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Summary This report includes details of progress with regards the Kent Community Safety Agreement action plan and the upcoming strategic assessments

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 Community Safety Partnerships) 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 key community safety priorities for the county along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. The current version of the CSA received approval from the KCSP members at their meeting in March 2017 with the new priorities and cross-cutting themes taking effect from April 2017:

Priorities

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Road Safety

Cross Cutting Themes

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Reducing re-offending and supporting victims
- Improving quality of life and enhancing community resilience

2.2 The partnership also agreed that the CSA should become a rolling document rather than covering a set three-year period as previously. Although the Agreement will continue to be reviewed and refreshed annually only the relevant Chapters and appendices within the document will be updated as required.

3.0 Action Plan and Performance Monitoring

3.1 At the last meeting of the KCSP, members were asked to review and approve the refreshed action plan which supports delivery of the CSA priorities. Following the agreement of the plan the KCSP Working Group is monitoring the activities identified and reviewed the latest updates at their meeting in September 2017.

- 3.2 At this early stage only two of the actions from the plan have been completed - the series of anti-social behaviour workshops arranged by the Kent Community Safety Team which began in 2016/17; and the Road Safety data workshop which took place in June. The outcomes from these workshops were referenced at the last KCSP meeting.
- 3.3 Other ongoing actions that partners are involved in delivering include Domestic Homicide Reviews, Awareness Weeks (Adult Safeguarding in October, Domestic Violence in November, Child Sexual Exploitation in March), intel based operations, information sharing, the annual Conference and a variety of projects that received funding from the KCSP / Police and Crime Commissioner. Greater detail relating to many of these activities will be covered within other reports that will be presented at the meeting.
- 3.4 In addition to monitoring the action plan the KCSP Working Group also monitors a set of performance indicators chosen to represent the key priorities. At this stage, there are no unexpected results with regards the proxy indicators; however the partnership is asked to note that the focus areas of domestic abuse and road safety, as previously reported continue to be monitored.
- 3.5 The issue of total recorded crime as well as the data integrity of crime recording was covered in detail at the last KCSP meeting. It was reported that whilst recorded crime had seen a rise, this was largely due to changes in recording practices rather than an increase in crime being committed. This change had also impacted on crime data integrity and following an HMIC inspection a significant programme of activity was put in place including a new comprehensive training package for officers and staff responsible for recording crime and a change in the way those decisions are scrutinised by supervisors.

4.0 Strategic Assessments

- 4.1 The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) has begun work on the annual strategic assessment process. The team is currently working with statutory partners to source and collate data for use by the district Community Safety Partnership's (CSPs) in their strategic assessments to help identify key community safety issues. This data and the outcomes from the local assessments will help inform the annual review of the CSA priorities.
- 4.2 The time frame for the strategic assessment process is as follows:
- September/October, Data requested by the KCST for the most recent year data available and previous 2 years (or whatever is available).
 - End of October – Mid November, Data submissions received.
 - Mid November – January, Strategic Assessments undertaken by districts.
 - January/February, Draft local CSP priorities shared with the KCST to contribute to the CSA review and refresh.
 - March/April, Strategic Assessment signed off by the district Community Safety Partnership.
- 4.3 The KCST will also be revisiting the use of the MoRiLE risk assessment matrix (*Management of Risk in Law Enforcement*) which was trialled last year to help

identify the priorities for the CSA along with the PESTELO analysis undertaken by the KCSP Working Group to identify existing or emerging issues and opportunities.

- 4.4 It should be noted that discussions have been taking place between community safety partners across the county with regards options for streamlining the strategic assessment process in light of the limited resources available to undertake analysis. Any progress in relation to these discussions will be shared with the KCSP at a future date.
- 4.5 The outcome of the next strategic assessment process and the review of the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes will be presented at the next KCSP meeting in 2018.

5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 Continued monitoring of the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) Action Plan and Performance Measures, as well as ongoing assessment and identification of any emerging issues.
- 5.2 Collation of data for the annual strategic assessment process and review of the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress with regard the current Community Safety Agreement.

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