

# Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	<b>Children, Adults, Health &amp; Wellbeing Policy Development &amp; Scrutiny Panel</b>	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	<b>14 October 2024</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	<b>B&amp;NES Community Safety &amp; safeguarding Partnership Annual Report</b>	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
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## 1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The B&NES Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership (BCSSP) is introducing its Annual Report for 2023-2024, alongside its priorities to be actioned in the Strategic Plan 2024-2027.

## 2 RECOMMENDATION

**The Panel is asked to;**

2.1 Note the Annual Report and Executive Summary for the BCSSP

2.2 Raise any queries in respect of community safety and/or safeguarding activity

2.3 Recommend any additional areas it would propose that the BCSSP give consideration to in 2024-2025

## 3 THE REPORT

3.1 The report contains information covering the following areas:

- The current community safety and safeguarding context for B&NES

- The Partnership governance arrangements and new structure
- Achievements against community safety and safeguarding priorities for 2023-2024
- The work of the sub-groups during the year
- Adult and children's safeguarding activity data
- Priorities for the year ahead

#### **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 Safeguarding is everyone's business and the BCSSP would like the Panel to consider the information contained in the report on this basis.
- 4.2 Although the Council is responsible for establishing the BCSSP jointly with its statutory partners, (Avon and Somerset Constabulary, B&NES, Swindon & Wiltshire ICB, Probation Service and Avon Fire and Rescue Service), the BCSSP is not accountable to this Board – it is independent. Therefore, the relationship is one of mutual challenge and scrutiny. It is also on this basis the BCSSP would like to present their work. The Partnership welcomes the scrutiny and challenge from this Panel, in order to ensure the widest breadth of views are heard and considered.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 5.1 B&NES Council, BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB, and Avon and Somerset Constabulary contributed to the running costs during the period.
- 5.2 The BCSSP is funded through multi-agency partners. The budget is managed by the BCSSP Business Manager and budget reports submitted to the Executive Group annually. There is regular discussion regarding partner contributions and resourcing of the BCSSP.
- 5.3 Following agreement with B&NES Council, BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB, and Avon and Somerset Constabulary contribute equally to any Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) or Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs).

#### **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

#### **7 EQUALITIES**

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for the BCSSP Annual Report.

#### **8 CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 8.1 The BCSSP (and sub-groups) ensure that meetings have dial in facilities available where possible to reduce officers travelling and reduce carbon emissions

## 9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None

## 10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The BCSSP Annual Report was approved by the BCSSP in August 2024. It has been approved by the members of the Executive Group.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>None</i>
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