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Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement – Development of a New Agreement and Performance Update

Summary: This report presents the outcomes and achievements of the Kent Community Safety Agreement for 2011-14 and outlines the development of the new Agreement for 2014-17 and the associated action plan.

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 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 community safety priorities for the county along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. The priorities in the 2011-14 CSA resulted from the strategic assessments undertaken in 2010/11 with additional input from partners at a county-level. The priorities included: *Domestic Abuse, Anti-Social Behaviour, Acquisitive Crime, Violent Crime, Substance Misuse and Road Safety*. These were subsequently reviewed on an annual basis however there was no significant shift in priorities during the last three years and the priorities and cross-cutting themes remained unchanged.

2.2 On 31st March 2014 the 2011-14 Agreement came to an end, to be replaced by a new multi-agency document covering the next three years from April 2014 to March 2017.

3.0 Development of the 2014-17 Agreement

3.1 KCSP members may recall the previous paper which detailed the process and development of the new Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) 2014-17. In essence the Agreement resulted from analysis of a variety of datasets provided by partners, using the most current data available at the time. Followed by consultation with partner agencies across the county and incorporating the results of the local strategic assessments undertaken by the eleven district/borough Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Kent.

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- 3.2 The outcome of the analysis and consultation confirmed that the priorities previously identified in the 2011-14 agreement remain an issue and will continue to benefit from a partnership focus. In addition, the cross-cutting themes remain relatively unchanged, with the exception of including ‘supporting victims’ to better reflect the aims and objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

Priorities

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

Cross Cutting Themes

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Reducing Re-Offending
- Safeguarding Children & Young
- Supporting Victims and Vulnerable Households / Individuals

The link between these two strategic documents is emphasised in the attached Community Safety Agreement (see appendix A) which includes a diagram outlining the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes as well as the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

4.0 Outcomes of the 2011-14 Agreement

- 4.1 The final performance report for the 2011-14 action plan (see Appendix B) shows that although several of the actions are complete, many activities/projects do not have a definitive end date and are still ongoing, therefore despite the many achievements, partners continue to record some actions as still in progress.
- 4.2 The attached report provides more details of the actions undertaken during the period of this Agreement, however the following are just a few examples of some of the work that has been done to tackle the priorities:
- A website portal for Domestic Abuse Services in Kent and Medway has been developed and is being promoted.
 - A pooled budget to commission Kent and Medway wide IDVA services across the County has been established and the service is in place.
 - A new ASB case management system has been developed and is being used by Kent Police staff and KCC Community Wardens, further roll out to partners is anticipated during 2014/15.
 - Due to its success the Drug Testing on Arrest pilot implemented at Margate custody is continuing into its third year and a similar scheme will soon be launched at Maidstone custody.
 - The Kent Community Alcohol Partnership (KCAP) has been in existence since 2009 and is the largest of its kind in the country, a new KCAP area was launched last September in Gravesham with other locations currently being progressed.
 - Over 100,000 students have been reached in the last four years with the Kent Police ‘Is it worth it?’ Anti-Social Behaviour School Tour, with a focus on the impact of alcohol on ASB and on violent crime.
 - During the period of the agreement, in excess of 30,000 young people have seen the license to kill performance which is an increase of 6,000 on the previous 3 years.
- 4.3 Whilst good and significant progress has been made against the action plan unfortunately most of the proxy measures chosen to represent the CSA priorities do not necessarily reflect this (see Appendix B). Nevertheless these do highlight some areas of ongoing need which will benefit from a continued focus from partners going forward with the 2014-17 Agreement.

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5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 Discussions are already in progress with partners to develop a new action plan to support the Community Safety Agreement priorities and cross-cutting themes for 2014-17. The development of the action plan is in progress and a working draft is attached for information (see Appendix C).
- 5.2 Discussions are also in progress regarding performance monitoring and whether proxy indicators are suitable measures of progress or whether some other indicators should be considered. Further discussions with partners are planned and a performance framework will be presented at the Next KCSP meeting along with the finalised action plan.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is asked to approve the Kent Community Safety Agreement for 2014-17.
- 6.2 The KCSP is asked to note the achievements of the 2011-14 Community Safety Agreement.
- 6.3 The KCSP is asked to note the progress with regard the draft action plan for 2014-17.

Attachments:

Appendix A: Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17

Appendix B: Performance Monitoring Report 2011-14

Appendix C: Draft CSA Action Plan 2014-17

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