

Sevenoaks District

Community Safety Partnership

Annual Action Plan

2013 – 2014



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Action Plan 2013-14

Introduction

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership brings together all of the agencies in the District who can have an impact on crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. A list of partners is set out on page 21. The Partnership has 3 key aims. They are to:

- Reduce and detect crime
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime
- Strengthen community involvement

Each year the Partnership, in common with all of the Community Safety Partnerships in Kent, undertakes an assessment of crime and disorder in the District, using data provided by partners and feedback from residents. The assessment identifies the priority issues for the next year using the following rationale for each community safety type:

- Whether there is significant community concern
- Whether there is an increasing trend
- Whether it contributes to a high volume of crime
- The level of harm it causes
- How well it is performing compared with other parts of Kent and similar partnerships nationally
- Whether the Partnership can add value to the work

This Action Plan identifies where we can best work together to achieve results.

Priority Issues for 2013 – 2014

The Strategic Assessment undertaken during the autumn of 2012 has identified 8 priorities for the Partnership to tackle during 2013-2014. The data referred to in this Action Plan is based on the Strategic Assessment, which uses data between October 2011 and September 2012. Trends in the identified priorities continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis and the first monitoring will be available in July 2013.

The 8 priorities, in no particular order, are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (including Fly-Tipping)
- Burglary (including Burglary Other than Dwelling)
- Theft Offences (including Shoplifting, Theft of Metal and Theft Offences)
- Substance Misuse
- Young People's Issues
- Vehicle Crime (Theft of Motor Vehicles and Theft of Motor Vehicles)
- Domestic Abuse
- Road Safety

Although the Partnership's main focus will be the 8 priorities, it will continue to monitor and plan for trends in crime and other community safety issues and address them through the Community Safety Unit's daily briefings and other tasking arrangements in order to reduce recorded crime.

During 2011/12, Sevenoaks District had the 2nd lowest recorded crime in the County. However there was an increase in crime compared to the same period last year (April-March) with the number of crimes increasing by 309 crimes or 6% to 5,350.

Many Districts are now seeing increases in crime and the challenge for the Sevenoaks District for 2013/14 will be to remain one of the lowest crime areas in the County and to counter any upward trend.

The Action Plan

The following pages set out the overall targets for the Community Safety Partnership and an action plan is linked to each priority. The action plan does not include details about the numerous activities already undertaken by partners, town and parish councils, the voluntary sector and others as part of their day to day work, but highlights activities in addition to core work, which partners will undertake throughout the forthcoming year. All priorities include actions around public perception.

Funding and monitoring

Funding for the actions included within the Action Plan is available from a number of sources, including partners' own budgets, Home Office funding which is allocated to district Community Safety Partnerships by Kent County Council, Choosing Health funding and other small amounts of funding from a variety of sources, for example the Kent People's Trust. Regular monitoring will take place to ensure that individual projects continue to deliver positive results as well as value for money and that this Action Plan is on target.

Equalities

In preparing the action plan, issues such as equality and diversity were considered to ensure that everybody feels safe in the District.

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – ACTION PLAN 2013-14

SUCCESS MEASURES

All recorded crime:

All Crime reduced by 1% compared with the previous year

Anti-Social Behaviour

An improvement in behaviour achieved in 80% of cases accepted by the Anti-Social Behaviour Task Group.
75% of Anti-Social Behaviour victims satisfied with action taken.

Young People's issues

Intervention projects and positive media for young people to be maintained
The number of young people entering the criminal justice system for the first time to be reduced.

Burglary

Number of dwelling & non dwelling (shed, commercial/retail premises) burglaries to be reduced by 2%

Vehicle Crime

Number of Vehicle Crimes (Theft of vehicles and Theft from vehicles) to be reduced by 2%

Theft offences & handling stolen goods (incl shop lifting, theft of metal & metal offences)

The number of businesses participating in the Safer Town Scheme to be increased by 10 %
The number of exclusion/banning notices issued to be increased by 10%

Speeding incl Road Safety

Communities in areas where speeding has been identified as a top 3 priority involved in a range of speeding initiatives.

Substance Misuse

Substance Misuse Action Plan to be 85% on target

Domestic Abuse

The number of repeat incidents & repeat victims of Domestic Abuse to be reduced by 2%
Domestic abuse action plan to be 80% on target

Anti-Social Behaviour (including flytipping & graffiti)

The number of incidents of ASB recorded by the Police in Sevenoaks District, April 2012-March 2013 is the lowest in the County, at 2,505 incidents. This was a 4.1% increase (103 reports). At ward level, Swanley White Oak, Swanley St Mary's and Swanley Christchurch recorded the highest levels of ASB incidents.

Reports of **Anti-Social Behaviour** to the District's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer showed a decrease of 71 calls (31.5%) compared to the same period last year. A total of 154 reports were received April 2012 – March 2013.

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour made to the District Council's Environmental Health team encompass a wide range of issues. Overall there has been a 7% decrease in the total number of incidents compared to last year. A particular concern is dog fouling. Dog fouling has also been flagged up as a particular concern at Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

Fly Tipping - The fly capture database shows that there was a 26.7% decrease in the number of fly-tipping incidents compared to same period last year. This is a reduction of 75 incidents. However, Sevenoaks District residents are more worried about fly-tipping than those in any other District across Kent.

Graffiti - Requests to the District Council for graffiti to be cleaned fell by 31% from 32 in the previous period (April 2011 – March 2012) to 22 in the present period. Graffiti and fly tipping have been added to this year's Action Plan as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour priority.

	Priority Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners	By When	Funding
	Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)				
1.1	Use education, positive media and work with local communities to reduce the number of noise complaints	Housing SDC Env Health	CSU Police	March 2014	Use of existing resources
1.2	Involve local communities more actively in finding solutions to ASB including through PACT Panels. Ask PACT Panels to identify any improvement in community safety in their areas over the past year so that good practice can be shared.	Exec Group	ASB Co-ordinator CSU PACTs Local Champions	On going	Use of existing resources
1.3	Work with families through the Troubled Families Project	KCC SDC Locality Board	All	On going	Troubled Families – Payments by Results Use of existing resources
1.4	Reduce Fly Tipping by 5% and improve public perception through positive media	SDC Direct Services	CSU	March 2014	Existing resources
1.5	Maximise the use of the Probation Service's Community Payback scheme. At least 4 initiatives to take place across the District	CSU	Probation	March 2014	Negative cost because of the value of the work undertaken.
1.6	Undertake monthly Environmental Visual Audits (EVA) across the District in conjunction with local businesses and residents. Identify areas where EVAs relating to fly-tipping, littering and graffiti are needed. Implement an action plan for each EVA which should be at least 80% completed.	CSU T&CG	KCC Highways, Police, Housing, Town & Parish Councils	March 2014	Existing resources and Safer & Stronger funding KFRS

Young People's Issues

There has been a reduction in the number of youth offenders (under 18 years) within the Youth Offending Service (YOS) in Sevenoaks for the second consecutive year falling by 11.9% to 104 offenders. 0.9% of the total youth population (aged 10-17) within the District are recognised as youth offenders. This is a decrease from 1% on last year's figures and is lower than the Kent average of 1.3%.

The breakdown in offenders by gender continues to show that the majority of offences are committed by males. However the variation has seen an increase, with 86.5% now accounting for male offences compared to the previous years 77%.

Sevenoaks District has seen a reduction in the number of first time entrants (FTEs) by 21%, with 58 new individuals registered by the Kent Youth Justice System which is the second best performance figure in Kent.

In contrast to the overall reduction in the number of young offenders, the total number of offences committed by young people within Sevenoaks District has actually increased by 2.3% (50 additional offences).

The three most common offences committed by young people in Sevenoaks during the same period were Violence against the Person, Theft and Motoring Offences.

There is anecdotal evidence that bullying and cyber bullying are issues for young people.

	Priority Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners	By When	Funding
YOUNG PEOPLES ISSUES					
2.1	Maximise value of Power Project & 8-12's Project (early intervention projects), enabling them to support targeted families	YOS	All Partners	On going	Safer & Stronger Funding WK Extra
2.2	Undertake targeted work with 14-19yrs olds to assist in their transition to work	KCC KIAS	Local Children's Trust Board Schools Businesses	March 2014	Local Children's Trust Board
2.3	In Partnership provide diversionary activities for young people	Local Children's Trust Board KCC Youth	All partners	Sept 2013	Current resources
2.4	Implement the Olympic legacy relevant for young people (eg obesity, citizenship, drugs and alcohol, equality & diversity)	SDC	All Partners	March 2014	Current resources and Safer and Stronger funding Legacy Funding
2.5	Continue programmes for cyber bullying and education for young people and parents	KCC Youth Police	Schools Children's Centre	On Going	Early Intervention Grant YOF Local Members Grants
2.6	Raise awareness of safety issues including sexual health and risk-taking behavior	KCC Public Health	KCC Youth Services Local Children's Trust Board All Partners	On Going	Existing resources

Burglary

Burglary Dwelling has seen the most dramatic change with a 45% increase in recorded offences (312 to 453 burglaries) from the previous year's figures which represents the second highest increase in the County (Tunbridge Wells 71%).

As a result of this increase Sevenoaks has dropped to 12th in the County ranking and 13th highest (out of 15) in its Most Similar Group (MSG).

Burglary Other than Dwelling has also witnessed a spike in reported offences. This year has seen an additional 120 cases (722 totals) which is a 20% increase on the previous year. Although there has been a general increase across the County, the rise found in Sevenoaks is noticeably higher than the 3.6% in Kent.

Sevenoaks has now moved its County ranking from 3rd highest to 2nd highest increase (Tunbridge Wells 21%)

Priority Action		Lead Agency	Other Partners	By When	Funding
BURGLARY					
3.1	Use Tasking & Co-ordination Group (T&CG) to plan and co-ordinate campaigns to encourage residents and businesses to protect their property. Work with partner agencies to increase campaign coverage, eg In Shape and schools using child friendly leaflets	CSU	Police Business Crime Reduction Partnership	On going	Existing resources
3.2	Give security advice alongside fire and safety multi purpose initiatives	KFRS	All Partners	June 2013	Existing resources
3.3	Work with Parish Clerk forum to disseminate information	KFRS	All Partners	April 2013	Existing resources
3.4	E Newsletter and Neighbourhood Watch to make a positive impact and give home security advice. Continue with Social Media	Exec Group T&CG	All Partners	June 2013	Existing resources
3.5	Proactively manage cohort of PPOs to reduce risk of offending in the District. Increase liaison with partner agencies.	Offender Management Unit	Police CSU	June 2013	Existing resources
3.6	Task North West Kent Crime Prevention Panel and Police Mobile Unit to specific locations. 10 per year	CSU	Police SDC	On going	Existing Sources
3.7	Smart Water for farm/horse tack	NHW	KCC Wardens	On going	Existing Sources

Vehicle Crime

Thefts from motor vehicles (TFMV) has seen a noticeable increase. With an additional 80 reported thefts (17% increase totalling 545), the rise in Thefts from Motor Vehicles is higher than the Kent average increase of 15.5%. However, this rise has been across Kent and as a result Sevenoaks has dropped from 10th highest to 6th in its Kent ranking, but has risen to 14th in its MSG.

Thefts of motor vehicle (TOMV) have also seen a surge in Sevenoaks District, and it's also important to note thefts have risen continually each year for the last three years.

Thefts have increased by 14% (28 additional reports compared to last year totalling 225 offences), and is ranked highest in Kent.

While Sevenoaks has seen increase in thefts of motor vehicles, every other District within Kent apart from Canterbury (2.9% increase) saw a reduction of TOMV and Kent reduction was 9%.

	Priority Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners	By When	Funding
VEHICLE CRIME					
4.1	Use business newsletter to encourage security around vehicles	CSU Economic Development	Business Crime Reduction Partnership	April 2013	Existing resources
4.2	Develop KFRS car theft training programme	KFRS		June 2013	Existing resources
4.3	Task North West Kent Crime Prevention Panel and Police Mobile Unit to specific locations and implement Safer Plates scheme. 10 per year.	CSU	Police SDC	On going	Existing Sources
4.4	Improve Mobile CCTV deployment	Police	CSU	March 2013	Existing resources
4.5	Proactively manage cohort of PPOs to reduce risk of offending in the District. Increase liaison with partner agencies.	Offender Management Unit	Police CSU	June 2013	Existing resources

Theft Offences (including Shoplifting)

Theft offences have seen a significant drop with decreased rates of crime and improved rankings for Sevenoaks in 2012-13.

General theft saw 15% reduction from the previous year (132 fewer thefts totaling 742 offences), on the same level of Kent reduction average of 16.7%. Sevenoaks continues to have the best ranking in Kent per 1000 population

This marks a change from a three year increase between 2009 and 2012.

Shoplifting

Sevenoaks has also seen a significant decrease in the number of shoplifting offences, a reduction of 16% (62 crimes) from 395 to 333 compared to same period last year (April – March 2011-12).again with a higher than average reduction than the rest of Kent.

	Priority Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners	By When	Funding
Theft offences + handling stolen goods (including Shoplifting, Theft of Metal and Theft offences)					
5.1	Develop and expand the Business Crime Reduction Partnership across Sevenoaks District to include Safer Socialising	BCRP	CSU Economic Development	June 2013	Existing resources
5.2	Target repeat offenders of acquisitive crime through the Offender Management Unit	Probation Police BCRP	CSU	April 2013	Existing resources
5.3	Identify trends and reduce repeat victims of all thefts	T&CG	All Partners	June 2103	Existing resources
5.4	Positive reporting in the media of arrests	Police	All Partners	On going	Existing resources
5.5	At least 3 multi-agency operations to address increasing trends of theft, eg metal and fuel	CSU	All Partners Safer School	March 2014	Existing Resources

Road Safety incl Speeding

There are currently 9 Partners and Communities Together (PACT) panels in the District. PACT action plans are updated on a regular basis. Speeding vehicles is the most consistently identified priority for local people.

Local roads under the responsibility of KCC have seen a 2.3% decrease in the total number of Killed and Seriously Injured over the past three years. However, when figures for Highways Agency roads, which include major trunk roads, i.e. M25/A21 are included the results see an overall increase of 4%(19 additional cases totaling 493) across the District. This increase is at odds with the Kent average decrease of 7.2%. Sevenoaks District is currently positioned 10th in the County ranking.

	Priority Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners	By When	Funding
Road Safety					
6.1	Minimum of 4 Speed Watch Training initiative to be delivered by Kent Police and District Council	CSU	PACT Town & Parish Councils	March 2014	Existing resources
6.2	Minimum of 4 Multi-Agency events to address speed enforcement	Police KFRS	CSU All Partners	March 2014	Existing resources
6.3	Continue to roll out OP Zig Zag, an operation to deter parking outside schools, where it is reported by communities as a problem	KCC CSU	SDC - Parking Police Schools	March 2014	Existing resources
6.4	Education on road safety to be delivered through schools including Pedestrian and Cycle Safety	KFRS Police	CSU	June 2013	Existing resources KFRS
6.5	Arrange activities around national road safety campaigns	CSU	KFRS	December 2013	Existing resources
6.6	Report Outcomes and Successes through Social Media	CSU	All Partners	March 2014	

Substance Misuse

Between April 2012 – March 2013, there were 143 recorded drug offences in Sevenoaks District. This represents an increase from the previous year of 10%. This increase is compared with a county-wide increase of 1.3%. Despite this, Sevenoaks District remains the lowest in Kent for recorded drug offences. It ranks 1st lowest in its MSG.

Kent has seen a steady increase of alcohol related hospital admissions over the past ten years and alcohol remains the most common substance for those seeking treatment. According to the Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT) there are an estimated 30,432 dependent drinkers and 17,410 binge drinkers in the County.

The trend for alcohol admissions in Sevenoaks has risen at a similar rate to those in Kent but overall levels have remained lower than the average admission rate and this year has the lowest overall number of admissions in Kent.

Priority Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners	By When	Funding
SUBSTANCE MISUSE				
7.1	Structured early intervention projects identified for local needs to improve uptake of Recovery Board interventions	CRI Substance Misuse TG	Kenward Trust KDAAT KCC Youth Services Domestic Abuse Group	On going Existing Budgets
7.2	Preventative and early intervention youth work to address identified local needs and improve well-being of young people	KCA Substance Misuse TG Kenward Trust	KDAAT KCC Youth Services Early Intervention Team	On going Choosing Health CSP Alternative funding
7.3	Use a partnership approach to address underage drinking where it is reported by communities as a problem	Trading Standards	Landlords/Off License Substance Misuse Task Group KDAAT	June 2013 Existing budgets
7.5	Access to an identified substance misuse worker for the CSU to facilitate individual needs and training	CRI KCA CSU	Kenward Trust KDAAT Early Intervention Team Domestic Abuse TG	June 2013 Existing budgets

Domestic Abuse

Sevenoaks has the lowest rates of Domestic Abuse in Kent. However, there has been a marginal increase between April 2012 – March 2013 in both the number of incidents and the number of repeat victims.

There have been an additional 60 incidents (735 totals) of domestic abuse within Sevenoaks District which represents a 9% increase from the previous year. This is marginally more than the 6% increase across Kent. Domestic Abuse is historically under-reported and the Partnership encourages victims to report. The increase in numbers could be interpreted positively with more people reporting domestic abuse to the Police.

Sevenoaks District has also seen an increase in the number of repeat victims for domestic abuse with 18.5% more (83 reports, totaling 531) recorded cases. Although above the Kent average of -4.1% Sevenoaks still has the lowest rates per 1000 population. The percentage of repeat victims in Sevenoaks has seen a minor increase from 11.8% to 13.1% which is still below the Kent average of 17.4%.

	Priority Action	Lead Agency	Other Partners	By When	Funding
DOMESTIC ABUSE					
8.1	Raise awareness and sign post to services through the West Kent Directory and the CSP website, particularly targeting repeat victims	CSP Domestic Abuse Task Group	All Partners KCC Youth Services	On going	Existing resources
8.2	Improve the use and understanding of MARAC through multi agency training to increase referrals and reduce repeat victims	Domestic Abuse Task Group	All Partners Police	May 2013	Existing resources
8.3	Continue to support local funded programmes such as CDAP, ISVA, Freedom, DA Drop In Centre & Youth project. Work to increase numbers attending these programmes	Domestic Abuse WG	All Partners	March 2014	Existing resources
8.4	Actively support attendance at DA Forums, annual DA Conference and seasonal/national campaigns	DA Working Group Exec Group	Substance Misuse TG	On going	Existing resources
8.5	Support, review and monitor the footfall of the District DA one stop shop and improve access to legal services	DA Working Group	All Partners	June 2013	Existing resources

GLOSSARY:

BCRP – Business Crime Reduction Partnership

CCTV – Closed Circuit Television

CDAP – Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme

CSP – Community Safety Partnership

CSU – Community Safety Unit

EVA – Environmental Visual Audit

KCC – Kent County Council

KDAAT – Kent Drug & Alcohol Action Team

KFRS – Kent Fire & Rescue Service

MSG – A Group of Partnerships thought by the Home Office to have similar characteristics and used for benchmarking purposes.

PACT – Partners and Communities Together

SDC – Sevenoaks District Council

T&CG – Tasking and Co-ordination Group – monthly meeting to plan response to trends

YOS – Youth Offending Service

Membership of the Community Safety Partnership and contact details

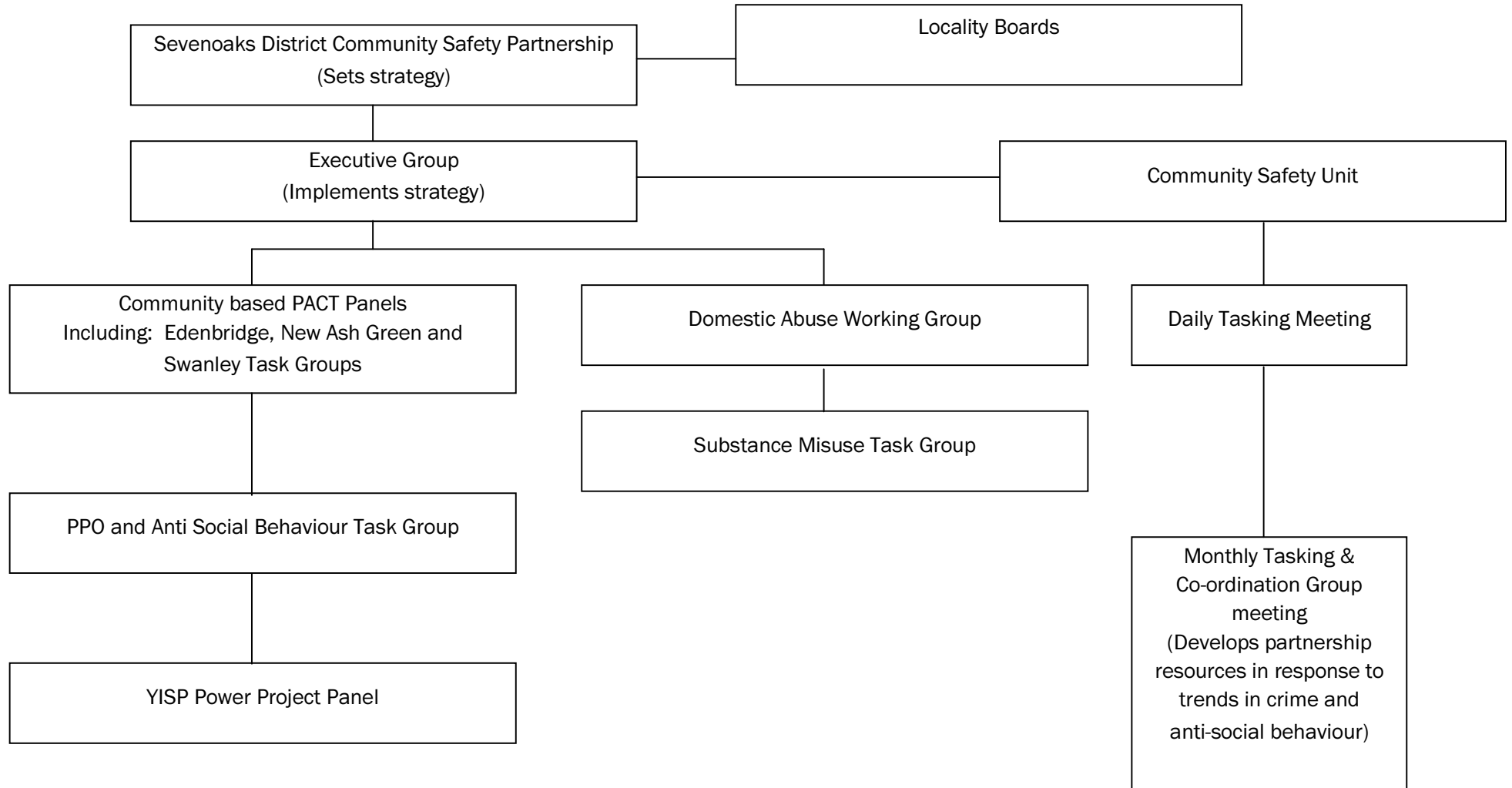
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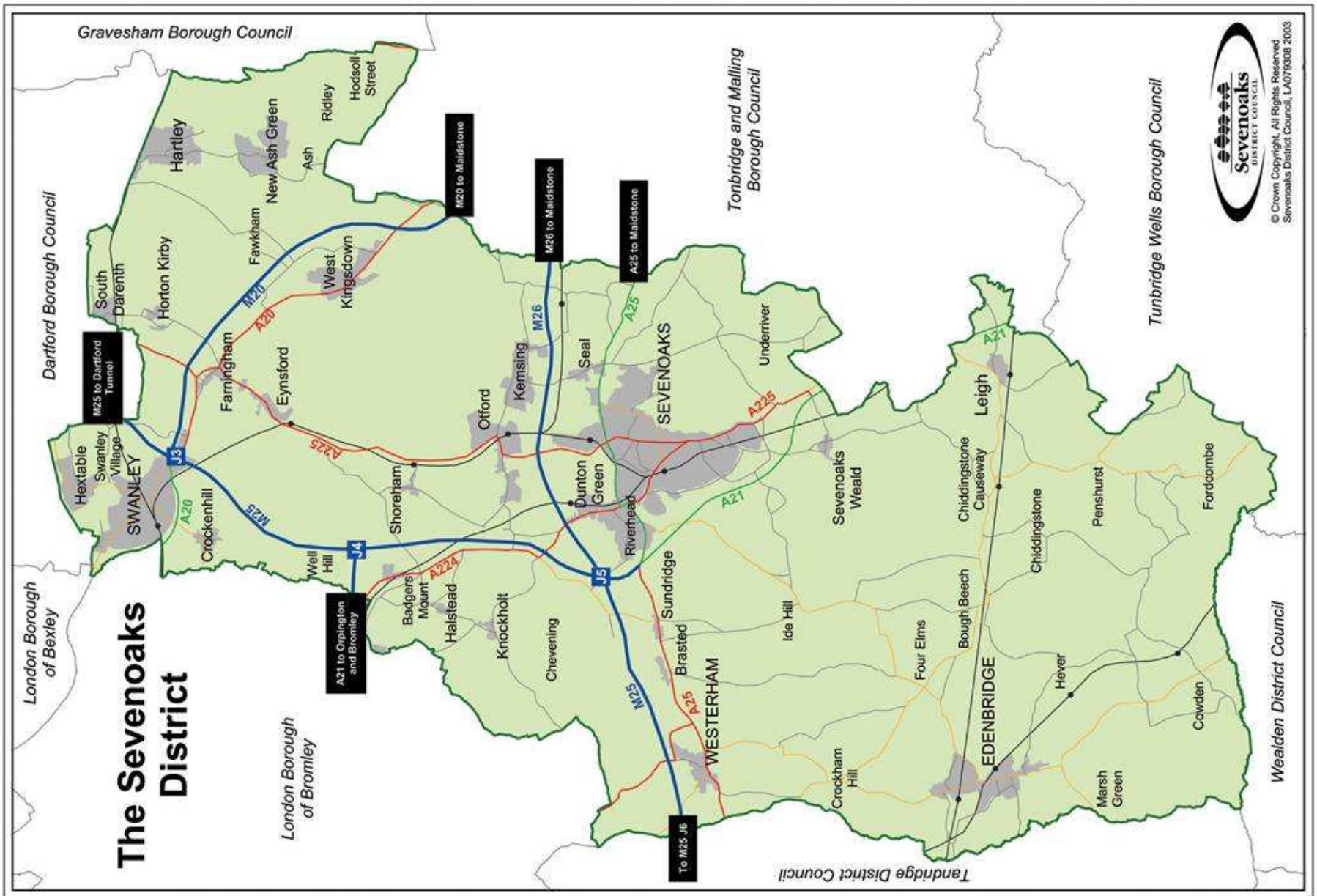
Terms of Reference

The Partnership's terms of reference are to:

- Undertake periodic reviews of community safety in the District and disseminate the findings to the public
- Develop a yearly strategy and action plan to tackle community safety
- Monitor and report progress in meeting the agreed targets and actions
- Secure resources and funding from parent organisations and others for projects to address agreed shared priorities in the Community Safety Action Plan
- Act as a forum for discussion of topical local community safety issues and agree follow up actions if appropriate
- Promote community safety in the District in conjunction with other local organisations and bodies
- Co-ordinate and maintain an overview of all activities relevant to community safety in the District.

Structure of Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership





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