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**Subject:** Kent Community Safety Agreement Update

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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

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## **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. The current version of the CSA received approval from the KCSP members at their meeting in March 2018 with the new priorities and cross-cutting themes taking effect from April 2018.

### **Priorities**

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

### **Cross Cutting Themes**

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Reduce re-offending and support victims
- Improve quality of life and enhance community resilience
- Support mental health and wellbeing

## **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 2018.

- 3.2 At this early stage only a couple of the actions from the plan have been completed which include receiving final feedback from two projects which began last year in relation to gangs awareness training for staff and a pilot project supporting adolescents who have lived with domestic abuse. In addition, partners have also completed work on a funding bid to the Home Office from the 'Trusted Relationships Fund' unfortunately although Kent was short-listed we were ultimately unsuccessful. It is hoped that all the work that went into developing the bid will not be completely lost and other funding sources and opportunities are being looked into.
- 3.3 Other ongoing actions that partners are involved in delivering include Domestic Homicide Reviews, Adult Safeguarding Awareness Week, intel based operations, information sharing, conference on preventing extremism and hate 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 to be raised with KCSP members. However it is important to note that the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee were interested in looking at the detail around the indicators and therefore ahead of the next planned Scrutiny Committee in April 2019, it is suggested that the KCSP consider the performance indicator data in more detail at its next meeting in March 2019.

#### **4.0 Strategic Assessments**

- 4.1 The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) has begun work on the annual strategic assessment process. The team is 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:
  - October - Data requested by the KCST for the most recent year data available and previous 2 years (or whatever is available).
  - October/November - Data submissions received.
  - Mid November to 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*) to help identify the priorities for the CSA along with the PESTELO horizon scanning analysis undertaken by the KCSP Working Group to identify existing or emerging issues and opportunities.

4.4 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 2019.

## **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.
- request a discussion on performance indicator data ahead of the Crime and Disorder Committee (April 2019)

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