

COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN 2011/12

SOCIAL AFFAIRS – 16TH JUNE 2011

CABINET – 23RD JUNE 2011

Report of the: Community & Planning Services Director

Status: For decision

Key Decision: Yes

This report supports the Key Aim of the Community Plan, to help communities to be safe and feel safe.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Elaine Bracken

Head of Service Head of Community Development – Lesley Bowles

Recommendation to Social Affairs Select Committee: Members comments are invited.

Recommendation to Cabinet: It be RESOLVED that: the Council's actions in the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Action Plan 2011/12 are approved.

Reason for recommendation: This action plan will determine multi-agency work undertaken in the District to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and increase feelings of safety.

Introduction

- 1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on Sevenoaks District Council, Kent County Council and Kent Police, together with other key partners, to undertake an audit of crime and disorder in the District and co-operate in the development and implementation of a strategy and action plan for tackling local crime and disorder.
- 2 The Strategic Assessment undertaken in November 2010 identified the Community Safety priorities for the District as follows:
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Young people's issues
 - Burglary

Vehicle Crime

Speeding

Public perception

Substance misuse

Domestic Abuse

- 3 Partners have identified targets and actions aimed at having an impact on these priorities and these form the 2011/12 Action Plan, which is attached as an appendix. The Action Plan summarises information from the Strategic Assessment for each of the identified priorities. The full Strategic Assessment is a very lengthy and detailed document and is available from Officers.

Key Implications

Financial

The funding required to deliver the Action Plan is noted on the document. No additional District Council funding is required to deliver the plan.

Community Impact and Outcomes

Crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime are issues that are of significant interest to local communities. The strategic assessment identifies people's concerns as well as crime and other data and the action plan addresses those issues. Consequently, there should be a positive impact on the community.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

There are no new legal or human rights issues arising from this action plan.

Resource (non-financial)

No new non-financial resources are required to deliver the action plan

Equality Impacts

The action plan does not have the potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community, nor does it affect the existing Equality Impact Assessment, which is regularly updated.

Sustainability Checklist

A sustainability checklist has been completed and a positive impact is anticipated.

RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

RISK	MITIGATION
Partners' failure to deliver agreed actions	Quarterly monitoring is undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership to identify as early as possible any actions that may not be delivered so that alternative action can be taken.
Insufficient funding to deliver the Action Plan	Funding has been agreed for the financial year.

Background Papers: The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment 2010

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