

Housing and Community Service Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	11 February 2026
Title of Report:	Community Safety Update
Lead Member:	Councillor Sally Haydon (Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Libraries, Events, Cemeteries & Crematoria)
Lead Strategic Director:	Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities)
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Your Reference:	n/a
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report is to provide Housing and Community Services Scrutiny Panel with a community safety update.

The report highlights operational work being undertaken by the Council's Community Safety team in addition to partnership work being undertaken with Devon and Cornwall Police to resolve crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder in Plymouth.

In addition, the report highlights ongoing work to improve community cohesion within the city, including through projects funded by the Community Recovery Fund.

Information is also included around Devon and Cornwall Police's approach to effective community engagement.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. For Scrutiny Panel to review, comment on, and note the updates in relation to ongoing partnership work to make Plymouth a safer city.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Not applicable

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Our Corporate Plan highlights the Council's priorities to work with the Police to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to keep children, adults and communities safe.

The Plymouth Plan highlights the Council's commitment to ensuring people live in happy, healthy, safe and aspiring communities.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

No financial implications from this report.

Financial Risks

No financial risks from this report.

Legal Implications

No legal implications from this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

No environmental implications from this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

No other implications.

Appendices

**Add rows as required to box below*

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A	Community Safety Briefing Paper							
B	Community Cohesion Briefing Paper							

Background papers:

**Add rows as required to box below*

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Matt Garrett

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 28/01/2026

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Sally Haydon, Approved by email on 28.01.26. Approved by Councillor Chris Penberthy by email on 30.01.26

Date approved: 30/01/2026