

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee - 25 September 2018

Report of : Chief Officer Communities and Business

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report looks at the work of the Community Safety Partnership from April 2017 - March 2018.

This report supports the Key Aim of Safe and Caring Communities.

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Recommendation to Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee:

To consider the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership's Annual Report for 2017-18.

Reason for recommendation: To keep Members updated on the work of the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership.

Introduction and Background

In 2006, a review of the partnership provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Police Reform Act 2002 led to a series of recommendations to strengthen and extend existing requirements through the experience gained from partnership working. This resulted in a new set of national minimum standards which came into force in August 2007.

The 1998 Crime & Disorder Act included the requirement to produce a detailed crime and disorder audit through consultation with key agencies and the wider community and to use the findings to identify strategic priorities and take action to address them. The new national standards placed a legal obligation on responsible authorities to comply with the specified requirements, one of which was the creation of an annual strategic assessment in place of the previous 3 yearly audit.

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan 2017-18 was put in place for the year ended March 2018 and the report, attached at the Appendix, is a summary of the work that has taken place over the year to deliver that action plan.

Key Implications

Financial

The cost of the action plan itself is minimal. Funding to implement the plan is provided by all partner agencies through their core budgets with additional funding from the PCC (Police & Crime Commissioner) and other external funding streams.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

National Standards require Partnerships to produce an annual action plan which is reviewed and updated annually. The requirement to produce an action plan to take forward a multi-agency approach to community safety stems from the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

Equality Assessment

- 1 Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this report directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.

- 2 There are no negative impacts - the annual report applies to all. All victims of crime and anti-social behaviour are treated equally and fairly regardless of disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, marital or civil partnership, race, gender, carer status or religion and belief.

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The Annual Report assists with the provision of services to support District residents, including victims of crime.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	The Annual Report addresses issues that affect the whole community including specific groups, such as older people, families, young people and people with disabilities

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		No negative impacts identified

Conclusions

The Community Safety Annual Report highlights the work of the Community Safety Partnership throughout 2017-18

Appendices

Sevenoaks District CSP Annual Report 2017-18

Background Papers:

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