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Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement Update

Summary This report details the annual review of the Kent Community Safety Agreement, a proposed revision to the priorities for 2018/19 and provides an update on the current 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 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. It is a rolling document which is reviewed and refreshed annually with the relevant Chapters and appendices being updated as required.
- 2.2 In the last review of the CSA which took place in March 2017 the 'Safeguarding' priority was expanded to 'Safeguarding Vulnerable People' whilst the cross-cutting themes were updated to reflect the changes to the priorities (see below). The current CSA took 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
- Reduce re-offending and support victims
- Improve quality of life and enhance community resilience

- 2.3 The following report details the latest review process that has been undertaken including the proposed refresh to the priorities and cross-cutting themes.

3.0 CSA Review Process

- 3.1 The review of the new Community Safety Agreement has taken into consideration the outcome of local district/borough strategic assessments, partnership plans, emerging issues, new legislation and the risk assessment matrix known as MoRiLE. Details of these elements are included in the draft refresh of the Community Safety Agreement attached (Appendix A).
- 3.2 Local district/borough Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) have undertaken their annual strategic assessments and are currently finalising their priorities and developing plans for 2018/19. Based on the draft priorities the following appear to be the top issues that are emerging either as a main priority, cross-cutting theme or as an issue within a broader theme:
- Domestic Abuse
 - Safeguarding and Vulnerability
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Serious and Organised Crime
 - Substance Misuse
 - Mental Health
 - Preventing Violent Extremism & Hate Crimes
 - Reducing Offending and Reoffending
- 3.3 Following last year's pilot of the MoRiLE risk assessment *matrix (Management of Risk in Law Enforcement)* the assessment tool has been updated and the new template has been used for this year's assessment. The assessment focuses on threat, risk and harm and as such the priorities ranked most highly tend to be those that cause the greatest harm to individuals and communities. The outcome from MoRiLE has been incorporated into the Community Safety Agreement to support the selection of priorities alongside the usual assessment tools.
- 3.4 Using PESTELO analysis members of the KCSP Working Group helped to identify upcoming events and existing or emerging issues and opportunities that may need to be considered. Many of the safeguarding issues which were identified previously such as preventing violent extremism, child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, online safety, looked after children etc. remain an area of focus and reflect the issues being identified within the legislation and partnership plans.
- 3.5 In addition to the above review of data and information, partnership plans and priorities are also taken into consideration in the development of the CSA including the recently refreshed Police and Crime Plan entitled '*Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan April 2017 to March 2021*'. Many of these plans, including the district/borough strategic assessments, have identified priorities relating to supporting victims, vulnerable people and those with mental health concerns.

4.0 Proposed Updates

- 4.1 Details of the proposed changes are summarised in the version control within the attached draft CSA (see Appendix A), however the most significant updates are in the chapters covering achievements, county priorities and leads as well as the supporting appendices. Other elements of the agreement such as the original

legislation which sets out the statutory requirements for CSPs and the governance arrangements etc. remain unchanged.

- 4.2 In the latest review it is clear that most of the current priorities remain a focus for partners and as such it is recommended that the existing priorities are retained within the CSA. However other focus areas such as preventing violent extremism and hate crime which were previously incorporated into the broader issue of 'Safeguarding Vulnerable People' have risen up the priority listing and therefore warrant becoming a priority in their own right. It is therefore recommended that a priority of 'Preventing Extremism and Hate' be included in the CSA from April 2018.
- 4.3 Whilst most of the current CSA priorities have been identified in the strategic assessments and community safety plans of local CSPs, 'Road Safety' has dropped down the list of priorities. This is not simply because it is no longer a concern but that local partnerships are limited in their ability to impact on this particular issue. At a county level road safety is still a focus for partners and as such it is recommended that it remain within the CSA but the KCSP is asked to note that the lead for this priority is the Kent and Medway Road Casualty Reduction Partnership.
- 4.4 The CSA also includes a number of cross-cutting themes to be addressed within each priority as appropriate. Although mental health is currently linked to safeguarding, vulnerability and resilience, given the clear concern from partners and the increased focus in recent years it is recommended that it should be added as a stand-alone theme entitled 'Support Mental Health Wellbeing'.

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- [Preventing Extremism and Hate](#)
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Cross Cutting Themes

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- Improve quality of life and enhance community resilience
- [Support mental health wellbeing](#)

- 4.5 Alongside the update to the priorities, the leads who act as a champion for each focus area have been updated reflecting changes that have occurred during the last year. This includes the development of the new Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group, as well as the inclusion of a lead for the new proposed priority for 'Preventing extremism and hate'.
- 4.6 The diagram within the CSA has also been updated to reflect the changes above as well as the inclusion of the Chief Constable's priorities as detailed in the latest refresh of the Police and Crime Commissioner's *Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan*.

5.0 Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.1 As part of the CSA refresh the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been updated and partners on the KCSP Working Group have been consulted. The aim of the CSA is to make Kent's communities safer and stronger by bringing together partners from across the county to agree the key priorities and to develop joined-up

approaches. Whilst it is recognised that some people may be more vulnerable and at greater risk of becoming a victim, the CSA is intended to benefit all residents and as such it is not anticipated that any identified group should be adversely impacted by the CSA or the activities within the action plan.

- 5.2 The EqIA will be reviewed by KCC's Equality and Diversity Team to ensure all considerations have been made prior to sign-off.

6.0 CSA Action Plan and Achievements

- 6.1 Partners are continuing to work towards the activities identified in the current CSA action plan linking in with various organisations and multi-agency groups across the county to help tackle the identified priorities and themes. The KCSP Working Group which meets as a sub-group of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is monitoring the activities set out in the Action Plan and reviewed the latest update at their meeting in January 2018.
- 6.2 Key achievements for 2017/18 delivered by partners are outlined in Chapter 5 of the draft Community Safety Agreement as well as in other papers that will be presented at the meeting including:
- Annual Community Safety Conference
 - Kent Community Safety Team
 - Domestic Homicide Reviews
 - Project Delivery
 - Information Sharing
 - Workshop Delivery
- 6.3 Following the refresh of the Community Safety Agreement and revision to the priorities and cross-cutting themes the action plan will also be reviewed and updated by the KCSP Working Group with the support of the Kent Community Safety Team.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is asked to:
- agree the priorities and cross-cutting themes within the attached draft refresh of the Community Safety Agreement subject to any additional partnership feedback; and
 - note the key achievements for 2017/18

Attachments:

Appendix A: Draft Refresh of Community Safety Agreement - April 2018

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