

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

People & Places Advisory Committee 15 June 2021

Report of: Chief Officer People & Places

Status: For Information

Also considered by: Cabinet - 8 July 2021

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report looks at the work of the Community Safety Partnership from April 2020 - March 2021.

This reports support the Key Aim of: Safe and Caring Communities

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Recommendation to People and Places Advisory Committee:

To consider the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership's Annual Report for 2020-21.

Recommendation to Cabinet:

To consider and note the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Annual report for 2020-21.

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 2020-21 was put in place for the year ended March 2021 and the report attached at Appendix A 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

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.

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.

Conclusions

The Community Safety Annual Report highlights the work of the Community Safety Partnership throughout 2020-21

Appendices

Appendix A - Sevenoaks District CSP Annual Report 2020-21

Background Papers

None

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