

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES of a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 11 October 2017.

PRESENT: Mr P M Hill, OBE (Chairman), Mr Rivers (Vice-Chairman), Ms C Allen, Mrs V Coffey, Ch Insp T Cook, Ms A Gardner, Cllr A Gulvin, Mr A Harper, Ms K Hickey, Cllr J Knight, Ms N Liddiard, Ms J Mookherjee, Ms H Morris, Mr M Overbeke, Mr S Peerbux, Mr G Slattery, Mr N Wilkinson, Mr T England, Mr I Thomson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Taylor (Scrutiny Research Officer)

#### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

##### **161. Notes of meeting held on 19 July 2017**

*(Item A3)*

RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting held on 19 July 2017 were a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

##### **162. Kent Community Safety Agreement Update**

*(Item B1)*

1. Mr Peerbux explained that the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) was now a rolling document that would be reviewed and refreshed if necessary annually along with the associated CSA Action Plan.
2. Partners had been progressing the actions within the CSA Action Plan and two actions had been completed following the delivery of the Anti-Social Behaviour and Road Safety data workshops.
3. There were a number of ongoing actions including delivery of the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Seminars that were planned for the next few months and campaigns for Safeguarding Adults and Hate Crime were being undertaken.
4. In addition to the action plan, performance indicators were also being monitored. These regularly highlighted domestic abuse and road safety and it was agreed that a paper from the Road Casualty Reduction Board would be presented to the next meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP). It was also suggested that there should be a report back on the effects of the domestic abuse commissioning process at the next meeting of the KCSP.
5. Chief Inspector Tim Cook updated Members on their ongoing work to ensure data integrity was as it should be and that crimes were appropriately recorded and investigated.
6. The District/Borough strategic assessments would form part of the Community Safety Agreement review and refresh in the New Year, alongside using the MoRiLe risk assessment and looking at emerging themes and priorities. Details

of the strategic assessments and review of the CSA would be reported to the next meeting of the KCSP.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the progress with regard to the current CSA and welcome the following reports back at the next meeting:

- Paper from Road Casualty Reduction Board
- Effects of the domestic abuse commissioning process
- CSA review and refresh

### **163. KCSP Working Group update**

*(Item B2)*

1. Mr Thomson introduced this report and advised that the KCSP Working Group Terms of Reference (ToR) had been amended to reflect changes to the KCSP ToR. Members were asked to approve the ToR.
2. Mr Peerbux confirmed that all the received suggestions for changes to the ToR had all been considered and included in the amended document as appropriate.
3. It was suggested that the safeguarding boards should be referenced. It was confirmed that this was referenced in the partnership's ToR and therefore the wording could be included within the Working Group's ToR.
4. Mr Thompson advised that the conference invited had been sent and members were asked to respond within the next couple of weeks.
5. Mr Thompson provided an update on the projects that had received KCSP funding including License to Kill which is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of running.
6. A Member highly recommended the Licence to Kill workshops. Mr Thompson explained that other areas were looking into using the workshop. The Chairman understood that it was more difficult to get into schools which were academies but head teachers conferences could be used to help spread messages and information. Nick Wilkinson confirmed that he would discuss this with colleagues on a safeguarding group.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and approve the updated KCSP Working Group Terms of Reference with the additions made at the meeting.

### **164. Housing & Homelessness for CJS Service Users**

*(Item B3)*

1. Ms Gardner advised that the Kent and Medway Reducing Reoffending Board had commissioned this piece of work as it was recognised nationally that accommodation was a barrier to reducing reoffending and was also a challenge to working with criminal justice service (CJS) users. Until individuals had stable housing it was difficult to successfully deliver all the interventions required.
2. Ms Gardner consulted with partners involved in Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and these responses were incorporated in the report.

3. The report outlines the scale of the problem (section 2), barriers as well as some recommendations (page 25) and solutions for both local and national issues.
4. The groups had looked at the key barriers and what could be realistically achieved.
5. Some of the recommendations were more achievable than others. It was important to ensure that there was a joined up approach in Kent and Medway to approaching the accommodation crisis.
6. The Chairman commented that this was an important national problem; a consistent theme in reoffending was homelessness.
7. Mr Thomson commented that it was essential to link in with the fire service to ensure that there were suitable fire precautions and that the service was aware of the locations of any temporary accommodation in order to respond quickly in case of incident.
8. Members made the following comments
  - a. The number of rough sleepers, questions around the accuracy of the figures, many homeless people could be missed.
  - b. To what extent was this tied in with wider work done in Kent around homelessness?
  - c. This was a challenge for all of district councils in Kent.
9. The plan was to integrate some of the recommendations within existing work streams and to contribute to existing plans. This report was also being presented to the Kent Housing Group.
10. The Community Rehabilitation Company was committed to housing and Abbie was asked to be involved with their work to take forward some aspects.
11. Members also considered that rough sleeping was not only a housing issue but also a health issue with many individuals having a drug or alcohol problem. There were also issues with short service prisoners; there was no time or mechanism whilst in custody to deal with their issues.
12. It was suggested that Mel Anthony and Jess Mookherjee co-ordinated a small working group including Districts (Canterbury/Medway), CRC and Abbie Gardner to look at short term results and highlight any other relevant groups. The working group would report back to a future meeting of the KCSP.

RESOLVED that the KCSP thank Abbie Gardner for her excellent report and thank Jess Mookherjee who offered, with the assistance of KCC, to set up a small task and finish group and report back to a future meeting of the KCSP.

**165. Public Protection Intelligence Team update**  
*(Item B4)*

1. Natalie Liddiard, Intelligence and Standards Manager gave members a presentation on the work of the Public Protection Intelligence Team. The team

work with trading standards and with community wardens and pass intelligence which could then be shared with agencies.

2. Fly-tipping was a big issue in Kent and Medway; work had been done to bring partners together to tackle the problem. The Public Protection Intelligence Team worked on the preventative side, helping the enforcement team.
3. The Chairman asked if data was being shared with everyone who had interest in it. Natalie Liddiard explained that her team had a good relationship with Kent Police, she was confident that the right people were getting the right information.
4. In response to a question Ms Liddiard confirmed that her team was linked in with Country Eye and received 50+ intelligence reports per week and were also linked in the with Fire Service on a project by project basis.
5. The Public Protection Intelligence Team was considered to have excellent skills and expertise. KCC was a large organisation and it was a challenge to share as much information as possible.
6. Mr Peerbux explained to members that he and Natalie had had discussions around safeguarding and the Public Protection Intelligence Team was in its infancy. There were opportunities for further partnership working and the team could link in with officers at Medway Council.
7. The Chairman thanked Natalie Liddiard for her presentation, it was an important piece of work and members looked forward to seeing it develop.

RESOLVED that the Kent Community Safety Partnership thank Natalie Liddiard for her presentation and request an update at an appropriate time.

## **166. Mental Health update**

*(Item B5)*

1. The Commissioner's Chief of Staff, Adrian Harper explained that the Commissioner was the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' national lead for mental health. The PCC had a Mental Health and Policing Oversight Board which involved Kent Police, KMPT and the responsible officer from the CCG.
2. The Oversight Board would be reviewing the street triage pilots taking place in Medway and Thanet as referral numbers remained low. However those individuals visiting had serious issues and the pilot schemes had been effective in supporting them, Mr Harper considered this to be a valuable way forward.
3. The Police and Crime Act would result in young people with mental health difficulties not being held in police cells and adults only in exceptional circumstances (such as under permanent supervision). Discussions had been held regarding pathways but if places were not available the default position would be A&E.

4. Members commented that using A&E as the default position was concerning, Mr Harper confirmed that there had been a lot of discussions, currently there was no alternative and this would be used as a last resort.

RESOLVED that the KCSP thank Mr Harper for his interesting update and request a report back on the work of the Mental Health and Policing Oversight Board at a future meeting.

#### **167. Kent Drug and Alcohol Services Commissioning update**

*(Item B6)*

1. Ms Mookherjee outlined the commissioning arrangements for Drug and Alcohol services for adults in Kent.
2. A much stronger element in the commissioned service was 'Recovery Capital' to focus on what a service user needed to begin treatment and those aspects that were needed to maintain or build change.
3. The commissioned services for both East and West Kent had undergone a design process for the new services.
4. The young person's drug and alcohol service for ages 11- 18, with the flexibility to provide interventions for 18 – 24 year olds, was awaiting the awarding of the contract and this would be announced in due course.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the Kent Drug and Alcohol Services Commissioning Update.

#### **168. Date of next meeting**

*(Item C1)*

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the date of the next meeting.

#### **169. PREVENT and Counter Terrorism update**

*(Item D1)*

1. Mr Wilkinson gave members a presentation updating them on PREVENT and counter terrorism.

RESOLVED that members thank Mr Wilkinson for the PREVENT and Counter Terrorism Update and keep this as a standing item on the KCSP agenda.

#### **170. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) - update**

*(Item D2)*

1. Mr Peerbux (Head of Community Safety, KCC) updated Members on the status of all the active Kent and Medway DHR cases and sought agreement from the partnership on the funding arrangements for undertaking DHRs.

RESOLVED that the KCSP notes the updates within the report and progress on all cases. The KCSP supports and endorses the proposed funding arrangements remain the same as current year for 2018/19.

**171. Domestic Homicide Review briefing - Pauline 2016 (subject to Home Office Quality Assurance Panel approval)**  
*(Item D3)*

1. Mr Rabey (Independent Chair) gave Members a briefing on DHR case Pauline/2016.

RESOLVED that the KCSP thank Mr Rabey for his briefing and note its contents.