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## **Summary:**

**This report indicates the updated CDRP priorities for 2010 /11 as identified via this year's Strategic Assessment procedure.**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The priority and target setting process undertaken by CDRPs has been directed by this year's Strategic Assessment procedure.
- 1.2 The Strategic Assessments have been analysed and their individual priorities evidenced and collated to generate the likely priorities to be included in this years Kent County Community Safety Agreement (CSA).
- 1.3 At the time of writing, we have yet to receive Canterbury's Strategic Assessment and so the new priorities can only be listed as provisional.

## **2.0 PROGRESS ON 09/10 CSA PRIORITIES:**

### **Reducing levels of Domestic Abuse and repeat victimisation**

- 2.1 Levels of domestic abuse have continued to rise when comparing Apr-Dec 09 against the same period in the previous year. There has been a net increase of 407 (2.6%) domestic abuse incidents across Kent recorded by Kent Police. The number of repeat victims has remained static over this period, but the percentage of repeat victims has fallen from 25.4% to 24.8%.
- 2.2 CDRPs remain committed to tackling domestic abuse and minimising repeat victimisation and this is again recommended to become a priority in the 2010/11 CSA.

### **Reducing Alcohol and Drugs Misuse**

- 2.3 For the 2009 calendar year, drug offences have increased by 170 (4.4%) when compared to 2008. This is the only increase in any crime type experienced over this period. Hospital admissions for alcohol related harm and other substance misuse show a continuing and increasing trend.
- 2.4 Many CDRPs continue to see reducing alcohol and drugs misuse as a priority and it is recommended to remain a priority in the CSA.

### **Reducing fear; improving public confidence and perceptions of ASB and crime**

- 2.5 Although KCVS reports on the whole that perceptions of ASB and crime have improved when comparing the 2009 calendar year to 2008, there have started to be falls in confidence and increased concerns over the last 2 quarters. Kent performs badly for various BCS perception indicators, either being 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> out of 8 in its MSG.
- 2.6 There was strong evidence in all of the CDRPs that listed this as a priority in their Strategic Assessments and this is recommended to remain a priority in the CSA.

### **Reducing Violent Crime**

- 2.7 Violent Crime has reduced by 2466 (9.2%) incidents when comparing 2009 to 2008.
- 2.8 Reductions vary across the CDRPs but not many CDRPs have identified this as a priority and of those that did, there was little supporting evidence. As such reducing violent crime is unlikely to remain a priority in the CSA.

### **Reducing levels of ASB**

- 2.9 Reducing ASB remains a high priority for CDRPs and will continue to be included in the CSA.

### **Reducing levels of Criminal Damage**

- 2.10 Kent has seen a large reduction of 6038 (20.7%) criminal damage incidents recorded in 2009 when compared to 2008. This is reflected in the Strategic Assessments as only one CDRP has chosen this as a priority of 2010/2011. As such it is highly unlikely that this will remain a priority in the CSA.

### **Reducing re-offending of our most prolific offenders**

- 2.11 Very few CDRPs consider re-offending rates to be a priority and so this priority will probably not continue in the 2010/11 CSA.

### **Preventing violent extremism**

- 2.12 The Prevent agenda remains a priority as set by central government. However, very few Strategic Assessments mentioned the Prevent agenda and only one CDRP listed it as a priority.

### **Reducing risk to vulnerable people**

- 2.13 Such a priority is not listed within the Strategic Assessments.

## **3.0 EMERGING PRIORITIES**

### **Reducing levels of Youth Crime**

- 3.1 Many CDRPs have listed this as a priority and the evidence provided on the whole is strong. As such it is recommended that this becomes a priority in the CSA.

## **Environmental Crime**

- 3.2 Closely linked to ASB, environmental crime has many wider implications than just affecting the aesthetic appearance of areas. Although data is almost entirely localised, many CDRPs have listed environmental crime as one of their top priorities. It is often tied in with ASB. It should be recommended that the current "Reducing levels of ASB" priority is reworded to include environmental crime.

## **4.0 2010/11 CSA PRIORITIES (PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS)**

- 4.1 Taking into account the information discussed above, the provisional set of priorities to be placed in the 2010/11 CSA are:

- Reducing levels of Domestic Abuse and repeat victimisation
- Reducing Alcohol and Drugs Misuse
- Reducing fear; improving public confidence and perceptions of ASB and crime
- Reducing levels of ASB including Environmental Crime
- Preventing violent extremism
- [Reducing risk to vulnerable people- this is a current priority but there is no specific data set]
- Reducing levels of Youth Crime

## **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) That the Safer and Stronger Communities Group are asked to note the CDRP priorities indicated above.
- (ii) That the Safer and Stronger Communities Group provisionally recommends these priorities for adoption by the County Strategy Group at its meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

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