

COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2012/13

Cabinet – 10 May 2012

Report of the: Deputy Chief Executive and Community & Planning Services Director

Status: For decision

Also considered by: Social Affairs (presentation given on 27th March 2012)

Key Decision: Yes

This report supports the Key Aim of Safe and Caring Communities in the Community Plan

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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

- 1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on Sevenoaks District Council, Kent County Council 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.
- 2 The Strategic Assessment undertaken in November 2011 identified eight Community Safety priorities for the District, in no particular order, as follows:
 - Anti-Social Behaviour (incl. Fly-Tipping)
 - Burglary (incl Burglary Other than Dwelling)
 - Theft Offences + handling stolen goods (incl. Shoplifting, Theft of Metal and Theft Offences)
 - Substance Misuse
 - Young People's Issues
 - Vehicle Crime (TOMV and TFMV)
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Speeding Vehicles incl Road Safety

These priorities are summarised in the appended 2012/13 Action Plan.

Key Implications

Financial

The funding required to deliver the Action Plan is noted on the document. No additional District Council funding is required to deliver the plan.

Community Impact and Outcomes

Crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime are issues that are of significant interest to local communities. The strategic assessment identifies people's concerns as well as crime and other data and the action plan addresses those issues. Consequently, there should be a positive impact on the community.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

There are no new legal or human rights issues arising from this action plan.

Resource (non-financial)

No new non-financial resources are required to deliver the action plan

Equality Impacts

Does the activity have the potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?

No

Does the activity make a positive contribution to promoting equality?

Yes. The aims and actions will make a positive contribution.

Summary of Impacts

The 2012/13 Action Plan identifies areas of work that will have a positive impact as follows:

Risk assessments will be undertaken on all victims of anti-social behaviour and repeat and vulnerable victims will be identified;

Specific actions will be taken to assist young people and older people;

Services will be publicised for male victims of domestic abuse;

Mapping of early intervention projects for children and young people will be undertaken; and

Actions are included that address bullying.

No adverse impacts are anticipated.

Sustainability Checklist

A sustainability checklist has been completed and a positive impact is anticipated.

Conclusions

The Community Safety Action Plan for 2012/13 sets out Community Safety priorities for the District based on an assessment of crime and disorder.

Risk Assessment Statement

Risk	Mitigation
It may not be possible to meet crime reduction targets. In particular, reductions compared with 2011/12 will be difficult as this was a very successful year in terms of crime reduction.	Crime will continue to be monitored compared with the previous year. Data from previous years will also be used so that a longer-term trend can also be assessed.
Partners may not be able to fulfil actions and targets as set out in the Plan	Quarterly monitoring will be undertaken and barriers and challenges assessed with a view to early intervention if actions and targets are not being met.

Appendices

Community Safety Action Plan 2012/13

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