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**Summary** This report provides an update on the key activities and projects being managed on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership by the Working Group.

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## **1.0 Background / Introduction**

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation the responsible authorities were required to form multi-agency 'Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships' to undertake this activity. Subsequent revisions introduced additional responsibilities to tackle anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reduce reoffending and the partnerships were renamed Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).
- 1.2 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) operates at a County level with the overarching purpose to manage the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) on behalf of the responsible authorities in Kent and to deliver safer and stronger communities. The KCSP is supported by a multi-agency working group which has a particular remit to prepare and monitor the Community Safety Agreement including the action plan and performance reports, as well as managing the Kent Community Safety fund on behalf of the governing group.

## **2.0 Preventing Extremism and Hate Community Safety Conference**

- 2.1 An initial planning meeting for the conference was held in early May and as indicated above the emerging focus is 'Preventing Extremism and Hate.' This theme has gained attention following the statutory strategic assessment process where the refresh of the Community Safety Agreement identified Preventing Extremism and Hate as a significant priority across the county. This coupled with the numerous terrorist attacks last year, the move(s) to CRITICAL and the increase in reported hate crimes warrants further focus from the partnerships as well as some coordination at a county level.
- 2.2 Whilst the planning phase has begun, the conference is subject to sourcing funding and a business case has been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner to access the Tactical Pot from this year's Crime Reduction Grant (see section 3 below). Should approval be given the day is likely to focus on the new Government Counter Terrorism Strategy and Prevent in the morning. The afternoon session is

likely to focus on the community cohesion element and will feature inputs from prominent members from the faith community. A provisional date for the conference has been set for 27th November 2018.

### **3.0 KCSP Grant Funding – 2018/19**

- 3.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has confirmed that the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) will retain its current level of funding for the Crime Reduction Grant 2018/19 of £39,661. The new process for this funding involves a business case submission to the PCC ahead of the start of the financial year forecasting in detail the projects that the KCSP will be supporting. It should be noted that one third of the funding can be allocated to a tactical pot at the start of the year enabling the KCSP to submit additional business cases in year to address new projects and emerging issues.
- 3.2 Following the last meeting of the KCSP, the Working Group finalised its review of potential projects for 2018/19 and submitted their recommendations for funding to the Chair of the KCSP. The proposed projects (detailed below) were agreed with the Chair and a business case submitted to the PCC which has since been approved.
- 3.3 The partnership will help fund a total of five projects in 2018/19.
- Domestic Abuse Services website (£5,000) - The project proposal is to improve the existing website by moving it onto a new platform to make it more user friendly in terms of leading the visitor through the information they require more easily. The core functionality of the website will remain in place but with updated aesthetics and stronger accessibility to make the site available to all. Similarly the website will be accessible on any modern device the visitor is using.
  - Licence to Kill programme (£5,000) - Theatre and school based shows around road safety, utilising hard hitting messages to raise awareness of the risks to young people. This will equate to 3-4 theatre sessions for 6000 young people.
  - Gangs Project (£8,130) - In 2017/18 the KCSP supported a successful programme of gangs' awareness training for frontline professionals. There was high demand for this training which was delivered to a total of eight districts. The partnership will continue to support this area of training in 2018/19, addressing gang related activity through education of professionals and young people themselves; this will help upskill staff, raise awareness and tackle issues of abuse, exploitation and violence.
  - Cybercrime and Online Safety Training (£2,912) - This will be a delivery of frontline staff training providing sound knowledge of the topic. The Train the Trainer element enables locally based staff to deliver/cascade practical advice within their local communities on this topic.
  - Financial Abuse Video (£6,000) - To produce a professional 5 minute, dramatic and hard-hitting video that highlights the significant detriment caused to vulnerable adults from doorstep, mail, phone and email fraud and scams.
- 3.4 As highlighted above in section 2.2 a business case has been submitted to the PCC for approximately £10,750 to deliver a countywide Preventing Extremism and Hate

conference to a variety of statutory and non-statutory partners. This would leave £1,869 in the tactical pot to be potentially accessed for additional projects in-year.

#### **4.0 Kent Community Safety Team**

- 4.1 The joint Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) helps to support the work of the KCSP, the KCSP Working Group and a variety of multi-agency projects. It consists of Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) and Kent County Council (KCC) staff.
- 4.2 As part of the KCST's role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, members of the KCST deliver Community Safety Information Sessions throughout the year. The next session will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July at Oakwood House which will include a segment on Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) in addition to the identified focused theme for the day. Future information sessions are being planned and partners are encouraged to contact the [communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk) if they have any suggested topics or would like to present anything to partners.
- 4.3 The fourth edition of the Kent Community Safety Newsletter was produced in April and included informative stories of partnership working to tackle anti-social behaviour, partners working together to assist a vulnerable individual and the spirit of community resilience was highlighted during the snowfall that Kent experienced from the 'beast from the east.' The next edition is due out in July and the team has been liaising with partners for suitable articles for inclusion to highlight and promote community safety work across the county. To subscribe to the newsletter, please contact the KCST via email at [communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk).

#### **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group.

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