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Subject: **Community Safety Framework 2012 – 2015**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Members of the Cabinet are asked to consider and either endorse or make recommendations on Kent County Council's draft Framework for Community Safety 2012 – 2015 prior to submission to the County Council for approval.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 created a statutory duty on local authorities to work together with the Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Police Authority and Health Authorities to reduce crime and disorder. Over the subsequent 14 years, Kent County Council has been working in increasingly closer and complex partnerships with a wide range of agencies and community organisations to make communities safer. This has resulted in frontline practitioners successfully tackling a wide range of problems.
- 1.2 Crime, community safety and anti-social behaviour issues remain a high priority for KCC and the public, and the Authority must continue to move forward to ensure we stay ahead of the game.
- 1.3 Although not a legal requirement, it has been helpful in the past to have an overarching framework that illustrates KCC's commitment to the community safety agenda, and provides a road map through the complex environment in which it sits.

2.0 KCC's Draft Framework for Community Safety 2012 – 2015

- 2.1 This framework document covers the period 2012 to 2015 and is intended to provide a clear roadmap of how the numerous and complex services within KCC contribute towards the Community Safety landscape in Kent through prevention, protection and intervention.
- 2.2 It is intended to be a handbook for County Councillors and senior and operational managers to help raise awareness of community safety issues within County Council service areas and clarifies:
 - An overview of who does what in community safety;
 - How all the different agencies work together
 - What has been achieved so far; and
 - What the policies and plans and key issues are for the future.

3.0 Recommendation

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Attachment:

A Framework for Community Safety in Kent 2012 – 2015.

Background Documents : None

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