

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: 22ND NOVEMBER 2023
REPORT OF: HEAD OF PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
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SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Purpose of Report

1. To present an overview of the performance of the prevention departments Partnerships portfolio during the period April 1st 2022 to March 31st 2023.

Recommended: That

[1] the report be noted.

Background

2. The Prevention department has a range of partnership activity that supports our prevention work within the community. They include (but are not limited to), the Safe and Well Programme, and the Early Help and Prevention Partnership led by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC).

Information

3. The report attached as Appendix 1, contains an overview of the Prevention Department's larger partnerships, end of year performance information for 2022-2023 and their current outlook.
4. The report also contains an overview of our current and future partnership work such as the Combined Intelligence for Population Health Action (CIPHA) project, headline performance, a summary of the Safety Central partnerships and the Prevention Departments' current work streams.

Financial Implications

5. Some partnerships require funding for staff or vehicles. These costs are part funded by the Prevention Department's budget and by the partner where appropriate. A Partnership Agreement or a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) support partnerships with financial implications.

Legal Implications

6. The Fire and Rescue National Framework 2018 details a requirement for all fire and rescue services to collaborate with emergency services and other local and national partners to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the service they provide. Proportionate, suitable documentation is put in place for the partnerships.

Equality and Diversity Implications

7. New partnerships led or engaged in by the Service are subject to Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) prior to commencement to ensure accessibility and promote equality diversity and inclusion throughout their duration. Existing partnerships have been updated to include EIAs. As the partnerships evolve, the EIAs are reviewed periodically to ensure they are still fit for purpose.

Environmental Implications

8. There are no environmental implications to consider.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE