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**Subject:** Kent Community Safety Agreement Update  
– Performance Monitoring

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**Summary:** This report outlines Kent's performance to date regarding the priorities and cross-cutting themes identified in the Kent Community Safety Agreement and the associated Action Plans.

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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the countywide community safety priorities for 2011-14, along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. This agreement received approval from the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) in May 2011.

### **Priorities**

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Acquisitive Crime
- Violent Crime
- Road Safety

### **Cross Cutting Themes**

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Priority Neighbourhoods/Geographic Focus
- Vulnerable Households & Individuals
- Safeguarding Children & Young People
- Reducing Re-Offending

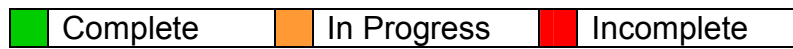
- 1.2 In September 2011, the KCSP also approved the associated action plans which detail how the partners plan to deliver against the priorities and address the cross-cutting themes.

## 2.0 Delivery of the County Priorities

- 2.1 In addition to the action plan, there was a request at the last Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) meeting for a performance framework to be developed. As a result and in consultation with the priority leads and members of the Community Safety Team (CST) a selection of numerical indicators were suggested as proxy measures for each of the priorities. These indicators are detailed in the performance framework and will be monitored alongside the action plan. It should be noted that a couple of the indicators are still under discussion and will be determined in due course.
- 2.2 The Community Safety Team (CST) will routinely monitor progress against the action plan and performance framework and in conjunction with the priority leads will provide progress updates to the KCSP and Overview and Scrutiny Committee as required.

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- 2.3 To assist in the monitoring process, a performance report has been developed to capture changes in the numerical indicators, show progress against the actions and provide a brief commentary for both sections. The report also uses a red/amber/green system to easily identify the status of each of the actions:



### 3.0 Progress towards the County Priorities

- 3.1 Partners are working towards all of the actions identified in the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) action plan and good progress is being made. As expected from the first year of a 3-year plan all of the actions are classified as 'in progress' (amber) and there are no actions at this time which are unlikely to be completed (red).
- 3.2 The attached report (Appendix A) provides details of the actions undertaken so far, however the following provides an example of some of the work being done to tackle the priorities:
- Funding has been established to develop a single countywide anti-social behaviour (ASB) case management system for data sharing across agencies and development is in progress;
  - Creation of a website portal for domestic abuse services in Kent and Medway is in the early stages of scoping/development;
  - An alcohol and cannabis penalty notice for disorder (PND) diversion scheme is being established, with all Kent Police areas participating in the scheme and Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) promoting it;
  - District road safety profiles have been produced for use by CSPs detailing high risk areas and individuals to help develop road safety plans.
- 3.3 In addition to the actions, many of the proxy measures chosen to represent the CSA priorities have shown an improvement compared to the same period in the previous year, although there are a couple of exceptions in relation to domestic abuse, substance misuse and acquisitive crime. Whilst partners do not have direct control over the indicators it is hoped the actions taken to tackle the priorities will contribute to improvements across the county.

### 4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 The indicators within the performance framework will be finalised by the priority leads and monitored by the Community Safety Team. In addition the action plan will be reviewed regularly to assess progress and determine whether any new actions need to be included.
- 4.2 The six priorities within the Community Safety Agreement will be reviewed based on any emerging community safety issues identified by the recent local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) strategic assessments. Details of any changes will be presented to the next KCSP meeting.

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- 4.3 Analysis will be undertaken in support of the '*Priority Neighbourhoods / Geographic Focus*' cross-cutting theme to gain a fuller understanding of the priority wards across the county in relation to the CSA priorities.

### **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That the format and content of the attached performance monitoring report for the Kent Community Safety Agreement 2011-14 is agreed and progress against the priorities is noted.

#### **Attachments:**

Appendix A: CSA Performance Monitoring

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