

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2022-23

People & Places Advisory Committee 1 March 2022

Report of: Sarah Robson, Deputy Chief Exec and Chief Officer People & Places

Status: For Agreement

Also considered by: Cabinet 17 March 2022

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary: The 2022-23 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 reports support the Key Aim of: Community Plan - Safer Communities

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Recommendation to People and Places Advisory Committee:

It is recommended to cabinet that the Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan for 2022 - 23 is approved.

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That the Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan for 2022-23 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.
- 2 The Strategic Assessment was undertaken in December 2021. The six priorities, as ranked in the Strategic Assessment, are:
 - Serious and Acquisitive Crime including Crime Trends

- Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime & Rogue Trading
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Safeguarding (including Mental Health, Prevent, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation), Vulnerable Adults and Protecting Children
 - Violence against Women & Girls including Stalking & Harassment
 - Drug Misuse & County Lines
- 3 The draft 2022-23 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.

Other options Considered and/or rejected

None

Key Implications

Financial

- 4 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.

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

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 paper directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and varies between groups of people

- Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

This action plan adds value to Safeguarding as it is a priority

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 Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership 2022-23
Strategy & Action Plan

Background Papers

Strategic Assessment 2021

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