

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2023-24

Council – 25 April 2023

Report of: Chief Officer People & Places

Status: For Approval

Also considered by:

- People & Places – 23 February 2023
- Cabinet – 16 March 2023

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary: The 2023-24 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: Community & Corporate Plan

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Recommendation to Cabinet:

To recommend to Council that the 2023-24 Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan be adopted.

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To adopt the 2023-24 Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan.

Recommendation to People & Places Advisory Committee

To recommend to Cabinet that the 2023-24 Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan be recommended to Council for adoption.

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 2022. The seven priorities, as ranked in the Strategic Assessment, are:

- Serious and Acquisitive Crime including Crime Trends
- Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Stalking & Harassment
- Safeguarding (including Mental Health, Prevent, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation), Vulnerable Adults and Protecting Children
- Violence against Women & Girls
- Drug Misuse & County Lines

3 The draft 2023-24 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

None to SDC. It is a Partnership document

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

None

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

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

Wellbeing

This document supports wellbeing and looks at this throughout the document.

Conclusions

For the Committee to approve the report

Appendices

Appendix A – Sevenoaks District CSP Strategy & Action Plan 2023-24

Background Papers

Strategic Assessment

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