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Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement Update - Performance Monitoring

Summary: This report outlines progress in relation to the Kent Community Safety Agreement and the associated Action Plans.

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 Reductions Partnerships (now CSP's) 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 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

- 2.2 The above priorities and cross-cutting themes resulted from the strategic assessments undertaken by each local community safety partnership (CSP) in 2010/11 with additional input from partners at a county-level.
- 2.3 Whilst the CSA covers a three year period, it was agreed that the priorities would be reviewed annually and refreshed as appropriate based on any emerging community safety issues identified in the latest CSP strategic assessments. The priorities have subsequently been reviewed following the 2011/12 round of strategic assessments and there were no significant shifts in priorities.

3.0 Progress towards the County Priorities

- 3.1 Partners are continuing to work towards the activities identified in the CSA action plan with all actions currently in progress (amber) and one action '*Establish Alcohol and Cannabis Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) diversion scheme*' listed as complete (green). Although the scheme is in place and running, KDAAT and Kent Police will continue to monitor the outcomes over the coming months.
- 3.2 The attached report (Appendix A) provides more details of the actions undertaken so far, however the following are just a few examples of some of the work being done to tackle the priorities:
- A website portal for domestic abuse services in Kent and Medway has been developed, with business cards and posters to promote the site being distributed to partners. The final phase is the official launch of the website to partners and practitioners, which takes place on 28th November 2012;
 - The draft countywide Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) strategy and minimum standards has undergone lengthy consultation with partners and is now at the stage that it can be presented to the KCSP for approval;
 - A good practice guide for night time economy premises has been circulated via the Kent Police Business Crime Advisory Group to help reduce alcohol related violence.
- 3.3 Whilst good progress is being made against the action plan, unfortunately some of the proxy measures chosen to represent the CSA priorities do not necessarily reflect this. The most significant increase in any of the measures has been a rise in *domestic burglary*, which Kent Police are pro-actively tackling to help prevent further increases in the months leading up to Christmas. On a more positive note some of the other measures such as *theft and handling stolen goods* and *road casualties* are showing an improvement. Whilst partners do not have direct control over many of the indicators it is hoped the actions taken to tackle the priorities will ultimately contribute to improvements across the county.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 As mentioned previously, the wards identified as potential focus areas have been reviewed using consumer demographic data (mosaic) and area profile reports are now complete. These profiles which support the cross-cutting theme '*Priority Neighbourhoods/Geographic Focus*' will be made available to partners via the Safer Communities portal in Kent Connects and a report will be presented at the next KCSP meeting.
- 4.2 During the next few months the Police and Crime Commissioner will be appointed and the 2012/13 round of strategic assessments will be taking place. Any impact that these events may have on the CSA priorities and actions will be presented to the next KCSP meeting.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 That progress in relation to the CSA action plan is noted.
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Attachments:

Appendix A: CSA Performance Monitoring

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