

## STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Cabinet - 8 March 2018

Report of Chief Officer Communities and Business

Status: For Information

Also considered by: Economic and Community Development Advisory Board - 6 March 2018

Key Decision: No

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**Executive Summary:** The Strategic Assessment for 2016/17 is set out. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

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**This report supports the Key Aim of Safe Communities:** A safer place to live, work and travel.

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**Recommendation to Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee:** Members are asked to note the report

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**Reason for recommendation:** The report sets out results of the Strategic Assessment for 2016/17 and shows trends for crimes in the Sevenoaks District.

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### Introduction and Background

- 1 It is a requirement of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) that all local authorities produce a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in their areas, including:
  - a. anti-social and other behaviour which adversely affects the local environment;
  - b. Combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances;
  - c. Reducing re-offending.
  
- 2 The Strategic Assessment is a document that sets out progress against these priorities and compares the level of crime against the other Kent Districts and Boroughs and a suite of similar District Councils countrywide.

- 3 The report is completed by Community Safety Partnership and is used to address local priorities and provide data and information for the annual Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan.
- 4 The Strategic Assessment considers data from 1 October 2016 to 31 September 2017 from a variety of partner agencies including this Council, Police and community sources such as PACTs. There have been changes in the way that crime is recorded and a summary of these changes are given on page 14 (paragraph 2 and 3) of the Strategic Assessment.

## **Results**

- 5 The Strategic Assessment update for 2016/17 is set out at Appendix B.

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

This Assessment is a core part of SDC role within the Community Safety Team and has no impact on SDC Budgets

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal for the Council associated to this report.

### Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users

**Appendices** Appendix A - Strategic Assessment 2016/17

**Background Documents** None

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\*paragraph 4 of this report, and page 140 of the appendix have been slightly amended from the report which went to Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee on 6 March 2018.