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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.

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 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2021/22

- 2.1 The Kent PCC granted the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) £39,661 from the Crime Reduction Grant for 2021/22. The grant will be used to fund projects throughout Kent, 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.
- 2.2 A third of the funding (£13,220) has been automatically allocated to a tactical pot, which cannot be accessed until all projects funded by the Crime Reduction Grants in 2019/20 and 2020/21 have been completed.
- 2.3 Earlier this year, the KCSP Working Group reviewed a range of projects suggested by partners as possible options to receive funding in 2021/22. The following nine

projects have been approved and have either received their allocated funding or are in the process of invoicing the KCSP.

| Projects 2020/21 | Allocation |
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| Dummy CCTV camera's <i>Update - 5 cameras have been given to the KCC wardens covering Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks, all of which have been installed for use by doorstep crime victims. A further 5 cameras have been provided to the wardens covering Ashford & Folkestone & Hythe for use if required but remain available if needed in another area.</i> | £750 |
| 'Spot the Signs' social media campaign <i>Update – Currently, the total video views is 6,845 and the total link clicks is 91. A total of £195.32 has been spent so far.</i> | £1,200 |
| Mental Health Crisis Support Cards <i>Update - The cards are currently being edited and proofread before the order for printing will be made.</i> | £582 |
| Community Safety Conference (virtual webinar) <i>Update - Topics are currently being discussed for the conference and the KCST will soon look at potential dates.</i> | £1,200 |
| OSARA (problem solving) train the trainer <i>Update - The training was delivered in April 2021 to 14 attendees. So far, the learning has been shared with 20 Kent Police officers.</i> <i>The KCST are currently discussing creating training plans so that trainers can collaborate and deliver the training in pairs.</i> | £5,700 |
| Missing Persons and Vulnerability Guidance WebApp roll out (online seminar) <i>Update - The webapp has not yet been completed and it is currently with the Kent Police Media Team. The seminar will be planned once the webapp is complete.</i> | £400 |
| Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) <i>Update - A system for distributing grants has now been established and some invoices have been received from BCRP's and forwarded to finance for payment. Several other invoices are awaited.</i> | £11,315 |
| NVR (Non-Violent Resistance) Foundation Level training <i>Update - The member of staff has completed two out of the four days training – final training day is 25.10.21. During case discussions, a family has been identified to offer NVR parenting sessions to, based on the current concerns.</i> | £500 |
| ASB Tools & Powers Continual Professional Development for Partnerships <i>Update - The timetable and content of the days training has been finalised. Up to 16 attendees can be catered for at each event (4 separate occasions) giving a total of 64.</i> <i>The training is being finalised but planned from January/February this year at various locations around the County so partners have the best chance of attending.</i> | £3,400 |
| Total Allocated Funding | £25,047 |

- 2.4 The remaining £1,394 of the upfront funding which has not been allocated to projects has been added to the tactical pot which can be accessed later in the year when the

outstanding projects from 2019/20 and 2020/21 have been delivered. In total there is just over £14,000 in the tactical pot to support future projects.

3.0 KCSP Funding – Delayed Projects

3.1 As mentioned, above the remaining CRG funding (approx. £14,000) will be held in the tactical pot and cannot be accessed until all outstanding projects, which were funded from previous Crime Reduction Grants, have been delivered. There are currently three projects which are were delayed due to Covid-19 and are still in progress. The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) is in regular contact with the leads to monitor progress of these projects, which include:

- Kent Community Vulnerability Guidance Webapp (2019/20) – The app design is complete and works well. The information is being edited and it is currently with the Kent Police Media/Marketing teams who are reviewing the content.
- Prevention Crime Education Videos (2020/21) – Filming was delayed due to COVID restrictions but much of this has now been completed and is at the editing stage.
- Hate Crime Publicity Material (2020/21) – There has been a delay in the translation of the leaflets into the other languages/formats due to concerns with the provider of the translations for these leaflets. This is being chased up through the Kent Police communications team.

3.2 The KCST are in regular contact with the project leads to monitor progress but nevertheless there is a risk that the KCSP will not be able to access the tactical pot for additional projects later in the year.

3.3 At the last KCSP meeting, the Community Café and the Women’s Breakfast Clubs (Ashford and Maidstone) were outstanding. However, they have since been delivered.

4.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) Update

4.1 The KCST has delivered three Community Safety Information Sessions this year for the benefit of partners, which took place on 27th April, 15th July and 19th October 2021. Various topics were covered, including presentations about the Prevent Education Officers, domestic abuse in relation to older people, stalking, organised dog crime, contextual safeguarding, hate crime, and many others.

4.2 As part of the KCST’s role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, the team produces e-bulletins aimed at providing more frequent but brief updates on emerging community safety issues to practitioners across Kent, such as legislative changes, newly published documents, data releases, links to media articles, funding opportunities, etc. The bulletins are currently being sent out on a monthly basis and the latest one, which was sent on 29th October 2021, included information on the Firesetter Intervention, StreetSafe, news articles, the Domestic Abuse Bill, 16 Days of Action and more.

- 4.3 The KCSP Working Group would like to encourage partners to contact the KCST if they have any suggested topics for the information sessions, brief updates for the bulletins, or any other suggestions for funding opportunities, training and/or collaborative working. In addition, if you would like to be added to the distribution list for the bulletins, please email the KCST: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk

5.0 Review of the Kent Community Safety Team

- 5.1 The concept of a joint multi-agency community safety team was developed in 2013 in response to the challenges of increasing budget pressures and the introduction of the new statutory responsibilities. In consultation and collaboration with our statutory partners and sponsored by the multi-agency Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) the proposal for a Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) was developed with the aim of sharing resources, reducing overlap and potentially minimising the impact of service reductions. The KCST brought together community safety staff from three key partner agencies (Kent County Council, Kent Police and Kent Fire & Rescue Service) to form a co-located team which came into existence in September 2015.
- 5.2 Since the development of the KCST a Memorandum of Understanding has been in place which set out the vision and objectives for the team as well as the governance and working arrangements. The MOU has been refreshed and updated over the years, however to ensure the work of the KCST continues to meet the needs of the Partnership and the partner agencies, the constituent members of the KCST have set up a Task and Finish Group to undertake an impartial review and provide recommendations for the future of the KCST based on the findings. The Review T&FG consists of a representative from each of the three agencies who has not been a dedicated member of the KCST previously. The Terms of Reference for the review have been agreed and work will begin shortly with the outcomes expected early next year.

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.

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