

Isle of Anglesey County Council Scrutiny Report

Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	14 October 2025
Subject:	Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report
Scrutiny Chair:	Councillor Dylan Rees

1. Who will be the portfolio holder presenting / leading the report?

Portfolio Holder	Role
Councillor Alun Roberts	Portfolio holder for Community Safety
Service Officer (Supporting)	Role
Daron Owens	Senior Executive Officer
Rhys Hughes	Deputy Chief Executive

2. Why the Scrutiny Committee is being asked to consider the matter

The Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this committee each year to present an overview of activities.

3. Role of the Scrutiny Committee and recommendations

- ☒ For assurance
☐ For recommendation to the Executive
☐ For information

Recommendation(s):
 To note the contents of the report and attached documents, and state whether the Scrutiny Committee supports the priorities and future direction of the work.

4. How does the recommendation(s) contribute to the objectives of the Council's Plan?

Delivering healthier, safer and fairer communities through a range of preventative, curative and supportive services in partnership with other like minded stakeholders.

5. Key scrutiny themes

Key themes the Scrutiny Committee should concentrate on:

- Measuring the Partnership's priorities, (based on a local needs assessment process) and identification of any emerging or additional local needs

2. Assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the statutory partnership in accordance with the expectations of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
3. Evaluating the impact of the action plan against the priority areas for the benefit of Anglesey's communities.

6. Key points / summary

BACKGROUND:

1. This report covers the Partnership's activities over the past 11 months since we last presented to the Scrutiny Panel in November 2024.
2. There is a statutory duty on Local Authorities in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work in partnership with the Police, the Health service, the Probation Service and the Fire and Rescue Service. These are the main agencies that make up the Community Safety Partnership. There are also additional partners such as the Area Planning Board (substance misuse), Education, Youth Justice and Community Cohesion.
3. As a statutory member of the Partnership, it is important that IOACC is appropriately represented. This is achieved by the presence of the current local member with Community Safety Portfolio, Alun Roberts, and the officers with responsibility for the work, Rhys Hughes (Deputy Chief Executive) and Ned Michael (Head of Housing).
4. **Community safety partnerships were originally called crime and disorder partnerships, and although the name has been changed, the areas or responsibility have not, and they remain – crime and disorder, substance misuse and reducing reoffending.**
 - Under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, CSPs also have a statutory duty to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews. These are a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by— (a) a person to whom he was related or with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or (b) a member of the same household as himself, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.
 - Following recent amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act as a result of the new Serious Violence Duty, we also have a responsibility to prevent and reduce serious violence.
5. Quarterly meetings are always well attended. Partners and Local Members who attend the meetings contribute positively. Quarterly data on crime figures and delivery plan updates are shared at every meeting. Every responsible member of the partnership contributes financially to having in place a partnership analyst, so that regular data can be supplied to support evidence-based decisions.

6. Working between partners is fundamental to community safety. The main reason for the introduction of CSP's back in 1998, was to ensure that crime and disorder was seen as '**everybody's problem**' and not the realm of the Police alone.
7. We do not commission any projects or services directly (only the DHRs) **as we have no funding allocated to Community Safety on a permanent basis. Funding for specific projects are reliant on grant opportunities and are only available by applying for them.**

THE PARTNERSHIP'S PRIORITIES/DOCUMENTS FOR SCRUTINY:

The partnership works to an annual plan. Attached is the 2025-26 plan, which is based on the priorities within the **regional** Safer North Wales Board's Strategy:

- Preventing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Tackling Serious Violence
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime
- Protecting and building resilient communities and maintaining public safety

WORK COMPLETED SO FAR DURING 2025:

1. The annual plan was developed in accordance with the regional Safer North Wales Board's priorities. The 2025-26 plan (attached) sets out the activity the Partnership would achieve during this financial year.
2. Crime figures were shared on a quarterly basis through a performance report prepared by the Police Analyst, so that any trends and additional activity needed could be discussed.
3. As stated above, we have a statutory duty under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews. Sadly, there has been 3 DHRs ongoing this year and we received 2 referrals for new reviews. This work inevitably has significant and continuing resourcing implications. Since October 2024, in Wales DHRs are included within the new Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) process. Moving forward, the CSP will collaborate with the Regional Safeguarding Board with our DHR duties.
4. A summary of the work completed this year:
 - a) Ongoing delivery of the annual Community Safety plan and quarterly reporting to the regional Safer North Wales Partnership Board.
 - b) The North Wales Serious Violence Strategy was published in January 2024, in response to the national Serious Violence Duty. The Duty requires specified authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area. Following recent amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act, the CSP has an explicit role in evidence based strategic action on serious violence, and we have been involved in the regional strategy work throughout.

- c) As part of the regional Serious Violence Strategy, the Partnership was awarded £65k for preventative projects in our region. This year, seven different projects are being undertaken. In Anglesey this includes:
- 'Don't Steal My Future' sessions held in schools by RASASC Wales (Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre). This is an educational campaign, raising awareness of the widespread prevalence of sexual violence in society, and most importantly, how we can begin to change attitudes and behaviors.
 - Developing an awareness campaign around illegal selling of vapes and child exploitation, to increase reporting and intelligence sharing.
 - Undertaking an evaluation of local authority early intervention and exploitation Service to establish whether current arrangements are sufficient.
 - Youth Service projects – reducing knife crime through informal Learning and education (VR programme) and increasing targeted support in the Amlwch area through a Youth Hub/Cafe.
- d) The project to upgrade and improve CCTV across the island funded through the Shared Prosperity Fund was completed successfully. £250k was allocated to undertake essential server upgrades across the island and increase existing camera provision in Holyhead and Llangefni.
- e) We have continued to be active members of the Council's Corporate Safeguarding Board, and have worked closely with the Service Manager for Safeguarding and Quality Assurance on safeguarding matters such as Prevent, Domestic Violence and Serious Organised Crime.
- f) With the Police, we have developed an awareness package for local authority staff and other relevant partners around Serious Organised Crime (SOC). The package was piloted in August with Senior Managers and will be rolled out next year. Our aim is to increase professionals' understanding of how SOC manifests in our communities and the relevance to their day- to- day work.
- g) We have continued to work closely with the Regional Lead for Suicide and Self-harm within the Health Service. There is significant work being undertaken regionally, for example delivering on the new Welsh Government Strategy, responding to locations of concern and raising awareness of the support available. Following a successful application to the small grants programme, we organised a multiagency workshop for professionals across Anglesey and Gwynedd with a renowned expert in the field regarding the link between domestic abuse and suicide. The event was oversubscribed and very well-received, and we are keen to organise further similar events in the future.
- h) We remain as members of the regional group to implement the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy for North Wales. Funded by the Area Planning Board the aim is to reduce the harmful impacts of alcohol consumption, by encouraging a safer and healthier relationship with alcohol. The Strategy has recently been refreshed for 2025-28, and a collaborative, partnership-based approach is being undertaken to reduce the social and economic burdens linked to alcohol misuse.
- i) A successful bid was made to the Welsh Government's VAWDASV Capital Grant to purchase target hardening equipment for survivors of domestic abuse. As a result, 50 security cameras have been made available this year for distribution in Anglesey through the 'One Front Door' meeting. This year the Partnership are also

involved in regional work to standardise target hardening in North Wales, in the form of a charter or minimum standards agreement.

7 Impact assessments

7.1 Potential impacts on groups protected under the Equality Act 2010

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on any of the protected groups

7.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage (strategic decisions)

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on anyone experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives

7.3 Potential effects on opportunities to use Welsh and not treat the language less favourably than English

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favorably than the English language.

7.4 Potential impact on the Council's Net Zero Carbon target

None / not applicable

8. Financial implications

The report does not identify any specific financial implications for the Local Authority.

9. Appendices

1. 2025-26 Community Safety Plan

10. Report author and background papers

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