

COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TACKLING SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

6 JULY 2010

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To receive an overview and presentation from Chief Inspector Bob Ryan, Harm Reduction Unit, Northumbria Police Headquarters and Ian Stevenson, Home Office Advisor on the Serious Youth Violence Youth Crime Programme.

2. Background

- 2.1 Since June 2008 the Tackling Knives and Serious Youth Violence (TKAP) programme has been working with a number of police forces and other partners to reduce serious youth violence including knife crime.
- 2.2 The TKAP programme focuses on the 13-24 age group, with a mission to deliver a reduction in serious youth violence and improve public confidence through concerted action by government, in partnership with local agencies.
- 2.3 Results from the first two phases of the Programme have been encouraging meaning that the Programme will continue through 2010/2011. Over the first two years the programme has evolved to a programme which in this financial year is focused on sustainable engagement, education and prevention as well as enforcement in conjunction with local Community Safety Partnerships.
- 2.4 The Programme provides funding for areas to tackle serious youth violence based on intelligence described in a problem profile which helps the area to better understand why violence occurs locally. Each partnership it also required to develop a Partnership Delivery Plan to detail activity to tackle serious violence and monitor progress in their area.
- 2.5 TKAP is a voluntary programme and is currently supporting 52 Community Safety Partnership areas across England and Wales, all of which have been identified as having relatively high levels of serious youth violence. It is worth noting that Sunderland does not have a specific issue around serious youth violence.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the report and to receive the presentation and ask any questions felt appropriate by the Committee.

4. Background Papers

- 4.1 There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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