

## AGENDA

### KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday, 20th March, 2019, at 10.00 am      Ask for:      Joel Cook/Anna Taylor

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#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

*(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)*

#### **A. Committee Business**

- A1 Introduction
- A2 Apologies
- A3 Declarations of Interest
- A4 Notes of meeting held on 10 October 2018 (Pages 3 - 12)

#### **B. Matters for Information/Discussion**

- B1 Kent Community Safety Agreement - review of 2018/19 activities and refresh of the CSA for 2019/20 (Pages 13 - 42)
- B2 Community Impact Assessment
- B3 Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group Update (Pages 43 - 48)
- B4 Mental Health Update (OPCC)

#### **C - Matters for Information**

- C1 Date of meetings in 2019/20

Kent Community Safety Partnership meetings to be held on the following dates at 10am in the Medway Room, Sessions House, County Hall:

- 17 July 2019
- 9 October 2019
- 18 March 2020

**D -RESTRICTED ITEM(S)**

Meeting not open to the press and public and reports not for publication

D1 Domestic Homicide Review Update

D2 Prevent Duty Delivery Board Update

D3 Kent and Medway Risk, Threats and Vulnerabilities Group Update

D4 Domestic Homicide Review Briefing on Case Peter\_2017

**Meeting to Close by 1pm**

**Tuesday, 12 March 2019**

**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 on Wednesday, 10 October 2018.

PRESENT: Mr P M Hill, OBE, Mr Rivers, Ms C Allen, Ms S Brinson, Ms D Exall, Ms T Hughes, Ms J Mookherjee, Mrs A Oates, Mr M Overbeke, Dr S Robson, Mr I Thomson, Mr N Wickens and Mr N Wilkinson

ALSO PRESENT: D/Supt Harper, Mr J Hart, M Powell and T Woodhouse

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Taylor (Scrutiny Research Officer)

**UNRESTRICTED ITEMS****197. Notes of meeting held on 18 July 2018**

*(Item A4)*

RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting held on 18 July 2018 were an accurate record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**198. Kent Community Safety Agreement Update**

*(Item B1)*

1. Shirley Brinson (Community Safety Team Leader) provided Members with an update on the Community Safety Agreement (CSA). This had been refreshed and agreed by the partnership earlier in the year with new priorities and cross cutting themes.
2. The CSA Action Plan was monitored by the working group and there were no exceptions to note. An end of year update would be reported back to the next meeting. Ms Brinson set out some key areas to note:
  - a. There would be a Scrutiny Committee (meeting as the Crime and Disorder Committee) in April 2019 and all leads for the CSA priorities, may be required to attend. There will also be an invitation to Tim Read as Chair of the Safer Roads for Kent Board.
  - b. Strategic assessments were currently being undertaken across Kent. The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) was supporting the process by sourcing information and setting up meetings to identify emerging issues. By the next meeting of the partnership, the strategic assessments will have been undertaken and a review of the CSA priorities would have taken place. An update report will be presented at the next meeting.
3. The Chairman asked whether KCC was working with Kent Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner's staff to ensure that any work done was in line with

that of the PCC. Ms Brinson explained that there was a duty for CSPs and the OPCC to have due regard for each other's priorities and to cooperate; and that KCC was working with CSPs, local partners including Kent Police and the OPCC to ensure that all work is in line with our partners.

4. Mark Powell (Improvement Manager, Kent Youth Justice Service) asked whether it would be beneficial for someone from his team to be involved and Ms Brinson committed to liaise with Mr Powell as this would be useful.

RESOLVED that the KCSP:

- Notes the progress with regard to the current Community Safety Agreement.
- To facilitate a discussion at the next meeting to prepare for the Crime and Disorder Committee (April 2019).

### **199. KCSP Working Group Update**

*(Item B2)*

1. Ian Thomson introduced this report to update on the work of the KCSP Working Group on behalf of the partnership.

2. The partnership had been awarded funding from the Police and Crime Commissioners Crime Reduction Grant and highlighted that only £1869 remained unallocated at this time.

3. A number of projects had been funded and Mr Thomson advised that the License to Kill show will be delivered in Feb/March 19 following a review and refresh by the Licence to Kill Working Group along with the Casualty Reduction Partnership Group.

4. The Working group would be considering projects for the new year 2019/20 and providing recommendations to the KCSP Chairman prior to submission of the business cases to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

5. The Working Group was thankful that the Commissioner had approved funding of the Kent and Medway conference on 'Preventing Extremism and Hate' which would be held on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at Detling Showground.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the:

- progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST;
- submission date of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 for the Community Safety Grant Funding Business Cases to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## **200. Kent Housing Group - Housing Strategy**

*(Item C1)*

1. Sarah Robson, Chair of the Kent Housing Group (KHG) gave Members a presentation about the work of the KHG which is available [online here](#) or via this link:  
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=519&MId=8049&Ver=4>
2. Workshops were being held in November 2018 to identify and develop key actions and objectives for each of the Kent and Medway Housing Strategy priorities which were:
  - a. Accelerating housing delivery
  - b. Affordability
  - c. Health and wellbeing
  - d. Infrastructure and investment.

Ms Robson asked that any member of the KCSP who would like to be involved in these workshops let her know.

3. Following the workshops there would be a first draft strategy and action plan available in December 2018 for consultation and the final draft action plan and strategy would be ready for approval in February and a launch date of March 2019.
4. Cynthia Allen, CRC asked whether, from the new financial year, offenders would no longer be considered a priority group but would be assessed by their needs alongside others. Ms Robson explained that the Kent Housing Options Group (sub group of the KHG), had this issue on their agenda. Ms Robson explained that Ms Allen and other partners were welcome to attend meetings of the Kent Housing Options Group and that this would be discussed outside of the KCSP meeting.
5. KCSP Members discussed the value of having a single point of contact in KHG to discuss sensitive issues regarding housing needs. It was suggested that Members contact the KHG Partnership Manager initially.
6. Members were complimentary about the work of KHG and the positive networking opportunities.
7. The Chairman commented that the presentation and following discussion had been very positive. He asked whether KHG were asking designers and developers to consider safety in designs? Ms Robson explained that KHG did have a seat on Kent Planning Officers Group.

RESOLVED that the KCSP thank Ms Robson for her presentation.

## **201. Suicide Prevention**

*(Item C2)*

1. Tim Woodhouse, KCC Suicide Prevention Programme Manager, introduced his report to Members. Mr Woodhouse advised that it was world mental health day and a new minister for suicide prevention had recently been announced as Jackie Doyle-Price, this was excellent news to raise the profile of suicide prevention.

2. Mr Woodhouse set out the highlights of his report and explained that many people who died by suicide were not known by secondary mental health services and did not have a diagnosed mental health issue. Mr Woodhouse highlighted the 'Release the Pressure' campaign which signposted people to trained counsellors who were available 24/7. NHS England had secured over £600k funding from Government for suicide prevention work in Kent, due to higher than national average suicide rates. The report highlighted ways in which that funding had been spent including continuing with campaigns and delivering training. Mr Woodhouse welcomed any organisations or voluntary groups to attend the free training which was considered to be very valuable, giving people the skills and confidence to recognise signs of mental illness and most importantly to know what to do if someone was feeling suicidal.

3. Mr Woodhouse sought ideas from the KCSP of how to work more closely with those organisations present. The Chairman referred to social isolation which could make people vulnerable and lonely. There were queries over what the funding was being targeted towards and the Chairman suggested considering additional funding for Community wardens who could sometimes identify people who were lonely and isolated. Mr Woodhouse explained that Community Wardens were a key group who he wanted to work with, the Wardens were accessing suicide prevention training and raising awareness.

4. Jess Mookherjee explained that she had been speaking at a Workplace Health event at County Hall during the morning and it was necessary to look at other innovative options that are being done in communities to foster communication and to build community connections such as 'Men's Sheds'.

5. It was highlighted that it is important to have timely and accessible services that people could access.

6. Cynthia Allen, CRC explained that they were in the process of training staff and asked whether the suicide prevention training would be complimentary. Mr Woodhouse explained that suicide prevention training was suitable for anyone working with members of the public including Taxi drivers, GP receptionists, café workers, barbers etc. In addition, suitable for professionals as well as members of the public. Mr Woodhouse would send details of the training to Members of the KCSP.

7. In response to a question about whether training had been offered to British Transport Police (BTP), Mr Woodhouse confirmed that both BTP and Network Rail were members of the steering group and were good at training staff to recognise

signs and symptoms of distress in other people. They would be able to access the training.

8. In response to a question about whether the programme would be targeted around a data set. Mr Woodhouse explained that it would be a combination, suicide could strike anywhere, although the link to deprivation was accepted and therefore more training was available in areas of higher rates of suicide. Mr Woodhouse explained that work was also being done in schools to improve emotional resilience.

9. Members briefly discussed the role of social media, which, it was considered could be useful but could also be harmful and it was suggested that Mr Woodhouse link in with the Online Safeguarding Group which was a subgroup of the Risk, Threats and Vulnerabilities Group for Children and Adults. In response to the question about social media, Mr Woodhouse advised that the campaign had paid for a google advert so that whenever someone searched for 'want to take own life' or words to that effect, the Release the Pressure campaign was displayed at the top ensuring the individual saw something positive and could seek help.

10. Ian Thomson advised that KFRS was working with the RNLI to talk to businesses located around or close to water about water safety and how to spot people at risk.

11. The Chairman thanked Mr Woodhouse for his interesting and timely report, the KCSP would welcome a return to this topic during 2019 alongside the report from the Social Isolation Select Committee.

RESOLVED that a report on Suicide Prevention be brought back to the KCSP next year.

## **202. Mental Health Update** *(Item C3)*

1. Neil Wickens gave the KCSP an update on Mental Health from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was committed to revolutionising mental health services. In an ideal situation people would receive the right support at the right time. The demand around mental health was not changing, policing had a role but clearly there was an element of partnership working. More facts and figures were being collected around mental health and the PCC had concerns around capacity and increasing demand.

2. Mental health detentions continued to increase nationally but the Policing and Crime Act had ensured that officers could not detain children in police cells and only adults could be detained in specific circumstances.

3. There continued to be some issues such as how officers accessed Section 136 suites for those who needed to be detained and the requirement to take individuals to A&E if there were no Section 136 suites available. In June the average

time spent waiting at A&E was 7 hours which was over 1000 hours of police officer time equating to £30k spent waiting to access the right service.

4. The PCC was aware that there were limited beds available for Section 136 detentions and partners need to work together to find a solution as A&E was not considered to be the right place to take individuals in crisis. However, A&E was currently the only option if the Section 136 Suites were at capacity and were no longer able to detain in police cells.

5. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the PCC had funded Mind counsellors to work in the Force Control Room. There was also a triage facility working with people with mental health issues. It was hoped that this would reduce demand on officers attending individuals and helping to signpost.

6. The PCC was part of the national independent review of the Mental Health Act as this was now over 35years old. The aim of the review was to look at the whole act but particularly the Criminal Justice system. The PCC had attended panel meetings and had been asked to Chair a topic group on policing and the effect of mental health. Recommendations had been made and positively received and it was anticipated that the report would be published in December.

7. The PCC was hosting a blue light jobs fair on Friday 26 October at North Kent college in Dartford. This included representatives from all blue light services and volunteering services. Members were asked to promote this event and if anyone wanted to attend, they would be welcome to do so.

8. The Chairman thanked Mr Wickens for the interesting update and the KCSP would continue to ask for a regular update.

RESOLVED that the KCSP receive an update on Mental Health at the next meeting.

### **203. Violence Reduction Challenge**

*(Item C4)*

1. Jack Hart, OPCC introduced this item and advised that in response to the National Serious Violence Strategy, the Violence Reduction Challenge was a local process to look at how violent crime could be reduced across Kent accepting that there were a large number of offence types of violent crime. An Advisory Panel had been held in Canterbury along with a presentation on social justice work around county lines. Evidence was being gathered to look at how to reduce violent crime across Kent.

2. Nick Wilkinson suggested that Mr Hart ensured that there were links with the 'Risk, Threats and Vulnerabilities' group which oversaw the gangs strategy, it was vital to ensure that all groups did not lose sight of the work being done around gangs.

Mr Hart explained that the group involved young people from Ebbsfleet Academy who had the opportunity to feed into the Advisory Panel.

3. A KCSP Member expressed interest in the details of the Advisory Panel. Youth Justice Services had seen a reduction in offending, but violence remained prevalent, this was an area of concern and Mark Powell was keen to be involved. A Youth Justice Apprentice had recently been appointed and this individual could offer a professional view alongside having experience of the Youth Justice System as this apprentice does. This was seen to be a good opportunity to have the apprentice involved.

4. Mr Hart explained that the PCC was very keen for various groups to be involved and there would be an interim report detailing progress at the beginning of next year.

5. The Chairman thanked Mr Hart for the interesting discussion and requested that this be brought back to a future meeting when the report was available.

RESOLVED that an item on Violence Reduction Challenge be brought back to a future meeting of the KCSP when the final report was available.

#### **204. Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group Update** *(Item C5)*

1. Susie Harper, Kent Police gave an introduction to this item and explained that there had been limited responses so far on the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy consultation but that this would be chased.

2. Ms Harper highlighted that the number of Domestic Abuse (DA) incidents had increased from last year. Whilst the arrests had increased, the number of charges had reduced. Ms Harper explained that 50% who reported DA did not want to support police prosecution.

3. The initial results from the Kent Police victim satisfaction survey showed that on initial contact with Kent Police, 83% were satisfied with the police response. Of those 19% strongly agreed that Kent Police had listened. Respondents were not satisfied when they considered that they had not been taken seriously. Kent Police were taking positive action to reduce risk.

4. Ms Harper spoke about Operation Encompass in Avon and Somerset whereby schools are notified if a child was subject to a DA incident within the previous 24 hrs. Kent Police were implementing this in Kent with Headstart schools.

5. Ms Harper also advised that a National best practise framework for DA was launched on the 26<sup>th</sup> September and all areas had until January to have an action plan in place.

6. A DA risk assessment algorithm is being developed to undertake a deep dive to identify gaps that need to be addressed.

7. There had been a significant increase in adolescent parent violence and there was a need for the assessment tools to move and evolve with society and be fit for purpose.

8. It was considered that the key to tackling these issues was partnership working.

9. The Chairman thanked Ms Harper for her interesting and informative report and requested that this be kept under review.

RESOLVED that an item on Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group be brought to a future meeting of the KCSP.

### **205. Youth Justice Approach to working with CSPs** *(Item C6)*

1. Mark Powell, Improvement Manager, Kent Youth Justice Service, gave the Partnership a presentation about development around youth justice over the previous few years and set out the opportunities for closer working with CSPs. The presentation is available [online here](https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=519&MId=8049&Ver=4) or via the following link:

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=519&MId=8049&Ver=4>

2. Mr Powell was keen to talk with the District Councils about opportunities to strengthen links, KCC was looking to develop teams to work with adolescents and discussions were being had about how this might work.

3. The Chairman commented that for a young person being taken into custody was a major concern and often had an enormous effect on a young person's life. The District Council's offered invitations to Mr Powell to the local CSP meetings to develop work in the districts. It was also suggested that Mr Powell linked in with the Community Safety Managers meeting. Shirley Brinson would liaise with Mr Powell about these meetings.

4. The Chairman thanked Mr Powell for his most encouraging report and the partnership looked forward to receiving a further update.

RESOLVED that the KCSP thank Mr Powell for his encouraging report and welcome an update at a future meeting of the Partnership.

### **206. Date of meetings in 2019/20** *(Item D1)*

RESOLVED that the dates of the meeting for 2019/20 be noted.

**207. Prevent Duty Delivery Board and Risk Threats and Vulnerabilities Group Updates**

*(Item E1)*

1. Nick Wilkinson referred Members to a future episode of the television programme 'Inside Out' which would include a feature on Prevent in Kent.
2. It was important to ensure that the work with gangs was joined up.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**208. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) - update**

*(Item E2)*

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

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**By:** Shafick Peerbux - Head of Community Safety, KCC  
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**To:** Kent Community Safety Partnership – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Classification:** For Decision

**Subject:** Kent Community Safety Agreement Update

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**Summary** This report details the annual review of the Kent Community Safety Agreement, recommended priorities for 2019/20 and an update on the current action plan.

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## 1.0 Background

1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities (KCC/District/Boroughs), Kent Police and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (now Community Safety Partnerships) were required to carry out 3 yearly audits and to implement crime reduction strategies. A formal review of the 1998 Act took place in 2006, with the result that three year audits were replaced with annual partnership strategic assessments and rolling partnership plans, whilst in two tier authority areas a statutory County Community Safety Agreement was introduced.

## 2.0 Introduction

2.1 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the key community safety priorities for the county along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. It is a rolling document which is reviewed and refreshed annually with the relevant Chapters and appendices being updated as required.

2.2 In the last review of the CSA which took place in March 2018 a new priority was added 'Preventing Extremism & Hate' whilst the cross-cutting themes were also revised to include 'Support Mental Health & Wellbeing' (see below). The current CSA took effect from April 2018.

### Priorities

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Preventing Extremism and Hate
- Road Safety

### Cross Cutting Themes

- Early Intervention, Prevention & Education
- Reduce Re-Offending and Support Victims
- Improve Quality of Life and Enhance Community Resilience
- Support Mental Health and Wellbeing

2.3 The following report details the latest review process that has been undertaken including the proposed refresh to the priorities and cross-cutting themes.

### 3.0 CSA Review Process

- 3.1 The review of the new Community Safety Agreement has taken into consideration the outcome of local district/borough strategic assessments, partnership plans, emerging issues, new legislation and the risk assessment matrix known as MoRiLE. Details of these elements are included in the draft refresh of the Community Safety Agreement attached (Appendix A).
- 3.2 Local district/borough Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) have undertaken their annual strategic assessments and are currently finalising their priorities and developing plans for 2019/20. Based on the draft priorities the following appear to be the top issues that are emerging either as a main priority, cross-cutting theme or as an issue within a broader theme. However, it should be noted that two districts are still in the process of setting their proposed priorities for the coming year, which once complete may result in some minor changes to the list below:
- Domestic Abuse
  - Safeguarding and Vulnerability
  - Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Serious and Organised Crime
  - Substance Misuse
  - Mental Health
  - Extremism & Hate
  - Tackling Violence
- 3.3 Following a pilot of the MoRiLE risk assessment matrix (*Management of Risk in Law Enforcement*) in 2017/18 the assessment tool was updated and a new template was used in the assessments for last year and this year. The assessment focuses on threat, risk and harm and as such the priorities ranked most highly tend to be those that cause the greatest harm to individuals and communities. The outcome from MoRiLE has been incorporated into the Community Safety Agreement to support the selection of priorities alongside the usual assessment tools.
- 3.4 Using PESTELO analysis members of the KCSP Working Group helped to identify upcoming events and existing or emerging issues and opportunities that may need to be considered. Many of the safeguarding issues which were identified previously such as preventing violent extremism, child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, online safety, looked after children etc. remain an area of focus and reflect the issues being identified within the legislation and partnership plans. One specific emerging issue identified in a number of different areas within the horizon scanning process is Brexit and the potential impacts on community safety and partner organisations.
- 3.5 In addition to the above review of data and information, partnership plans and priorities are also taken into consideration in the development of the CSA including the recently refreshed Police and Crime Plan entitled '*Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan April 2017 to March 2021*'. Similar to recent years many of these plans, including the district/borough strategic assessments, have identified priorities relating to supporting victims, vulnerable people and mental health.

## 4.0 Proposed Changes

- 4.1 Details of the proposed changes are summarised in the version control within the attached draft CSA (see Appendix A). There have been a number of minor changes within the document however the most significant updates are in the chapters covering changes to the community safety landscape and key achievements as well as the appendix detailing the outcomes from the district strategic assessments. Other elements of the agreement such as the original legislation which sets out the statutory requirements for CSPs and the governance arrangements etc. remain unchanged.
- 4.2 Although no major changes have been identified this year some of the emerging issues such as the Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC) launched by the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner in 2018/19 and potential community safety related impacts of Brexit were considered to determine whether a new priority or theme is required. However it is suggested that these issues and any associated actions required by the partnership can be incorporated into existing priorities such as Serious and Organised Crime, Safeguarding Vulnerable People and Preventing Extremism and Hate.
- 4.3 Similar to last year's review whilst most of the current CSA priorities have been identified in the strategic assessments and community safety plans of local CSPs, 'Road Safety' is now rarely listed as a standalone priority. This is not simply because it is no longer a concern but that local partnerships are limited in their ability to impact on this particular issue. At a county level road safety is still a focus for partners and as such it is recommended that it remain within the CSA but the KCSP is asked to note that the lead for this priority is the Kent and Medway Road Casualty Reduction Partnership and they will report back to the KCSP as necessary.
- 4.4 Conversely whilst Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) remains a specific focus for most local CSPs, it should be noted that there are limited opportunities at this time for County partners to contribute to this priority as the operational activities are undertaken by district / borough community safety partners. However as the purpose of the CSA is to outline the main priorities for the whole county and ASB is still part of the original remit of CSPs it is recommended that it should remain as a priority in the latest refresh.
- 4.5 It is clear from the latest review that the current priorities and cross-cutting themes appropriately reflect the key issues for community safety partners and as such it is recommended that they are retained within the CSA as outlined below and in section 2.2 of this report.

### **Priorities**

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Preventing Extremism and Hate
- Road Safety

### **Cross Cutting Themes**

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Reduce re-offending and support victims
- Improve quality of life and enhance community resilience
- Support mental health and wellbeing

- 4.6 In addition to the above recommendation that the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes remain the same for the forthcoming year, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed that there are no changes to the Chief Constable's priorities as detailed in the latest refresh of the Police and Crime Commissioner's *Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan*. As such the diagram within Chapter 6 of the CSA remains unchanged.

## **5.0 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 5.1 As part of the CSA refresh the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is being reviewed. The aim of the CSA is to make Kent's communities safer and stronger by bringing together partners from across the county to agree the key priorities and to develop joined-up approaches. Whilst it is recognised that some people may be more vulnerable and at greater risk of becoming a victim, the CSA is intended to benefit all residents and as such it is not anticipated that any identified group should be adversely impacted by the CSA or the activities within the action plan.
- 5.2 The EqIA refresh will be reviewed by both partners and KCC's Equality and Diversity Team to ensure all considerations have been made prior to sign-off.

## **6.0 CSA Action Plan and Achievements**

- 6.1 Partners are continuing to work towards the activities identified in the current CSA action plan linking in with various organisations and multi-agency groups across the county to help tackle the identified priorities and themes. The KCSP Working Group which meets as a sub-group of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is monitoring the activities set out in the Action Plan and reviewed the latest update at their meeting in January 2019.
- 6.2 Key achievements for 2018/19 delivered by partners are outlined in Chapter 5 of the draft Community Safety Agreement as well as in other papers that will be presented at the meeting including:
- Preventing Extremism & Hate Conference
  - Kent Community Safety Team
  - Domestic Homicide Reviews
  - Project Delivery
  - Workshop Delivery
- 6.3 Following the refresh of the Community Safety Agreement the action plan will also be reviewed and updated by the KCSP Working Group with the support of the Kent Community Safety Team.

## **7.0 Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee**

- 7.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced the requirement for a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee to review the work of the partnership, as such on an annual basis KCC's Scrutiny Committee meets as the Crime and Disorder committee to act as a critical friend to scrutinise and challenge the work of the partnership and the outcomes from the Community Safety Agreement.

- 7.2 The Committee is due to meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 to review the CSA and the work of the partnership over the last 12 months. The lead agencies for each of the CSA priorities will be in attendance to represent the KCSP and respond to any queries raised. This will include a review of performance data as well as partnership activities to address the issues. A verbal update on the preparations for Scrutiny will be provided at the KCSP meeting including any relevant issues relating to performance data.
- 7.3 Any recommendations or suggested changes arising from Scrutiny will be fed back to the KCSP members and the Working Group for action as appropriate.

## **8.0 Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is asked to:
- agree to retaining the current priorities and cross-cutting themes as detailed within the attached draft refresh of the Community Safety Agreement subject to any additional partnership feedback;
  - note the key achievements for 2018/19; and
  - note the upcoming Scrutiny Committee arrangements.

### **Attachments:**

Appendix A: Draft Refresh of Community Safety Agreement - April 2019

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# Kent Community Safety Agreement



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**April 2019**

## Version Control

Version	Date	Changes
1.0	April 2017	New Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) – effective from April 2017
2.0	April 2018	Refreshed Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) - Updated document date to April 2018 - Ch.1 - reference added to 1.1 about version control - Ch.5 - achievements for 2017/18 added - Ch.6 - priorities/cross-cutting themes updated effective from April 2018, including refreshed diagram - Ch.7 - priority leads updated  - Appendix A - strategic assessment outcomes updated - Appendix B - MoRiLE outcomes refreshed - Appendix C - refreshed horizon scanning - Appendix D - Police & Crime Plan details updated
3.0	April 2019	Refreshed Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) - Effective date changed to April 2019 - Ch.3 - updated legislation and addition of partnership changes and challenges - Ch.5 - achievements for 2018/19 added - Ch.6 - minor changes to the chapter acknowledging the 2019 review - Ch.8 - minor changes to the list of plans  - Appendix A - strategic assessment outcomes updated - Appendix B - MoRiLE outcomes - Appendix C - refreshed horizon scanning - Appendix D - minor change acknowledging the latest review of the Police & Crime Plan

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# Foreword

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As Chair of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) I am pleased to present the new Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) which took effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

The Community Safety Agreement sets out how partners in Kent will work together to address the key community safety priorities for the County, identifying the shared objectives and outcomes required to improve the lives of the people of Kent. Whilst enforcement of the law will always play a major part in community safety, much can be done to prevent problems before they arise and a great deal of effort is devoted to supporting and safeguarding vulnerable people and their families, tackling issues of substance misuse, improving road safety, enhancing quality of life and developing community resilience.

This agreement replaces the 2014-17 CSA which included an action plan to help tackle the key priorities for the County and I am pleased to say much progress has been made by partners over the last three years, including the joint commissioning of domestic abuse services across Kent which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The development of this new agreement and a refresh of the action plan will help to support and focus partner activities in addressing the key community safety issues identified in the latest review.

Since the last agreement there have been many changes in the world of community safety, however the challenging economic landscape remains an ongoing concern and all agencies and services are continuing to look at the opportunities this presents in applying new methods of service delivery and resourcing. In response to some of these challenges the KCSP supported the establishment of a joint Kent Community Safety Team (KCST), bringing together staff from Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent County Council to help promote closer and more joint working at a strategic level.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise that the success of this agreement can only be achieved through the ongoing delivery of the associated action plans, which would not be possible without the considerable support of partner agencies at both district/borough and county level, as well as non-statutory organisations and the voluntary sector. I would therefore like to thank everyone involved for their efforts and for their continued support.

Mike Hill OBE

*Chair Kent Community Safety Partnership*

*Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services*

# 1. Introduction

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- 1.1. The Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the key community safety priorities for Kent and replaces the previous agreement (2014-17) which expired on 31st March 2017. The CSA is reviewed and refreshed annually, so for details of the current version, effective date and changes to previous documents see version control (page 2).
- 1.2. The CSA is mandatory for two tier authorities such as Kent and helps us to meet our statutory duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006) in which responsible authorities are required to consider crime and disorder in the delivery of all their duties.
- 1.3. This agreement aims to develop a more joined-up approach to public service delivery, to enable more effective and co-ordinated strategic planning across partner agencies and to ensure sustainable and lasting improvements in delivering outcomes. It recognises that community safety issues do not always respect district boundaries, and that coordination of effort can lead to economies of scale, joined up working, and more effective outcomes.
- 1.4. The agreement also aims to deliver against the three countywide ambitions set out in the Vision for Kent 2012-22: to grow the economy; to tackle disadvantage; and to put citizens in control. These ambitions cannot be achieved without the commitment and contribution of all partners through their own delivery plans and strategies as well as multi-agency agreements such as the Kent Community Safety Agreement.
- 1.5. Whilst Medway Unitary Authority does not form part of this agreement, it does undertake a similar process, suitable for unitary authorities, which will include an annual strategic assessment of their community safety issues and production of a Community Safety Plan. Where appropriate, partners in Kent and Medway will work collaboratively to tackle common priorities.

## 2. Legislation

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- 2.1. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation the responsible authorities commonly referred to now as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), were required to carry out three yearly audits and to implement crime reduction strategies.
- 2.2. The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced scrutiny arrangements in the form of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, as well as introducing a number of amendments to the 1998 Act including the addition of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and substance misuse within the remit of the CSP strategies. Reducing reoffending was subsequently added by the Policing and Crime Act 2009.
- 2.3. The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 set out further revisions to the 1998 Act, the most notable of which at district/borough level was the replacement of three yearly audits with an annual strategic assessment, triennial partnership plan and public consultations. For two tier authorities such as Kent, the statutory Community Safety Agreement was introduced.
- 2.4. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to replace Police Authorities in England and Wales. This brought with it a requirement for the PCC to have regard to the priorities of the responsible authorities making up the CSPs and for those authorities to have regard to the police and crime objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan. The legislation also brought with it a mutual duty for the PCC and the responsible authorities to act in co-operation with each other in exercising their respective functions.

# 3. Changes to the Community Safety Landscape

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In recent years there have been many changes both nationally and locally that impact upon the work of partners involved in community safety.

## Changes to Legislation

- 3.1. Domestic Homicide Reviews: The requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) came into effect on 13th April 2011 and in Kent and Medway it was agreed that these would be commissioned by the Kent Community Safety Partnership utilising pooled funding on behalf of the local CSPs including Medway. The process is managed, coordinated and administered by the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST). The DHR process has been developed and enhanced since its introduction and continues to involve input from a wide variety of partners from across the county and beyond. Updated statutory guidance from the Home Office released in December 2016 strengthened the role of the CSP in the DHR process and brought in additional requirements in order to meet the required standard.
- 3.2. Anti-Social Behaviour: The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, received royal assent on 13th March 2014. The Act introduced simpler more effective powers to tackle anti-social behaviour to provide better protection for victims and communities including a new Community Trigger and Community Remedy to give people a greater say in how agencies respond to complaints. Partners have been working together since the introduction of the legislation to effectively implement the changes across the county. Updated statutory guidance from the Home Office released in December 2017 has brought greater clarity around the use of the tools and powers introduced by the Act.
- 3.3. Safeguarding: Between 2014 and 2016 a number of pieces of legislation were introduced to provide authorities with additional tools, powers and statutory duties to tackle community safety and safeguarding issues. Legislation included the Care Act 2014, Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, Serious Crime Act 2015, Modern Slavery Act 2015 and Psychoactive Substances Act 2016. These pieces of legislation introduced a range of new duties including new reporting and referral mechanisms, staff awareness requirements and impacts on contract management to be included in the everyday work of relevant organisations. More recently statutory guidance was introduced regarding inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018'. This continues to be an evolving area of work.

- 3.4. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR): This came into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and whilst not solely related to community safety activities, it has resulted in partners reviewing and refreshing their information sharing practices, updating the Kent and Medway Information Sharing Protocol and development of Privacy Notices to cover a variety of partnership activities.
- 3.5. Domestic Abuse: On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 the Government published its draft Domestic Abuse Bill and although it is not yet law the proposed changes will impact on victims and their families and the agencies that support them by improving the response to domestic abuse. Some of the recommended changes include a statutory definition of domestic abuse; introduction of a Domestic Abuse Commissioner; a new domestic abuse protection notice and order; prohibition of perpetrators from cross-examining their victims in person in the family courts, etc. This is an evolving piece of draft legislation but Community Safety partners welcome the potential changes that new legislation could bring.

### Partnership Changes and Challenges

The following are still in progress but provide an outline of some of the changes and challenges which will impact the community safety landscape in the coming months and years. Further updates will be available in future versions of this document:

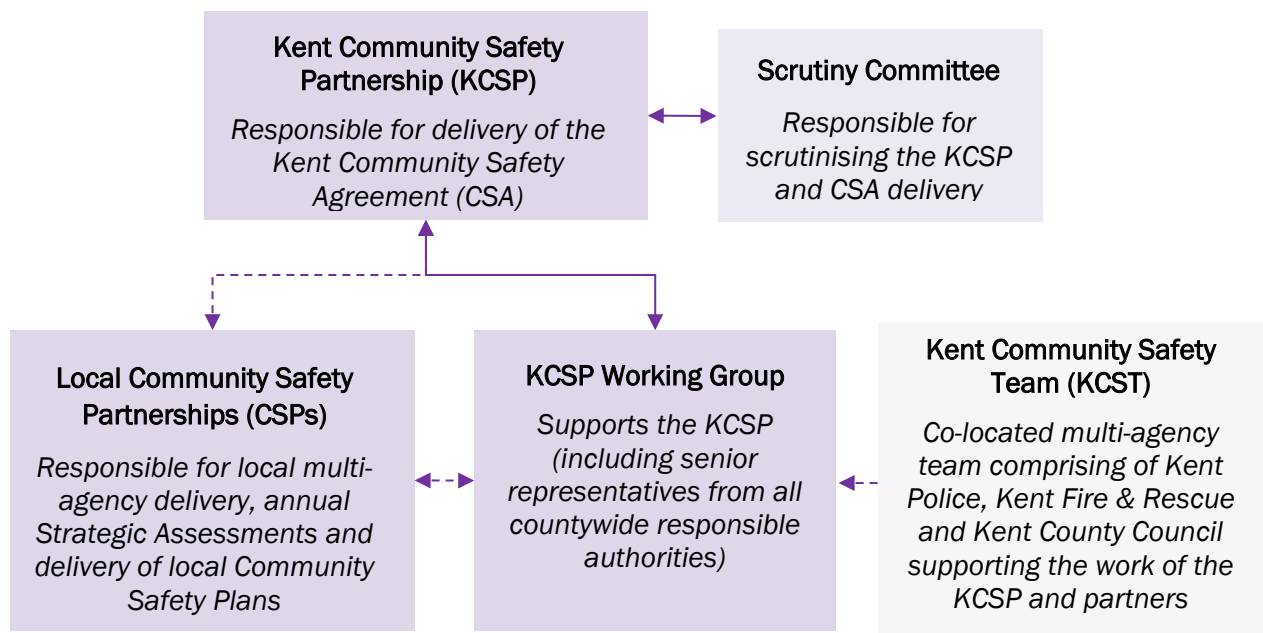
- 3.6. Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC): In response to the Government's national Serious Violence Strategy, the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) launched a year-long study in 2018 into the challenges around reducing violence. The PCC has been working with victims, residents, charities, statutory bodies and others to learn about people's experiences of violent crime, its causes and how it can be tackled. Partner agencies have been challenged to look at opportunities to address this issue and a report will be released by the PCC in spring/summer 2019. In addition, funding provided by the PCC to Community Safety Partnerships in Kent and Medway for 2019/20 will have a particular focus around tackling violence
- 3.7. Future Arrangements for Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs): The Ministry of Justice is working on the design of future arrangements for Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) in consultation with key stakeholders, including Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs). The procurement process for new contracts is due to commence in spring 2019.
- 3.8. Transformation of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs): There are currently eight CCGs within the Kent and Medway area. A Sustainability & Transformation Partnership is in place across health and social care for Kent and Medway and is currently leading on some elements of Strategic Commissioning. Further transformation of the commissioning landscape will take place during 2019/20.

## 4. Governance

- 4.1. The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is responsible for the delivery of the Kent Community Safety Agreement priorities, with membership taken from senior officers across the responsible authorities (see below), local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Chairs and the County Council portfolio holder.

The Responsible Authorities are: Kent Police, District & Borough Councils, Kent County Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Kent Fire & Rescue Service and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company

- 4.2. The KCSP is supported by a Working Group consisting of senior representatives from all the countywide statutory partners. In addition, the multi-agency Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) which is formed of staff from Police, Fire & Rescue and KCC helps support the work of both county and district partners.
- 4.3. The statutory partners aim to effectively and efficiently deliver the priorities outlined in this agreement and to comply with statutory responsibilities.
- 4.4. The KCC Scrutiny Committee will also serve as the Crime and Disorder Committee as required and therefore will have a statutory responsibility to review and scrutinise delivery of the Community Safety Agreement.



## 5. Key Achievements

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During 2018-19 the key priorities identified as those with the potential to benefit from being supported at a county level included Domestic Abuse, Substance Misuse, Safeguarding Vulnerable People, Serious & Organised Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, Road Safety and Preventing Extremism & Hate. The priorities were addressed through a rolling partnership action plan which outlines the key aims of the agreement and ensures a coordinated approach by linking into existing multi-agency partnership arrangements where possible. Progress made by partners is monitored and reported to the Kent Community Safety Partnership on a regular basis by the Working Group.

Some of the progress and key achievements include:

- **Preventing Extremism and Hate Conference:** The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) has delivered a conference for the benefit of partners in Kent and Medway for a number of years with a different community safety focus each year. In 2018/19 a need was identified for a conference focusing on the new CSA priority of 'Preventing Extremism and Hate'. As a result a conference was delivered on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 with 220 staff, volunteers and community members in attendance. The event was organised by the Kent Community Safety Team, KCC Prevent Team and partners on behalf of the KCSP utilising funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Work is ongoing to develop an information and learning pack for wider dissemination to conference attendees and beyond.
- **Kent Community Safety Team (KCST):** An audit of the KCSP and KCST identified a number of areas for improvement and assessed that the prospects for improvement were very good. The improvements have now been implemented including regular reviews of the Terms of Reference for the KCSP and its subgroups, stronger outcome focus in the CSA Action Plan and a refresh of the KCST Memorandum of Understanding. As part of the continuing development of the team, a coordinator has been appointed and is currently working on a joint business plan, developing the office space to facilitate greater opportunities for joint working and branding for the KCST. Throughout 2018/19 the team has continued to support the work of all three agencies as well as the KCSP by helping to jointly deliver projects and workshops.
- **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs):** During 2018/19 the KCSP has published one completed review following quality assurance from the Home Office, ensured that 28 recommendations from across four different DHRs have been implemented; this includes one review which has been signed off with all recommendations complete. In addition to the reviews the KCST has delivered three successful DHR Lessons Learnt Seminars to approximately 300 frontline practitioners and professionals to

share the learning from the reviews and inform future practices. The Kent Community Safety Team continues to manage the current caseload on behalf of the Community Safety Partnerships across Kent and Medway and these are at various stages of the DHR process.

- **Project Funding:** In 2018/19 the KCSP used the community safety funding provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to fund a total of eight projects focusing on a variety of topics. These included support to: refresh the Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Services website; provide cybercrime training; develop a financial abuse video; pilot a refreshed version of the Licence to Kill road safety programme; deliver gangs training; purchase equipment to filter nuisance calls to prevent scams; support the development of a countywide education product for young people; as well as the Preventing Extremism & Hate Conference already mentioned. The achievements and outcomes of these projects are monitored by the KCSP Working Group and reported back to the PCC.
- **Information Sharing:** The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) continues to coordinate and source data, reports and information on a variety of issues to be shared with community safety partners across the County via the Safer Communities Portal. In addition, the KCST continues to produce a community safety partnership newsletter, four of which were published in 2018/19 including input from partners across the county to help share information, examples of best practice, good news stories and upcoming events.
- **Workshops / Events:** During 2018/19, in addition to events already mentioned, the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) organised and delivered a number of workshops to support partnership delivery including Vulnerability Training to tackle violence in the night time economy; and Community Safety Information Sessions on a variety of topics. Furthermore, Public Health secured funding for a range of projects as part of the multi-agency suicide prevention strategy including commissioning Suicide Prevention training which to date has been attended by over 1,000 people as well as additional investment for the 'Release the Pressure' social marketing campaign resulting in thousands of web visits and helpline calls.
- **Operations:** During 2018/19 the Kent Community Safety Team with Kent Police leading, has delivered numerous multi-agency operations across the county to tackle vulnerability and violence in the night time economy (NTE) with an additional focus on Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and Child Sexual Exploitation.

Whilst the CSA action plan sets out how partners aim to address the overarching priorities across the county, each local CSP in Kent has their own community safety plan and associated initiatives aimed at tackling the most relevant issues for their residents.

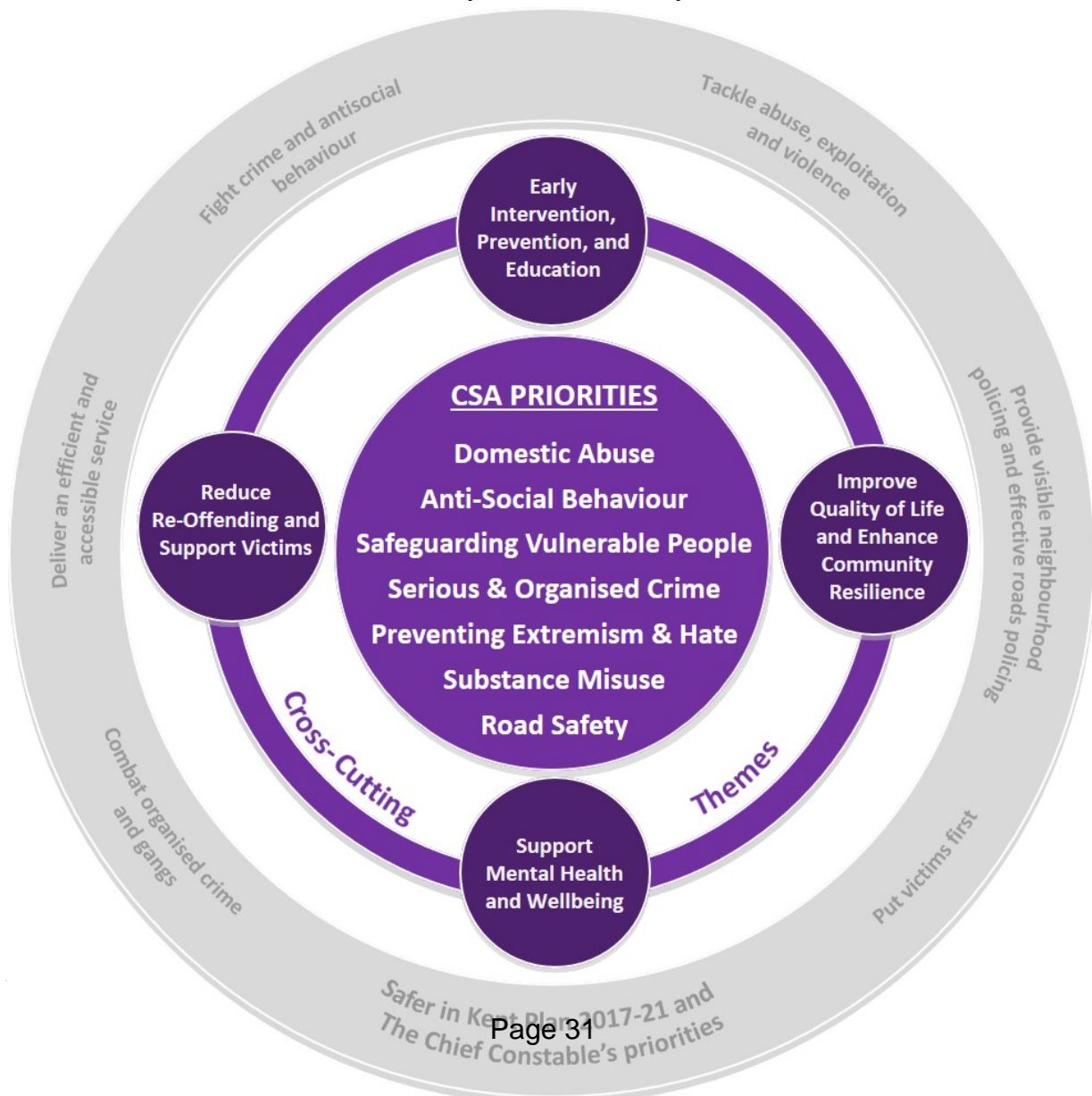
# County Priorities

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- 6.1. To help identify the community safety priorities for Kent as well as the local district/borough partnerships a wide variety of datasets are sourced from partner agencies and analysed to ascertain the key issues. The review of data is complemented by other sources of information such as horizon scanning (including legislative changes) and partnership plans etc. which all help to identify and formulate the priorities for the forthcoming year.
- 6.2. At a local level, the eleven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across Kent undertake an annual strategic assessment process to identify the priorities for their own district/borough community safety plans. The outcomes of these assessments for the new financial year are shown in the appendix and have been incorporated into the review of the priorities for the Community Safety Agreement (CSA).
- 6.3. In 2016-17 a pilot was undertaken by several of the district/borough CSPs as well as the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) to trial the use of the MoRiLE (*Management of Risk in Law Enforcement*) scoring matrix as part of the assessment process. The matrix helped partners to rank specific issues based on threat, risk and harm and to support the selection of the priorities within the local assessments and the Community Safety Agreement. In subsequent years this has been refreshed for the County CSA. Further details are provided in the appendix.
- 6.4. In recent years the priorities and themes within the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) have developed from more crime and disorder based priorities to incorporate a wider range of issues. These include a number of safeguarding issues and new duties such as preventing violent extremism, hate crime, gangs, organised crime groups, child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, online safety, cybercrime, mental health, vulnerable people, victims etc. Many of which were incorporated into the broader themes identified in the April 2017 CSA of 'Safeguarding Vulnerable People' and 'Serious and Organised Crime' and were also reflected in the priorities identified by the local CSPs.
- 6.5. Following the review in 2018 it became evident that preventing violent extremism along with hate crime had risen up the priority listings and warranted being a priority in its own right – 'Preventing Extremism and Hate'. In the same 2018 review the profile of Road Safety had dropped at a local level but remains an issue for county partners and is being addressed by the multi-agency Road Casualty Reduction Partnership (RCRP). It was therefore agreed by partners

that it would be beneficial for road safety to remain a focus area within the CSA but to note that this priority would be led by the RCRP and report back to the KCSP as necessary.

- 6.6. In the 2019 review no major changes have been identified for the overarching priorities although some of the emerging issues such as the Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC) launched by the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner in 2018/19 and possible community safety related impacts of Brexit are worthy of note. These two areas can however be incorporated into existing priorities such as Serious and Organised Crime, Safeguarding Vulnerable People and Preventing Extremism and Hate.
- 6.7 In addition to the priorities, the CSA also includes a number of cross-cutting themes to be addressed within each priority as appropriate. Following the 2018 review, a new theme was added - 'Support Mental Health and Wellbeing', however the latest review has not identified any additional cross cutting issues. The combination of priorities and themes identified within the CSA highlights the need for community safety partners to support and safeguard the most vulnerable members of society across a variety of issues.



- 6.8 The diagram above not only includes the priorities and cross-cutting themes for the Community Safety Agreement but also shows those identified in the latest update of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer in Kent Plan 2017-21, reflecting the mutual need for CSPs and the PCC to have due regard for each other's priorities.
- 6.9 Several of the identified priorities already have existing multi-agency partnership arrangements in place that are ensuring a coordinated approach across organisations at a strategic level. Including groups such as the *Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group; Domestic Homicide Review Steering Group; Road Casualty Reduction Partnership; Kent Safeguarding Children Board; Kent & Medway Safeguarding Adults Board; Risks, Threats & Vulnerabilities Group; Prevent Duty Delivery Board; Channel Panel; Hate Crime Forum; Kent & Medway Reducing Offending Board*; etc.
- 6.10 These multi-agency partnerships can be further enhanced with links to the Kent Community Safety Agreement and where necessary suitable co-operative arrangements and joint interventions can be established to deliver shared priorities or issues.

Note:

- Safeguarding Vulnerable People includes: *Child Sexual Exploitation, Scams, Cybercrime, Victims, Vulnerable People at Risk of Exploitation*
- Serious and Organised Crime includes: *Organised Crime Groups (OCGs), Gangs, Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking, Violence Reduction*
- Preventing Extremism & Hate includes: *Preventing Violent Extremism, Counter-Terrorism, Hate Crimes, Brexit*

## 7. Leads

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Lead officers for each of the priorities have been identified below and have the responsibility for developing, with partners, the action plans to address the countywide priorities. The leads will also act as a champion for the designated priority and provide regular progress updates for the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) and Scrutiny Committee as required.

Priority	Lead
Domestic Abuse	Chair of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group
Anti-social Behaviour	Head of Public Protection and Partnership Command, Kent Police
Substance Misuse	Consultant in Public Health, Kent County Council
Serious and Organised Crime	Head of Public Protection and Partnership Command, Kent Police
Safeguarding Vulnerable People	Group Head of Public Protection, Kent County Council
Road Safety	Director Operations, Kent Fire and Rescue Service; and Head of Transportation, Kent County Council
Preventing Extremism and Hate	Prevent and Channel Strategic Manager, Kent County Council

## 8. Links to Plans

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The priorities set out in this Community Safety Agreement link to, and assist in the achievement of a number of national and local partnership plans and strategies including:

- Vision for Kent
- Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan
- Local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Community Safety Plans
- Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy (in development)
- Kent Drug and Alcohol Strategy
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service Corporate and Customer Plan
- Kent Criminal Justice Board Strategic Plan
- Kent and Medway Strategic Plan for Reducing Reoffending
- Medway Community Safety Plan
- Road Casualty Reduction Strategy for Kent
- Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan
- Kent Safeguarding Children Board – Children and Young People Strategy
- Prevent Duty Delivery Board Action Plan
- Kent County Council's Strategic Statement 2015 – 2020: Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes
- Kent Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

# 9. Responsible Authorities

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This agreement has been drawn up on behalf of the Partners of the Kent Community Safety Partnership and in association with the Office of the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner:-

- Kent Police
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS)
- Kent County Council
- Local District/Borough Authorities
- Local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)
- Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (KSS CRC)
- Local District/Borough Community Safety Partnerships

# Appendix A: Strategic Assessments (2019-20)

Local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) strategic assessments:

All statutory partners including Police, Fire and Rescue, Health, Probation, County Council services, Local Authority services provided community safety information for use by the eleven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Kent during the strategic assessment process to help determine their key priorities.

The following table shows the outcome of the local assessments completed in early 2019, with the key issues identified locally either as a main priority, cross-cutting theme or as part of a broader theme (*Please note at the time of writing some of the outcomes are still draft and may be subject to change before final publication*):

Priority	No. of CSPs identifying these issues
Domestic Abuse	9
Safeguarding and Vulnerability ( <i>including child sexual exploitation, exploitation, vulnerable people, repeat victims</i> )	7
ASB/Environmental	7
Serious and Organised Crime ( <i>including gangs, organised crime groups, county lines, modern slavery</i> )	7
Substance Misuse ( <i>including drugs &amp; alcohol, night time economy</i> )	6
Mental Health	5
Extremism & Hate ( <i>including preventing violent extremism, counter-terrorism &amp; hate crimes</i> )	5
Tackling Violence ( <i>including violence reduction, youth violence, weapons</i> )	5
Crime ( <i>including acquisitive, property, doorstep crime &amp; scams</i> )	5
Strengthening Communities ( <i>cohesion, resilience, reassurance</i> )	4
Reducing Offending and Reoffending	3
Road Safety	1

*Other focus areas identified by districts/boroughs include: homelessness, preventing fires/arson, communication and information sharing, diversionary activities, funding, hot spot locations, town centres, etc.*

# Appendix B: MoRiLE Assessment (2017-18)

In 2016-17 the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) facilitated a pilot with six district/borough community safety units in Kent to trial the use of the MoRiLE (*Management of Risk in Law Enforcement*) scoring matrix within the local strategic assessments. The aim of MoRiLE is to enable specific issues to be ranked based on threat, risk and harm and to help target resources at those which have the greatest impact on individuals and communities not just those with the greatest volume of incidents.

At that time a national pilot was also in progress, which Kent participated in, to look at whether MoRiLE which was originally developed for use by law enforcement agencies could be adapted to the needs of multi-agency community safety partnerships (CSPs). In 2016/17 many of the districts/boroughs involved in the Kent pilot incorporated the methodology and outcomes within their strategic assessments to support the identification of local priorities. It should be noted that MoRiLE is not the only element used to identify priorities the assessment also takes into consideration resident's views, partner priorities, new legislation, emerging issues etc.

An updated MoRiLE assessment matrix was developed by the national pilot in 2017 and has been used to inform the latest CSA refresh. The assessment looked at approximately 20 different elements of community safety from modern slavery to vehicle crime. The issues that caused the greatest harm and risk resulting in the highest overall score, unsurprisingly issues such as child sexual exploitation and modern slavery appear high in the rankings:

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	Public Order
Modern Slavery	Mental Health
PREVENT	Violent Crime
Domestic Abuse	Cyber Crime
Gangs	Anti-Social Behaviour
Organised Crime Groups (OCGs)	Hate Crime

Whilst the outcome from the MoRiLE assessment provides a list of priorities based on threat, risk and harm it is not used in isolation but is combined with the outcomes from the district strategic assessments, horizon scanning etc. As such the priorities identified within the CSA may not fully replicate the above listing however most if not all of the issues identified within MoRiLE do form part of the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes.

# Appendix C: Horizon Scanning (2018-19)

Using PESTELO analysis members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) Working Group helped to identify existing and future issues that could impact on communities and may need to be considered as part of community safety plans.

## Political:

- Brexit completion due 29 March 2019 with potential 'no deal';
- Whole council elections for most districts in May 2019.

## Economic:

- Impact of Brexit on the economy;
- Public sector budget cuts;
- Commissioning of services and securing new funding sources;
- Roll out of Universal Credit;
- Increased minimum wage;
- Housing and infrastructure development.

## Social / Demographic:

Many issues identified relate to safeguarding and supporting the most vulnerable members of society including:

- domestic abuse;
- preventing violent extremism;
- child sexual exploitation;
- human trafficking/modern slavery;
- unaccompanied asylum seeking children and looked after children;
- organised crime groups;
- urbanised street gangs;
- psychoactive substances;
- hate crime;
- mental health (including dementia);
- ageing population;
- social isolation.

## Technological:

- Cyber-crime and cyber-enabled crime;
- Online safety;
- Increased availability and use.

## Environmental (and Geographical):

- New developments i.e. North Kent Development, New Dartford Crossing;
- Extreme weather events, i.e. flooding;
- Impact of Brexit on transport routes.

## Legislation:

Recent legislation introduced a range of statutory duties and opportunities including:

- Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014;
- Counter-terrorism and Security Act 2015;
- Modern Slavery Act 2015;
- Serious Crime Act 2015;
- Psychoactive Substances Act 2016;
- Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016;
- Policing and Crime Act 2017;
- Homelessness Reduction Act 2017;
- General Data Protection Regulations;

Upcoming legislation includes:

- Counter-terrorism and Border Security Bill;
- Domestic Abuse Bill

## Organisational:

- Public sector restructures
- New ways of working (i.e. service commissioning, multi-agency hubs, increased collaboration)
- Increased support from volunteers;
- Impact of Brexit on business continuity

# Appendix D: Police & Crime Plan (2017-2021)

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The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to replace Police Authorities in England and Wales. Under this legislation, the PCC is required to produce a Police and Crime Plan that sets out the vision and priorities for policing and community safety, as well as the objectives and ambitions that the Police will be held to account on. The legislation also includes a requirement for the responsible authorities making up the CSPs to have regard to the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan as well as a mutual duty to act in co-operation with each other in exercising their respective functions.

The following is an extract from the Police and Crime Plan entitled '**Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan 2017-2021**' (spring 2019 version).

The guiding principles of the plan are:

- People suffering mental ill health need the right care from the right person
- Crime is important no matter where it takes place
- Vulnerable people must be protected from harm

The Chief Constable's priorities are to:

1. Put victims first
2. Fight crime and antisocial behaviour
3. Tackle abuse, exploitation and violence
4. Combat organised crime and gangs
5. Provide visible neighbourhood policing and effective roads policing
6. Deliver an efficient and accessible service

The Police and Crime Commissioner will:

1. Hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of Kent Police's priorities
2. Enhance services for victims of crime and abuse
3. Commission services that reduce pressure on policing due to mental health
4. Invest in schemes that make people safer and reduce re-offending
5. Make offenders pay for the harm that they have caused
6. Actively engage with residents in Kent and Medway

The Police and Crime Plan priorities included in the diagram on p.12 of the Community Safety Agreement reflect the Chief Constable's priorities detailed above.



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**Summary** This report provides an update on the key activities and projects being managed on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership by the Working Group.

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## **1.0 Background / Introduction**

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation the responsible authorities were required to form multi-agency 'Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships' to undertake this activity. Subsequent revisions introduced additional responsibilities to tackle anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reduce reoffending and the partnerships were renamed Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).
- 1.2 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) operates at a County level with the overarching purpose to manage the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) on behalf of the responsible authorities in Kent and to deliver safer and stronger communities. The KCSP is supported by a multi-agency working group which has a particular remit to prepare and monitor the Community Safety Agreement including the action plan and performance reports, as well as managing the Kent Community Safety fund on behalf of the governing group.

## **2.0 Annual Community Safety Conference**

- 2.1 The KCSP has delivered a Community Safety Conference for the benefit of partners across the county for a number of years with a different focus each year. This year's theme was 'Preventing Extremism and Hate' and was held on 27th November 2018 at Detling Showground and was funded through the Crime Reduction Grant from the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner. It was attended by 220 staff, volunteers and community members. The event supported delivery of the multi-agency Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA).
- 2.2 The conference included a number of excellent and enlightening speakers covering Prevent from the national and local perspective, the Channel referral process, interventions and case studies, followed by a focus on community cohesion and working together to counteract hate and extremism.

- 2.3 To gauge the level of knowledge and understanding of the attendees a series of questions were asked, using voting buttons, at the start of the day and repeated at the end to assess the impact of the conference and how awareness had changed. By the end of the conference 91% felt they had good or excellent knowledge about the profile of extremism and hate in the county, 92% were confident or fairly confident about making a Prevent referral, 84% had good or excellent awareness of projects that promote tolerance in communities and 81% felt their organisations could have more involvement with promoting community cohesion.
- 2.4 The feedback collated from the conference is being used by the working group to develop a learning pack for dissemination to attendees and others, to cascade the learning more widely. The pack will include an overview of the conference content, details of referral and reporting processes, links to useful guides / websites / training packages etc, contact details for relevant teams / organisations and some case studies highlighting local community cohesion activities to help share examples of good practice.

### **3.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2018/19**

- 3.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated £39,661 to the KCSP in 2018/19 to fund pan Kent projects focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan. Similar funding has also been provided by the PCC to all Community Safety Partnerships across Kent and Medway to help deliver projects in support of local priorities.
- 3.2 Of that £27,042 was allocated for upfront expenditure and the remainder (£12,619) allocated to the tactical pot for emerging issues in-year.
- 3.3 The partnership helped to fund six projects in 2018/19 as follows:
- Cybercrime and Online Safety - The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) has secured the Cyber Crime Protect Officer from Kent & Essex Serious Crime Directorate to deliver an awareness session and four 'train the trainer' programmes. The Cybercrime Awareness session took place on 28<sup>th</sup> November to highlight this issue with partners and to encourage them to sign up to the Train the Trainer sessions to disseminate these messages within their organisations and out in the community. Two of the four Train the Trainer sessions took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> March with the other two sessions scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> March.
  - Domestic Abuse Services Website - The KCST are working with the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Tactical Group to refresh the current website and a Task & Finish Group has been working with the website developers to design the new website specification and content.
  - Licence to Kill (L2K) - The L2K Working Group has undertaken a review of the current hard-hitting programme working with a behaviour change expert to develop a new product more in line with current behaviour change theory. The programme is being piloted in Kent and Medway with the same focus around road safety and raising awareness of the risks to young people but delivered in a different way. School based road safety shows will take place in Medway (11th-

14th March) and theatre-based sessions will take place in Kent on 15th March for up to 1,500 young people.

- Financial Abuse Video - This project was partially funded by the KCSP and additional funding was sought elsewhere by Kent Trading Standards, enabling the production of a professional 5 minute, dramatic and hard-hitting video that highlights the significant detriment caused to vulnerable adults from financial abuse in particular doorstep crimes.
- Gangs Training – The project will deliver frontline staff gangs training for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) that did not receive this as part of the previous year’s funding, plus extra sessions for unmet demand in other areas. Additionally, we are looking to work with local providers to pilot different gang awareness workshops in schools and evaluate the impact to help develop and inform future delivery and practice.
- Preventing Extremism and Hate Conference – Countywide conference as detailed in section 2 of this paper.

3.5 There was potentially an underspend of £7,800 due to unallocated funding from the tactical pot and underspend from some of the projects. Therefore, it was discussed at the February KCSP Working Group meeting and subsequently approved by the Chair of the KCSP to fund the following projects subject to final approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC):

- Additional TrueCall devices to filter and block phone calls to support vulnerable scam victims.
- Amelix ‘App Amensty’ joint project to contribute to funding the roll out of a project with schools and young people to educate on the risks concerning certain apps and online behaviour.

3.5 It should be noted that feedback on the outcomes from all of the above projects funded in 2018/19 must be completed and submitted to the OPCC by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. A final update on the projects will be provided at the next KCSP meeting.

#### **4.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2019/20**

4.1 The Kent PCC has confirmed that the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) will retain its current level of funding for 2019/20 of £39,661. Up to a third of this funding (£13,220) can be allocated to a tactical pot to be spent in-year on emerging issues.

4.2 The funding criteria for 2019/20 has been refreshed and the PCC has confirmed a focus on preventing and reducing violent crime, aligning with the delivery of his Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC).

4.3 It should be noted that the submission dates for the 2019/20 business cases to the OPCC was 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. As such, the KCSP Working Group considered a number of projects for the 2019/20 financial year at their last meeting in February 2019. These included a community safety conference and a number of projects that will help deliver against the VRC.

4.4 At the time of writing this report the projects for 2019/20 have not yet been finalised, however a verbal update will be provided at the meeting to advise on the recommended projects submitted to the PCC with the agreement of the chair of the KCSP.

## **5.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)**

5.1 As part of the KCST's role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, the team produces a partnership newsletter on Community Safety in Kent highlighting and promoting community safety work across the county. The latest edition published in December 2018 had a range of articles including updates on partnership activities and training such as the Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week, the White Ribbon Campaign, targeting of loan sharks, vulnerability training in the Night Time Economy etc. The next edition is due in April 2019 and the KCST are currently liaising with partners for suitable articles for inclusion.

5.2 The KCST is in the process of coordinating and delivering a number of events. By the end of 2018/19, the KCST will have delivered three Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Lessons Learnt Seminars (please see DHR Update paper); one Cybercrime Awareness Session, four Cybercrime Train the Trainer sessions; Gangs Awareness Training; and two Community Safety Information Sessions covering topics such as DHR published cases, GDPR, Brexit, Modern Slavery etc.

5.3 The KCSP Working Group would like to encourage partners to contact the KCST if they have any suggested topics for the information sessions, articles for the newsletter or any other suggestions for funding opportunities, training and /or collaborative working. The KCST email address is [communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk).

5.4 As part of the continuing development of the KCST, a coordinator has been appointed and is currently working on developing the team business plan and action plan for the forthcoming year. In addition to this, further development of the KCST office space is also taking place to enable more partners to be able to hot desk from the location in order to facilitate joint working on multi-agency projects.

5.5 Furthermore, it has been noted that although the KCST is undertaking a great deal of work in relation to the community safety partnership working, it is not receiving the recognition for it. Therefore, opportunities to enhance and promote the work of the team are being explored. One way in which this is being done is through the development of a logo and branding for the team.

5.6 It is proposed that in addition to a KCST logo, the team could also develop one for the KCSP which can be used on multi-agency documentation, presentations, events etc. All other CSPs in Kent and Medway have their own logo and it seems appropriate that the Kent CSP should also have its own branding. It is suggested that the two logos could be similar, but slightly different, to highlight the links between the work of the partnership and the team, much like the Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) and the Kent Resilience Team (KRT) have done.

- 5.7 The KCST is reviewing how partners can use new innovation to increase partnership working via information technology.
- 5.8 The KCSP members are asked to support the development of a logo for the KCSP linked to the logo being developed for the KCST.

## **6.0 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST.
- 6.2 The KCSP is asked to agree to the KCST exploring options for designing a brand for the KCSP and KCST
- 6.3 THE KCSP is asked to approve the scoping of a joint IT solution to ensure partners work more efficiently together.

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