

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2020-21

Cabinet - 5 March 2020

Report of : Chief Officer People and Places

Status: For Information

Also considered by: People and Places Advisory Committee - 3 March 2020

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary: The 2020-21 Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan is set out. The plan responds to the community safety priorities identified in the most recent Strategic Assessment.

This report supports the Key Aim of delivering a low crime rate in the District and supporting vulnerable and repeat victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.

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Recommendation to People and Places Advisory Committee: That Members note the report.

Recommendation to Cabinet: that the Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan for 2020-21 is 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 and Background

- 1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on Sevenoaks District Council, Kent County Council, Kent Fire & Rescue Service, Health, Probation 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. The audit is known as the Strategic Assessment.

The Strategic Assessment was undertaken in December 2019. The six priorities, as ranked in the Strategic Assessment, are:

- Domestic Abuse
 - Serious and Acquisitive Crime including Organised Crime Groups, emerging trends and County Lines
 - Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime
 - Safeguarding (including Prevent, Mental Health, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation), Vulnerable Adults and Protecting Children
 - Substance Misuse
 - Doorstep Crime including Scams and Cyber Crime
- 2 The draft 2020-21 Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan is attached as the Appendix. It sets out Partnership activity aimed at addressing the above priorities. The Action Plan is a multi-agency document and is monitored on a quarterly basis by the Community Safety Partnership, to ensure that actions are on target and are helping to meet the identified success measures.

Key Implications

Financial

- 3 The funding required to deliver the Action Plan comes from the Police and Crime Commissioner and existing SDC core Budgets, core budgets of participating agencies and other external funding sources as they become available. No additional District Council funding is required to deliver the plan.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

- 4 There are no legal issues for the Council arising from this action plan.

Equality Assessment

- 5 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 paper directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and varies between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.

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	No	The Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan assists with the provision of services to support

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or discriminate against different groups in the community?		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 Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan addresses issues that affect the whole community including specific groups, such as older people, families, young people and people with disabilities
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		No negative impacts identified

Conclusions

The Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan has been prepared following a strategic assessment of crime and disorder issues and provides a multi-agency approach to those issues.

Appendices

Appendix A - The draft Sevenoaks District Community Safety & Action Plan 2020-21

Background Papers:

The 2019 Strategic Assessment

<https://cds.sevenoaks.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=358&MId=2489&Ver=4&J=2>

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