementing a Delivery Plan.

## **5.0 West Lindsey CSP and Links to the County Community Safety Partnership.**

The West Lindsey Community Safety Partnership provides local strategic leadership through its membership of statutory, third sector organisations and invited representation from other agencies with an appropriate association to Community Safety. It is responsible for focusing on local issues, needs and priorities, and ensuring that the priorities compliment though identified through the partnership.

Priorities for 2014/15 have been agreed through a partnership planning event as;

- ASB
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Rural Issues

Each priority has an action plan which is monitored through the partnership. Cllr Caine is also a member of the partnership.

## **6.0 Local Crime issues.**

Inspector Simon Outen will be present at the December meeting and will provide Members with an update on crime figures.