



Our Vision, Our Plan, Our Promise, Our Actions

Working together to make Staffordshire Moorlands a place where people feel safe and supported, the diversity of our community is valued, and our environment is protected

2021 to 2024

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A word from our Chair

Staffordshire Moorlands is a beautiful part of the country and we want to make sure that anyone who lives in, works in, or visits our district can do so without worrying about their safety. This plan will help us to do that.

We work together, in partnership, to focus on those problems that are of most concern to you. We believe that we are stronger when we work together and are better equipped to achieve our vision for Staffordshire Moorlands.

Cllr Mike Bowen –
Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Communities.

Moorlands Together Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership'

Our Plan (strategy)

We believe that we can achieve our vision if we:

PREVENT problems from occurring in the first place (Primary prevention).

REDUCE the impact of community safety problems (Secondary prevention)

SUPPORT those affected by problems and provide support to help stop people from reoffending (Tertiary prevention).

Key Areas (Statutory Requirements)

We will work together to formulate and implement a strategy at borough level for:

- Reducing crime improving safety
- Reducing disorder including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment
- Combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area
- Preventing re-offending

Responding to any cross-cutting issues, such as mental health, and involving the community and voluntary sector

Our Vision

is for Staffordshire Moorlands to be a place where people feel safe and supported, the diversity of our community is valued, and our environment is protected

Our Plan

shows how we will deliver our vision.

Our Promise

tells you how we will work together to plan, take action, and report back to you.

Our Actions

shows what we will do during the year to deliver the things that we set out in our plan.

Our Priorities

Acquisitive and Drug-Related Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, Domestic Abuse, Personal Safety, Preventing re-offending, Rural Problems

Our Promise

We will work together to:

Focus on the most important problems in Staffordshire Moorlands. Talk to our communities about local problems, Take early action, Provide support for those who most need our help, Work with offenders to stop them from committing more crime, Work with our communities to tackle problems together, Hold a public meeting once a year, Provide our community with information about what we are doing

Responsible authorities:

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Staffordshire County Council, The Chief Officer of Staffordshire Police, Providers of probation services; and NHS North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Strategy Group members:

Cabinet Member for Communities, SMDC (Chair); Executive Director, SMDC; County Councillor, SCC; LPT Commander, Staffordshire Police; Station Managers, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Head of Engagement, Peak District National Park Authority; North Staffordshire Operations Manager, Support Staffordshire.

OUR VISION

Our Vision is for Staffordshire Moorlands to be a place where people feel safe and supported, the diversity of our community is valued, and our environment is protected.

WHO ARE WE?

Every district in the country must have a partnership (a group of organisations) that meets to look at crime and disorder issues. We call our partnership the Staffordshire Moorlands Community Safety Partnership.

The organisations that must work together in the partnership are set down by law. These organisations are known as the “responsible authorities” and are:

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
- Staffordshire County Council
- The Chief Officer of Staffordshire Police
- Providers of probation services; and
- NHS North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

There are lots of other organisations who work with the responsible authorities to make our District safer. These include community groups, residents associations, parish and town councils, schools and colleges, and organisations such as:

- Support Staffordshire;
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service;
- Your Housing Group;
- New Era (Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent)
- HM Prison & Probation Service;
- Peak District National Park Authority; and
- Staffordshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner.

OUR PLAN

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

By law, we must work together to tackle:

- crime and disorder;
- antisocial behaviour;
- behaviour that spoils the local environment like dumping rubbish (fly tipping), graffiti and dog fouling;
- misusing drugs and alcohol; and
- reoffending by adult and young offenders.

OUR PRIORITIES

We are required to carry out a review (a strategic assessment) of the problems in the District each year. We use this and other information to choose the most important problems that need to be tackled in the District in the next year to help us to work towards our vision.

We must then produce plans that show how we will work together to tackle these problems (our action plan).

As well as looking at the results of the review, we also need to think about what is happening at both a national and County-wide level. The

Covid-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns have also had a big impact on our local communities, and will undoubtedly continue to produce more challenges over the next 12 months.

NATIONAL DRIVERS

The Home Secretary sets out the key national threats in a document called the Strategic Policing Requirement. The currently recognised threats are terrorism, serious and organised crime, cyber security, threats to public order or public safety, civil emergencies, and child sexual abuse.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-policing-requirement

We also need to consider how the work and priorities of the partnership are affected by any new laws, policies or guidance from the Government or other key bodies.

Some of the recent changes (and some that are due shortly) include:

- Introduction of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. This includes a power for senior police officers to issue a domestic abuse protection notice and for the courts to make a domestic

abuse protection order, and a requirement for the District Council to publish a strategy for the provision of accommodation-based support in its area.

- Updated guidance on working together to prevent terrorism ("Channel Guidance") was published in November 2020;
- Proposed introduction of a 'Serious Violence Duty' that will require local authorities, the police, fire and rescue authorities, specified criminal justice agencies and health authorities to work together to look at problems linked to serious violence in their area, and then produce and implement a strategy for respond to any issues that are identified.
- Proposed introduction of a new criminal offence of trespass.
- Changes to the probation system with a new National Probation Service taking on responsible for managing all those on a community order or licence following their release from prison in England and Wales from 26 June 2021.

The Home Office are also carrying out reviews of and consultations about political violence and disruption, pet theft, violence and abuse toward shop staff, and pre charge bail legislation.

COUNTYWIDE DRIVERS

We must also consider the picture across Staffordshire. We recognise that it is better to tackle some things, or provide some services by working together as a County and that other things are best addressed locally. The Staffordshire Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group brings together representatives from the community safety partnerships for each district as well as others from the responsible authorities and other key organisations. This allows us to work together to share resources, skills and experience across Staffordshire.

The Staffordshire Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group follows a similar approach to the local partnerships and identifies key County-wide priorities that we will work together to tackle. These priorities, and information about how we will work together, are described in a document called the Staffordshire Community Safety Agreement. The current priorities (2021-23) are:

- Domestic Abuse
- Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (incl. Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health)

- Public Place Violence & Serious Violence
- Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking
- Community Cohesion & Tackling Extremism
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Fraud
- Drug Supply & County Lines

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Community/Communitysafety/community-safety.aspx

County Lines is where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries. The 'County Line' is the mobile phone line (or other "deal line") used to take the orders of drugs, exploit children and vulnerable adults to move [and store] the drugs and money

The Staffordshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner identifies a set of priorities in the Safer, Fairer, United Communities 2017-2020¹ strategy, and provides funding to Staffordshire Moorlands Community Safety Partnership to support delivery of those priorities. The current priorities are:

- Modern Policing – “A police force that is fit for a changing future”
- Early intervention – “Identifying and tackling root cases at the earliest opportunity”
- Support Victims and Witnesses – “Making

it easier for victims and witnesses to get the support they need, when they need it”

- Managing offenders – “Preventing offending in the first place and reducing offending”
- Public confidence – “Creating opportunities for communities to shape policing, with greater transparency and openness to increase confidence in policing”

<https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/cms/wp-content/uploads/Police-and-Crime-Plan-Final-9-6-17-6.pdf>

COVID-19

The last 12 months have been extremely challenging for everyone. New legislation was introduced to limit public gatherings, close certain premises and so on to help stop the spread of the virus. Whilst the lockdowns led to a reduction in some crime types (such as shop theft and crimes linked to the night time economy), we saw an increase in some other problems. The large increase in the number of visitors to our rural areas led to problems such as increased littering, concerns about the use of barbecues, damage to dry stone walls, and traffic and parking issues. and the District experienced increased levels of fly-tipping, and we also saw some increase in neighbour disputes as people spent more time at home.

¹These priorities will be updated by the newly appointed Commissioner during 2021

OUR PRIORITIES FOR STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS

We have identified the following priorities after considering our strategic assessment, and national and local drivers.

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Rural Crime (including burglary and vehicle theft)
- Fraud
- Vulnerable People

We will also support the Staffordshire Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group to deliver the countywide priorities.

HOW WILL WE DO IT?

In this section, we will let you know our strategy (approach) for tackling our priorities and achieving our vision for the District.

We believe that we can achieve our vision if we:

PREVENT

We recognise that some people and places within our District are at more risk than others from crime, antisocial behaviour, fires or other community safety problems.

This includes people who are currently experiencing repeated problems or who are at greater risk because of their age or for other reasons such as physical, emotional or mental-health difficulties. We want to make sure that we support these people whenever we can.

We also recognise that adults and young people who commit crime and cause other problems often have problems such as mental health problems, family problems, homelessness, drug problems, lack of skills and training and possibly debt and money problems. We can help people to stop offending by helping them with these problems.

We believe we can **prevent** problems by:

Promoting community safety and encouraging people to take positive action (such as not leaving valuables on show, locking their bikes, not starting fires in moorland areas);

- Working to address some of the issues that make it more likely that some people will commit crimes or cause other problems (such as mental health, financial problems substance misuse, and housing); and
- Supporting and strengthening our communities (such as providing support to community and voluntary groups and activities).

REDUCE

We will work together to tackle the problems that matter most to people in their local area.

We recognise that a small number of people can cause a lot of problems for others because of their behaviour. We will try and make sure that there is support for these people to help them to stop causing problems for others BUT we will do all we can to catch and convict those who, despite our offers of support, carry on committing crimes or causing other problems.

We believe that we can **reduce** the impact of problems by:

- taking early, preventative action to 'nip problems in the bud';
- targeting enforcement action on those who cause the most problems for others.
- helping those people who most need our support to stop them from being a victim of crime, anti-social behaviour or other problems.

SUPPORT

Victims -

Being a victim of crime, anti-social behaviour, a fire, or a road accident can be a horrible experience for someone to cope with. Everyone reacts differently and how you react depends on lots of different things. This includes the incident itself, the sort of person you are, things that have happened to you in the past, and the support you have around you. The effects can be even worse when you also have other problems to deal with such as a health or mental health problem, financial difficulties, bereavement, or housing problems. We think it is important the people are able to access support when and if they need it.

Offenders -

If we can stop offenders committing more crimes then we will have a safer District with fewer victims of crime. Helping offenders to stop offending and get a job or training can also mean that they can then contribute to society, and improve their life chances and those of their children and families. We can also save money for tax payers if we can reduce the number of offenders because we will not have to spend as much money on things such as prisons.

We believe that we can **support** our community by making sure that:

- there are support services for those who have been the victim of crime and other problems;
- there are services for those people who are causing problems (offenders);
- making sure that people know how to access support.

HOW WILL WE WORK TOGETHER?

We believe that the best way for us to achieve our aims is by working together.

Each member of our partnership has their own services and targets that they need to deliver. But we know that many problems can only be solved by organisations and people working together.

This document sets out our overall plan for working together to make Staffordshire Moorlands a place where people feel safe and supported, the diversity of our community is valued, and our environment is protected. Each year we also develop a detailed plan (we call this our action plan) that will show in detail how we will work together to take action to tackle the key problems in our District. Many of these problems change over time so we will write a new action plan each year to make sure that we are always tackling the problems that matter most to you.

We will also meet regularly throughout the year and take action to tackle any new problems that come to our attention and that can only be solved by us working together.

Representatives from the responsible authorities, and from other key organisations, meet every three months to look at whether we are meeting the targets that we have set. We call this group our Strategy Group.

Other officers meet more regularly to look at the levels of problems within the District and report to the Strategy Group if it does not look like we will meet our targets.

We also want to involve local people wherever possible. This includes:

- asking you what the main problems are in your area;
- involving you in helping to decide how to solve problems;
- providing support if you want to get involved in action to improve your area; and
- letting you know what we've done to reduce problems in your area.

HOW WILL YOU KNOW THAT WE'VE DONE WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO?

We will publish our action plan each year so that you can see what we plan to do.

We will provide you with regular updates on what we have achieved throughout the year and a final update once each year has ended.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DELIVER OUR PLAN?

We can deliver many actions within our plans without needing any additional money, equipment or other resources. We can do this by bringing together the people, skills, equipment and so on from different organisations, and from the local community, to work together to solve problems. This generally produces better results than when organisations try and tackle problems on their own.

We can also sometimes work together to think of new ways of tackling problems that don't have an additional cost or we change the way that we normally respond to problems to produce better results.

In some cases, additional money is needed to tackle problems. If this is the case, then we use money provided by Staffordshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner or contributions from individual organisations when these are available.

OUR PROMISE

We will work together to:

- Focus on the most important problems within the District.
Each year we will carry out a strategic assessment to help us to identify priorities and then produce a plan that shows how we will tackle those priorities.
- Talk to you (our communities) about crime and disorder issues in your area and about what you think are the most important problems to tackle.
We will use this information to make sure that we are focussing on the issues that are most important to you.

Planning what we do

- Take early action to nip problems in the bud or ideally prevent them from happening in the first place.
- Take quick, firm action against those who break the law and cause problems in our District.
- Support those people within the District who most need our help and who may be at particular risk from crime, antisocial behaviour, fires or other community safety problems.
- Some people might be more vulnerable than others because of their age or for other reasons such as physical, emotional or mental-health difficulties. Others are vulnerable because they have been the victim of crime or antisocial behaviour.
- Work with people who break the law (offenders) to stop them from committing more crime (reoffending) in the future
- Work with you (our communities) and provide opportunities to work together to tackle problems.

Taking action

- The District Council will hold at least one meeting each year to look at whether the partnership has done what it said it would.
- This meeting will be held in public so you know what is said.
- Provide you with information so that you know what we are doing to make Staffordshire Moorlands safer.
- This will include publishing a summary of our action plan.

Reporting back to you