

Report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection (Councillor Aicha Less)

Safer Westminster Partnership Strategy 2024-27 Report

- a) The Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection has considered a report which is Appendix 1 to this report.
- b) The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (“the Act”) imposed a duty on certain key public sector organisations to work together to make places safer. The Act created Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (now known as Community Safety Partnerships or CSPs), which brought together the police, local authority, fire and rescue services, health, and probation to formulate strategies for the reduction of crime & disorder. In Westminster, this is the Safer Westminster Partnership (SWP).
- c) Additionally, the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, placed a duty on specified authorities to work together and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence in their area. The Safer Westminster Partnership Strategy is the means through which we are discharging that duty.
- d) The strategy sets out an overarching framework for the Safer Westminster Partnership to reduce crime & disorder in the coming years. Upon approval of the strategy, an annual Safer Westminster Partnership action plan will be produced and overseen by the partnership to drive focussed action and resource deployment for the coming year.
- e) The proposed strategy will replace the existing strategy (2020-23) with a clearer focus on a smaller number of priority areas, and a greater emphasis on engaging with and ensuring local communities have a voice in tackling crime and disorder priorities in their area.
- f) The priorities are West End and Night-time economy; Neighbourhoods and Serious Violence and Exploitation. Running through each of these priorities, the strategy proposes five cross-cutting themes to ensure a holistic response:
 - Target high harm and repeat offenders.
 - Support victims and reduce repeat victimisation.
 - Intervene early to detect and prevent crime and disorder.
 - Give local communities a voice and improve confidence; and
 - Share information and work effectively together.
- g) Consultation on the Strategy has been conducted with Westminster’s Resident Panel, stakeholder workshops and the Community Safety Partnership.

The Council is recommended to:

- i. Approve the Safer Westminster Partnership Strategy 2024 -2027

Councillor Aicha Less, Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection

Local Government Act 1972 – Background Papers

Report considered by the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection

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