

Responsible Authorities Group

What is your request of the LSP Board?	The LSP Board is asked to: (1) Note the reports attached and receive Presentations from the Partnership chairs on key issues in the relevant theme areas (2) Offer suggestions and guidance on next steps to help deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy
What do you want from the Theme Delivery Partnerships?	To identify areas of joint working particularly relating to using the capacity within the Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership to drive improvement and help deliver relevant LAA reward grant projects
Background material	

Update from Responsible Authorities Group

Introduction

Bath and North East Somerset Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) acts as the Local Strategic Partnership's delivery arm for Community Safety. It comprises Council representation (including the Cabinet member and Children's Services), Police, NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Probation Service, Somer Community Housing Trust, and Avon Fire and Rescue.

The RAG is responsible for preparing and implementing a strategic assessment and Community Safety Partnership Plan that will inform and ensure local priorities will feed into the discussions of the LSP and Overview and Scrutiny Panels. It is also responsible for co-ordinating funding streams to meet the partnership's objectives as set out as well as monitoring progress against the partnership's targets and milestones. The partnership structure and relationship with the LSP is set out in an Annex to this report

What are the current local priorities?:

- Reduce Anti social behaviour
- Safe and vibrant Night Time Economy
- Reduce Crime and fear of crime – PACTs
- Protect the most vulnerable - domestic abuse and hate crime
- Minimize harm from substance misuse
- Safeguarding young people and reduce re-offending

How does the RAG deliver these priorities?

For each area of work, there are detailed action plans and a lead agency, which will sponsor and champion operational plans and in many cases chair delivery sub-groups.

Key Issues for the RAG

- Moving away from a set Government “model” of Community Safety Partnerships
- Managing reductions in all central funding streams
- Focusing on local concerns and priorities- eg night-time economy- rather than national performance indicators
- Increasing community involvement in and ownership of local concerns (link with Stronger Communities)
- Driving improvement and efficiency through better joint working and by resolving the issues that cause most concerns- eg by addressing the “top offenders”

Other key drivers for change include:

- The move to elected Police Commissioners
- Changes to the Government’s approach to Anti Social Behaviour which introduce less complex procedures but which re-emphasise support for the most vulnerable victims

Further detail on how the RAG proposes to meet these challenges will be provided in a Presentation to the Board.