



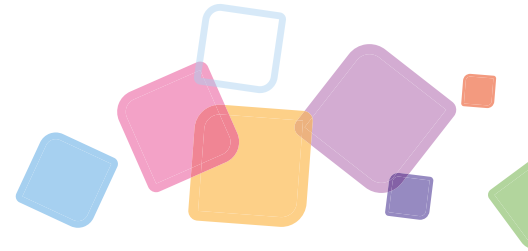
**SAFER  
SHEFFIELD**  
Partnership

**Keeping Sheffield Safe**

**2021-25**

**Sheffield  
Crime and Disorder  
Reduction Strategy**

# Foreword



## **Welcome to Safer Sheffield's Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2021-25.**

The Safer Sheffield Partnership has a statutory duty to address and reduce community safety issues in Sheffield. This means that we must work in partnership with both statutory and non-statutory organisations to address local issues such as crime and anti-social behaviour.

Sheffield is one of the safest cities in the United Kingdom. This strategy will provide a strong basis for maintaining this position by identifying key issues and shaping partnership activity to address them.

This strategic plan details the key crime and anti-social behaviour issues affecting Sheffield at the moment. It explains how we have identified these issues as well as predicting some of the up-and-coming challenges, not least how the city recovers and responds to challenges brought about by the pandemic.

In order to put this strategic plan together the Safer Sheffield Partnership commissioned detailed analysis (via a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment) which took into account data from across the Partnership. This analysis has enabled us to pinpoint our crime and anti-social behaviour priorities and establish clear strategic focus on tackling these issues.

This document is published at an exciting time for Sheffield with the introduction of Local Area Committees, placing decision making at the heart of our communities. The Local Area Committees provide an opportunity for Sheffield residents to influence how strategic plans such as this are delivered for the benefit of local communities. With this in mind, we look forward to working together to reduce and prevent crime and disorder in Sheffield.

**“Sheffield is one of the safest cities in the United Kingdom.”**

**Joint Chairs of the Safer Sheffield Partnership**



*Shelley Hemsley*

**Chief Superintendent  
Shelley Hemsley**

South Yorkshire Police

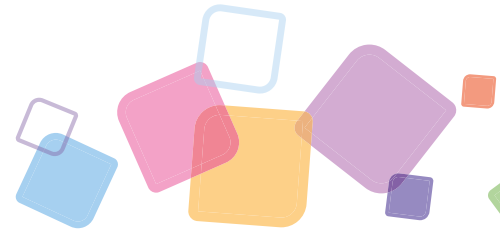


*Richard Williams*

**Councillor Richard Williams**  
Chair - Communities, Parks  
and Leisure Policy Committee

Sheffield City Council

# Introduction



The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 created Community Safety Partnerships, placing on them a legal obligation to produce a strategy setting out their priorities to reduce crime and disorder in their area.

Sheffield's Community Safety Partnership is called the Safer Sheffield Partnership and it is made up of numerous organisations, such as:

- Sheffield City Council (SCC)
- South Yorkshire Police (SYP)
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (SYFR)
- Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG)
- National Probation Service (NPS)

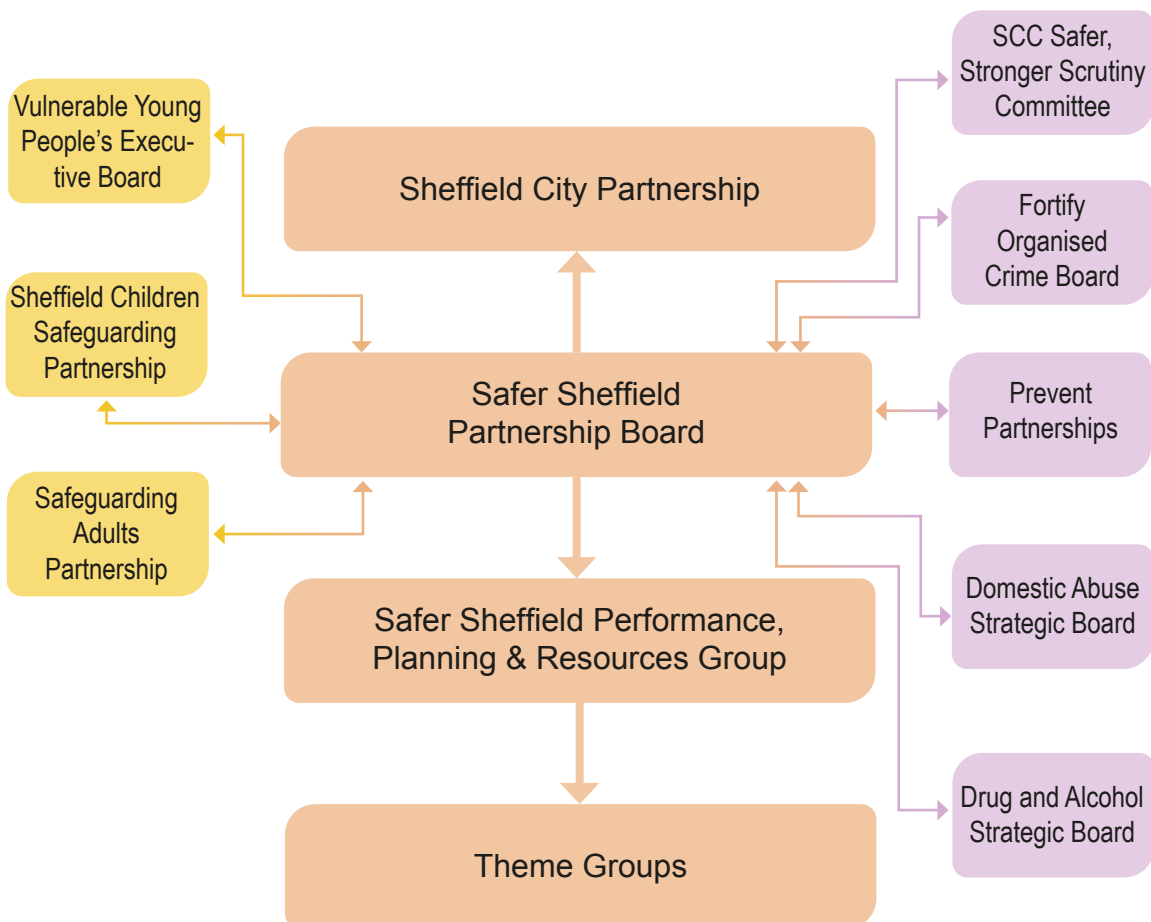
This is by no means the extent of the partnership which includes valuable support and contributions from agencies across multiple disciplines, as well as highly valued partners from Sheffield's vibrant community and voluntary sector.

The Safer Sheffield Partnership Board also works closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Commissioner and his staff play a key role in supporting the day to day function of the partnership, such as providing funding to enable us to address key priorities.

The Sheffield City Partnership Board has overall responsibility for the strategic direction of the Safer Sheffield Partnership. The Safer Sheffield Partnership Board will meet regularly to set in place and monitor this strategic plan, as well as provide direction to the Partnership's Operational Performance, Planning and Resources Group.

Whilst the Safer Sheffield Partnership is the lead strategic partnership forum for reducing crime and disorder in Sheffield, it is important to acknowledge the work of other linked partnerships whose work may positively impact on community safety issues. These partnerships work closely together, covering a wide range of issues such as safeguarding vulnerable people, to protecting the city from terrorism.

The following diagram is an example of just some of those linked partnerships.



## Key Achievements made from previous plan 2017-2020

Some key achievements that the Safer Sheffield Partnership achieved during the last three year plan:

- Achieved swifter interventions to reduce the risk for victims of Domestic Abuse (DA) via Multi-Agency Risk Assessment.
- Introduced early intervention programme to reduce the risk of DA perpetrators re-offending.
- Launched the Sheffield Domestic Abuse Strategy.
- Supported the Implementation of Sheffield Violence Reduction Unit (VRU).
- Expanded the multi-agency Fortify team to address organised crime and exploitation.
- Introduction of a dedicated Hate Crime Coordinator for Sheffield.
- Supported over thirty community based projects addressing local community safety Issues.
- Introduced a co-located multi-agency Community Safety Team to the city.
- Council wardens trained to implement community target-hardening schemes across the city.
- Co-ordinated and supported citywide campaigns around hate crime, burglary, ASB and domestic abuse.
- Introduced and refreshed Hate Crime Third Party Reporting Centres.

# Keeping Sheffield Safe 2021-2025

## Background - How Safer Sheffield Partnership determine new priorities

Before every new Community Safety Plan, Safer Sheffield Partnership produces a document known as a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA). The JSIA is an analytical document combining and assessing data from a range of partner resources.

The current JSIA included information relating to over thirty crime, ASB and vulnerability themes. The following word cloud provides an indication of the main community safety themes that drive the work of the partnership.

**Rape and Sexual Offences Arson Mental Health  
Criminal Damage Stalking and Harassment Homicide  
Child Criminal Exploitation Community Tensions  
Vulnerable Adults Theft County Lines  
Robbery Personal Drugs Market Burglary  
Missing Persons Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking  
Domestic Abuse Vehicle Crime Business Robbery  
Child Abuse Anti-Social Behaviour Cyber Crime  
Hate Crime Organised Acquisitive Crime Public Order  
Organised Crime Groups Robbery Personal Knife Crime  
Violence Against the Person Child Sexual Exploitation  
Economic Crime Firearms Violence against women & girls  
Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage  
International Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism**

The JSIA - together with the Management of Risk Law Enforcement Tool (MoRiLE) - also considered the impact of these issues on individuals and communities. This provides valuable information provided the Partnership with a steer on the overarching priorities for the city for the next three years.

The value and impact of the JSIA does not end there, but with regular refreshes provides us with the ability to regularly assess our performance and identify new and emerging risks and priorities.

# Safer Sheffield Partnership

## Priorities 2021-2025

Following the results of the JSIA, the Safer Sheffield Partnership has identified the following key priorities, encompassing all of the crime and disorder types and themes (see page 7):

- protect vulnerable people.
- tackle the supply of drugs.
- address the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- create safer communities by supporting Covid recovery and identifying new and emerging priorities.
- reduce reoffending.
- reduce violence against women and girls.

These priorities also support those set by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner:

- tackling crime and ASB.
- protecting the vulnerable.
- treating people fairly.

The Safer Sheffield Partnership Board has dedicated theme groups to lead on these priorities, each coordinated and held to account by the Partnership.

It is important for the well-being of our communities that this strategic plan translates into positive neighbourhood-based plans. Equally, it is clear that a one-size-fits-all approach would not be appropriate for a city as uniquely diverse as Sheffield.

Action plans to tackle some of the city's most challenging crime and disorder issues are already underway, but it is anticipated that there will be increased community focus and involvement with the introduction of the Local Area Committees.

To support this change, Safer Sheffield will embark on a programme of consultation with communities producing specific area based action plans to reduce neighbourhood crime and disorder.



# Safer Sheffield Partnership

## Plan on a page 2021-2025

Vision

Keeping Sheffield Safe

How

Identifying key priorities

Partnership working  
Community engagement  
Joint problem solving  
Taking responsibility

Priorities

Protect the vulnerable  
Address the impact of crime  
Address the impact of ASB  
Tackle the supply of drugs  
Create safer communities

- Covid recovery
- Tackling emerging threats

Reduce re-offending  
Reduce violence against women and girls

Approach

Victim focused  
Partnership delivery  
Provide resources  
Listen to our communities  
Engagement

Performance

Performance framework  
Action plans  
Annual assessments

# Priority Planning

## The next four years



### **1. Priority - Protecting vulnerable people in Sheffield**

This priority recognises the importance of safeguarding the health and well-being of vulnerable people from the threat and risk posed by crime and anti-social behaviour.

We will:

- work collaboratively to reduce the harm domestic abuse causes victims, their families and the wider community.
- work to further embed and strengthen our approaches to contextual safeguarding, understanding, and responding to, young peoples' experiences of significant harm beyond their families.
- provide timely and appropriate interventions to prevent vulnerable children and adults from becoming victims of exploitation.
- improve fire safety across the city and increase fire awareness schemes.
- we will continue to expand our diversionary fire safety activities, particularly during the Dark Nights period.
- continue to provide support for those who suffer from alcohol, drug addiction and mental health issues.
- co-ordinate activity to safely remove vulnerable people from exploitation and work tirelessly to prevent it from happening.
- continue to support rough sleepers and vulnerable street cohort in Sheffield ensuring that they are encouraged back into secure and safe accommodation.

## Measures of success

As an overall measure to maintain Sheffield as one of the cities in the UK. To achieve this we will:

- support victims of domestic abuse, hate crime, modern day slavery, ASB and other crimes.
- increase the number of domestic abuse perpetrators attending the Inspire to Change Programme.
- reduce hospital admissions due to acts of violence, alcohol and drug consumption.
- improve engagement and increase referrals into the drug and alcohol treatment services.
- increase public awareness around issues of risk and vulnerability.
- continue to work collaboratively with Sheffield's Safeguarding Boards.
- increase opportunities for joint working with the NHS, CCG and Mental Health Boards.
- work collaboratively with partners from the voluntary and community sector.
- support the Local Area Committees.

**“ We will work in partnership to protect the most vulnerable people in Sheffield and relentlessly pursue those seeking to abuse, harm or exploit them.”**



## **2. Priority - Addressing the impact of crime in Sheffield**

The Partnership will work hard to protect our communities from the impact of crime and support criminal justice colleagues to address offending behaviour.

We will:

- develop neighbourhood-focussed plans to reduce and prevent the impact of crime, working in partnership with the Local Area Committees.
- ensure that victims of crime remain the key focus of our work.
- actively target offenders and support appropriate legal action.
- deter and positively support young people and vulnerable adults from becoming involved in crime.
- continue to focus on innovative projects and pathways to draw people away from offending, such as providing mentoring support, education, housing and employment opportunities.
- work with the business community to address acquisitive crime.
- work closely with all partners to reduce the impact of violent crime, relating to the nighttime economy.
- continue to explore the root causes of crime and criminal behaviour using the most sophisticated tools currently available and will have available a fully trained partnership analyst to lead on this piece of work.
- the Partnership will engage with partners in other towns and cities to keep up with best practice and share our own successes.
- increase opportunities to engage with members of the public and work together to reduce and prevent crime.
- increase community confidence around reporting crime.

## **Measures of success**

- Reduction in the number of victims of crime - reviewed quarterly.
- Reduction in calls for service relating to crime - reviewed quarterly.
- Improve community engagement in crime reduction via Local Area Committees, public forums and consultation, one-to-one engagement, and community surveys.
- Increase opportunities for joint problem solving in order to protect vulnerable people and locations - reviewed through neighbourhood actions plans and Neighbourhood Action Groups.
- Work with our local schools, colleges and universities to improve diversionary and educational projects.

**“Focussing on crime hotspots, victims and prolific offenders is proven to be an effective way of reducing crime. In addition, we will continue to work together to reduce re-offending and rehabilitate offenders back into society.”**



### **3. Priority - Addressing impact of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Sheffield**

Anti-social behaviour can have a significant and detrimental effect on the quality of life of individuals and communities. Anti-social behaviour covers a wide-range of complaints and incidents, from noise complaints, motorcycle nuisance and deliberate fires.

We will:

- work collaboratively with the Local Area Committees.
- engage and consult regularly with our communities to assess levels of ASB and its impact.
- use the breadth of legislative powers available to address ASB.
- introduce local problem solving meetings to address and prevent ASB.

#### **Measures of success**

- Reduction in ASB issues in key locations.
- Increase opportunities for joint working via local actions plans and neighbourhood problem solving forums.
- Introduce a new ASB Priority Theme Group to provide strategic leadership and focus on key locations across the city.
- Co-ordinate key activity over busy periods, such our responses to anti-social behaviour over the Dark Nights period.

**“ We will continue to work with our communities to identify anti-social behaviour and provide a victim-focussed approach, ensuring we have the right resources in the right place at the right time, not only to tackle the issues, but prevent them from occurring.”**



## 4. Priority - Tackle the supply of drugs in Sheffield

The supply of illegal drugs can have a significant negative effect on individuals and communities. As a Partnership we are striving hard to address the impact of drugs in Sheffield, by disrupting criminal gangs, protecting vulnerable people and providing valuable support to drug users.

We will:

- continue to invest in our multi-agency Fortify team leading on the disruption of organised criminals and protecting vulnerable people.
- positively impact on the supply of illegal drugs in Sheffield.
- protect the city's most vulnerable people from exploitation by tackling modern slavery, child criminal exploitation, county lines and cuckooing.
- introduce local problem solving meetings to lessen the impact of drugs.

### Measures of success

- Increase support for drug users in Sheffield.
- Positively impact on levels of violence connected to the supply of drugs.
- Increase enforcement opportunities across the partnership to disrupt organised criminals and keep communities safe.
- Assess and update the effectiveness of local area plans focussing on key locations and issues.

**“The most effective way of tackling the prevalence of drugs involves a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach, addressing both supply and demand reduction, not only in Sheffield, but across its borders.”**



## **5. Priority - Creating safer communities partnership response to Covid-19**

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought a number of challenges to the way in which we as a partnership tackle crime and disorder issues, not least providing reassurance and support to our local communities.

Over the period of the pandemic we have worked hard to address community concerns and pro-actively adapted to an ever-changing situation.

Safer Sheffield will continue to provide strategic direction during our recovery as well as being ready to anticipate and take on new challenges.

We will:

- continue to monitor crime and anti-social behaviour throughout the recovery, ensuring we have the right resources in place to deal with issues;
- we will work hard to keep our communities informed about the work of the Partnership and provide opportunities for joint working; and
- we will use information provided by agencies, individuals and communities to anticipate and prevent issues from occurring.



## **6. Priority - Cross-cutting priority reducing re-offending**

We will strive to reduce reoffending through all workstreams and priority groups. We will work in partnership to reduce criminality and channel offenders into positive lifestyles, supporting them on their journey to rehabilitation.

National statistics show that approximately half of all crime is committed by those who have previous convictions. This effects of this are wide-ranging, impacting not only individuals, but on the long-term development of local communities and the city as a whole. This is why reducing re-offending remains a key priority for us all.

We will:

- create a Sheffield Plan to reduce re-offending.
- develop and monitor access to key services to ensure offenders are fully supported.
- develop effective and sustainable out of court disposal programmes.
- work collaboratively with the newly formed National Probation Service.





## **7. Priority - Reducing violence against women and girls**

Violence against women and girls is unacceptable and preventable. The range of crimes is many and varied, including rape and other sexual offences, stalking, domestic and 'honour-based' abuse. These crimes not only impact on victims, survivors and their loved ones, but also wider society, impacting on freedom and equality.

We have identified violence against women and girls as a cross-cutting theme, with elements and solutions set out in each priority group.

Our guiding objectives under this priority will be:

- increasing support for victims and survivors;
- support an increase in the number of perpetrators brought to justice;
- increase positive interventions and engagement to increase public confidence in reporting incidents.

**“ Violence against women and girls is unacceptable and preventable . ”**

## Next Steps

This document provides a summary of Sheffield's crime and anti-social behaviour priorities for the period 2021/25. It should be used as a touchstone for all the work that we do to address crime and anti-social behaviour at all levels within organisations and the communities they serve.

Sheffield is an extremely diverse city and it follows that each neighbourhood will have its own distinct issues, resources and solutions to tackle, and ultimately prevent, crime and anti-social behaviour. One size most certainly does not fit all.

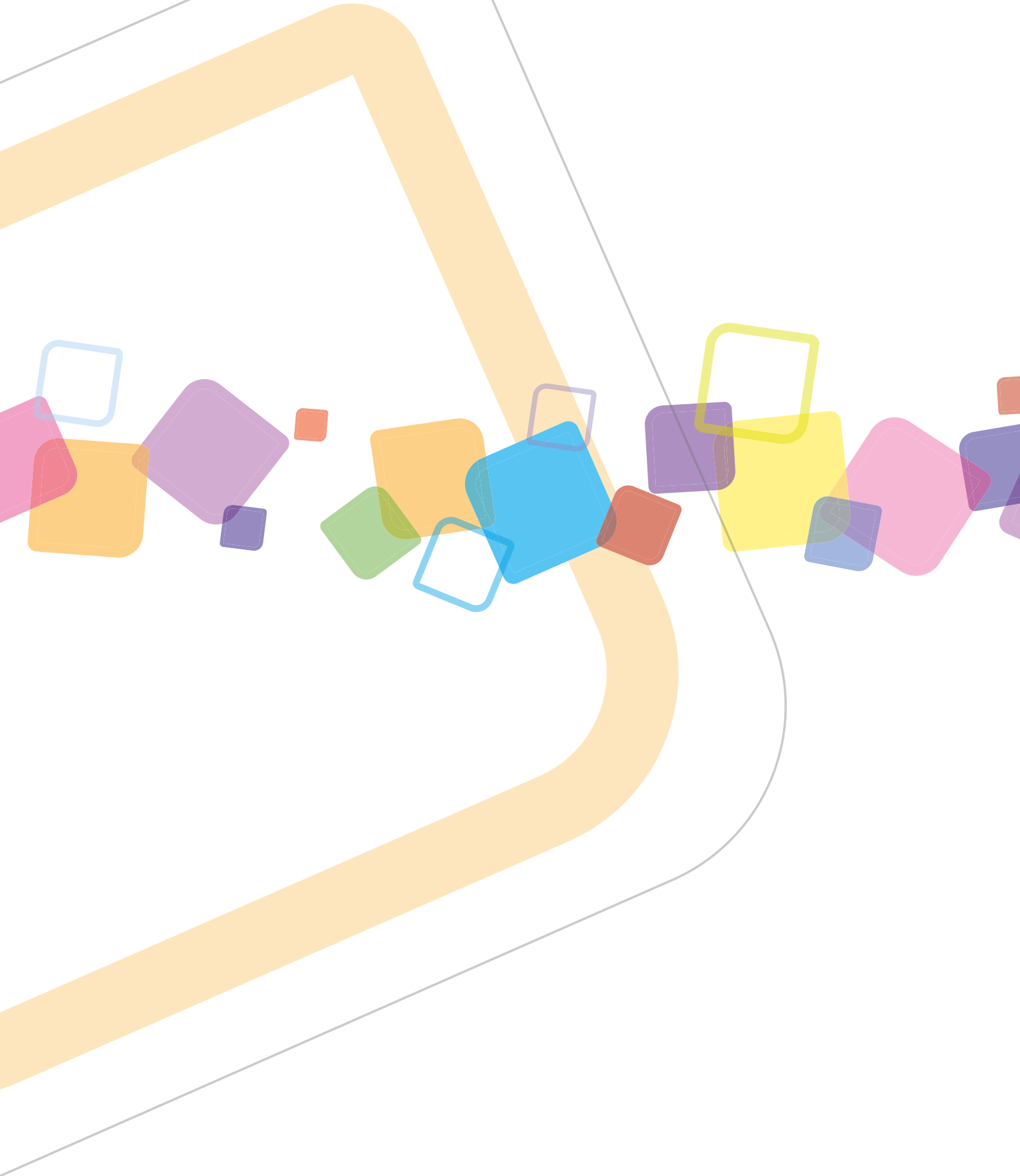
With this in mind, the next phase of the plan will focus on not only providing the strategic basis for action, but also expanding on opportunities for the citizens of Sheffield to influence the delivery of actions aimed at addressing community issues.

Over the next few months we will be working closely with the city's new Local Area Committees to increase direct consultation and collaborative working with our communities. Local action plans will form the basis of this work, with the Local Area Committees providing the forum for discussion, joint-working and scrutiny.

Taken together we are confident that this new approach to tackling community safety issues will help secure Sheffield as not only one of the safest, but the safest city in the UK.

The logo for the Safer Sheffield Partnership is centered on a dark grey, rounded square. The words "SAFER SHEFFIELD" are written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font, stacked on two lines. Below them, the word "Partnership" is written in a white, cursive script font. The central logo is surrounded by a cluster of colorful, semi-transparent squares in shades of blue, pink, orange, purple, green, and yellow. A thick orange bar runs along the top and right edges of the page, curving at the bottom right.

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