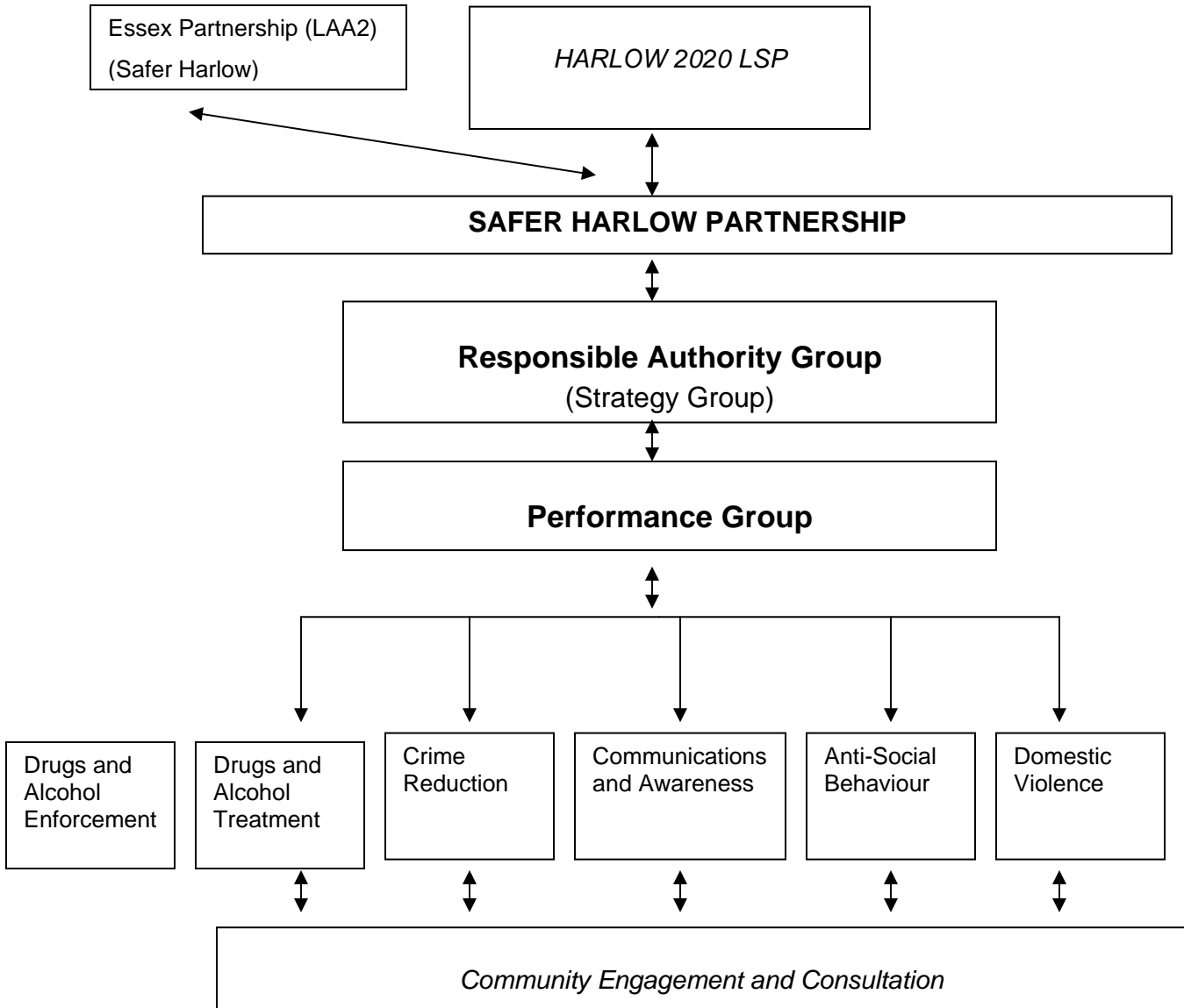


PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

The Safer Harlow Partnership is the statutory Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership for Harlow. The section below explains how the partnership operates.



A. Harlow 20/20 Local Strategic Partnership (LSP):

The Harlow 2020 LSP is the strategic partnership for the town, and is the parent body for the Safer Harlow Partnership and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy.

B. Safer Harlow Partnership:

The Partnership is the vehicle for the development and review of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy. This group is chaired by the Chief Executive of Harlow Council, meets twice a year, and is the strategic body overseeing work of the partnership. Its membership consists of the Responsible Authority Group (RAG) plus representatives from numerous other organisations and groups, providing them with the opportunity to have an input to the Strategy and its delivery.

C. Responsible Authority Group (RAG):

This Group is the Strategy Group of the Safer Harlow Partnership. It is made up of the 6 statutory agencies as follows: Harlow Council, Essex Police, Essex County Council, Harlow Primary Care Trust, Essex Fire and Rescue Service, and Essex Police Authority. It is the executive group through which the Strategy will be implemented and is accountable to the Eastern Region Government Office for its implementation. Five of the six RAG members chair a priority group. The Probation Service as a key partner is also represented on this group.

D. Performance Group:

The aim for the group is to provide strategic direction to the Priority Groups of the Safer Harlow Partnership based on available crime data.

E. Priority Groups:

Priority Groups were established to deliver the objectives of the strategy. These groups focus on specific areas of activity and have limited membership relevant to those areas. They utilise a problem solving approach to achieve their objectives. They report to the Responsible Authority Group and are chaired by a RAG member. There are five priority groups each with a specific purpose to tackle the following issues:

- **Drugs and Alcohol (chaired by PCT and Essex County Council)**
- **Crime Reduction (chaired by Harlow Police)**
- **Communications and Awareness (chaired by Harlow Council)**

- **Anti-Social Behaviour (chaired by Essex Fire and Rescue Service)**
- **Hate Crime (chaired by Essex County Council)**

A further sub-group has also been created focussing on Domestic Violence, which is chaired by the Probation service.

All priority groups work to:

- a. Identify trends, and to use a problem solving methodology for addressing those trends
- b. Identify where co-ordinated action is appropriate and seek to achieve a co-ordinated approach to issues.
- c. Improve community engagement in the specific areas of activity of the Group.
- d. Develop targets for achievement consistent with other agencies strategies.

The chairs of these groups are each responsible for producing an annual action plan to achieve the group's objectives. They will be required to provide regular and ongoing monitoring of performance, data and trends for there allotted area, using appropriate data collection and mapping methodologies.

F. Community Engagement and Consultation:

The Partnership is working to develop mechanisms to engage and consult, to further identify the community's priorities on crime and disorder. The priority groups are seeking to encourage community led solutions to local issues, by facilitating a two way process of information exchange.

All RAG members recognise the importance of community engagement in community safety, and will be working actively to ensure that engagement is achieved in practice through consultation, communication and opportunities to contribute to the evolution of the Strategy.