

# SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

Cabinet - 7 July 2022

**Report of:** Chief Officer - People and Places

**Status:** For Information

**Also considered by:**

People & Places Advisory Committee - 14 June 2022

**Key Decision:** No

**Executive Summary:** This report looks at the work of Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership from April 2021 - March 2022.

**This reports support the Key Aim of:** the Council Plan.

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**Recommendation to People and Places Advisory Committee**

To consider the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Annual Report for 2021-22.

**Recommendation to Cabinet**

To consider the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Annual Report for 2021-22.

**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 2021-22 was put in place for the year ended March 2022 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

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

### Net Zero

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment. Where possible, the Local Strategic Partnership will seek to align with the Council's net zero ambitions or with their organisation's net zero ambitions.

## Community Impact and Outcomes

The Community Safety Partnership is based upon the actions delivered by Sevenoaks District Council, partner agencies and other stakeholders. It also reflects community needs identified through local data.

## **Conclusions**

- 2 The Community Safety Annual Report highlights the work of the Community Safety Partnership throughout 2021-22

### **Appendices**

Appendix A - Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2021-22

Background Papers

None

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