

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2014/15

Housing and Community Safety Advisory Committee 29 April 2014

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For decision

Also considered by: Cabinet – 8 May 2014

Council – 22 July 2014

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report seeks approval for the adoption of the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan 2014-15.

The Strategy & Action Plan is attached at the Appendix. It takes into account the Strategic Assessment undertaken Sept 2012 – Oct 2013 as well as more up-to-date data where it is available.

This report supports the Key Aim of

Community Plan – Safe Communities

Corporate Plan - To work in Partnership to keep the District of Sevenoaks Safe

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Recommendation to Housing and Community Safety Advisory Committee:

Members views are sought

Recommendation to Cabinet:

Members are asked to recommend to Council that the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Action Plan be adopted.

Reason for recommendation:

The Action Plan sets out the Council's contribution to the work of the Partnership and encourages multi-agency activity that supports safe communities across the District.

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 7 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 Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan is a yearly plan which seeks to address the outcomes and priorities of the annual Strategic Assessment. Eight priorities have been highlighted for 2014/15, which are:

- Road Safety
- Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Vehicle Crime
- Burglary Dwelling & Burglary Other than Dwelling
- Young People's Issues
- Substance Misuse
- Theft

There are 15 success measures and 50 actions/projects in the 2014-15 Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan and all Partners will provide detailed monitoring information to the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership at the end of each quarter.

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 the PCC (Police Crime Commissioner) and other external funding streams.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

National Standards require Partnerships to produce an annual year 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 Impacts

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	This action plan is for all of the community and will be beneficial to everyone.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	Yes in the actions we promote equality through our community safety work
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		N/A

Appendices

Appendix– Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan 2014-15

Background Papers:

[The Sevenoaks District Strategic Assessment 2013](#)

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