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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.

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 Annual Community Safety Conference

- 2.1 The KCSP has delivered a Community Safety Conference for the benefit of partners across the county for a number of years with a different focus each year. This year's theme was 'Preventing Extremism and Hate' and was held on 27th November 2018 at Detling Showground and was funded through the Crime Reduction Grant from the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner. It was attended by 220 staff, volunteers and community members. The event supported delivery of the multi-agency Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA).
- 2.2 The conference included a number of excellent and enlightening speakers covering Prevent from the national and local perspective, the Channel referral process, interventions and case studies, followed by a focus on community cohesion and working together to counteract hate and extremism.

- 2.3 To gauge the level of knowledge and understanding of the attendees a series of questions were asked, using voting buttons, at the start of the day and repeated at the end to assess the impact of the conference and how awareness had changed. By the end of the conference 91% felt they had good or excellent knowledge about the profile of extremism and hate in the county, 92% were confident or fairly confident about making a Prevent referral, 84% had good or excellent awareness of projects that promote tolerance in communities and 81% felt their organisations could have more involvement with promoting community cohesion.
- 2.4 The feedback collated from the conference is being used by the working group to develop a learning pack for dissemination to attendees and others, to cascade the learning more widely. The pack will include an overview of the conference content, details of referral and reporting processes, links to useful guides / websites / training packages etc, contact details for relevant teams / organisations and some case studies highlighting local community cohesion activities to help share examples of good practice.

3.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2018/19

- 3.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated £39,661 to the KCSP in 2018/19 to fund pan Kent projects focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan. Similar funding has also been provided by the PCC to all Community Safety Partnerships across Kent and Medway to help deliver projects in support of local priorities.
- 3.2 Of that £27,042 was allocated for upfront expenditure and the remainder (£12,619) allocated to the tactical pot for emerging issues in-year.
- 3.3 The partnership helped to fund six projects in 2018/19 as follows:
- Cybercrime and Online Safety - The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) has secured the Cyber Crime Protect Officer from Kent & Essex Serious Crime Directorate to deliver an awareness session and four 'train the trainer' programmes. The Cybercrime Awareness session took place on 28th November to highlight this issue with partners and to encourage them to sign up to the Train the Trainer sessions to disseminate these messages within their organisations and out in the community. Two of the four Train the Trainer sessions took place on the 4th March with the other two sessions scheduled for the 25th March.
 - Domestic Abuse Services Website - The KCST are working with the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Tactical Group to refresh the current website and a Task & Finish Group has been working with the website developers to design the new website specification and content.
 - Licence to Kill (L2K) - The L2K Working Group has undertaken a review of the current hard-hitting programme working with a behaviour change expert to develop a new product more in line with current behaviour change theory. The programme is being piloted in Kent and Medway with the same focus around road safety and raising awareness of the risks to young people but delivered in a different way. School based road safety shows will take place in Medway (11th-

14th March) and theatre-based sessions will take place in Kent on 15th March for up to 1,500 young people.

- Financial Abuse Video - This project was partially funded by the KCSP and additional funding was sought elsewhere by Kent Trading Standards, enabling the production of a professional 5 minute, dramatic and hard-hitting video that highlights the significant detriment caused to vulnerable adults from financial abuse in particular doorstep crimes.
- Gangs Training – The project will deliver frontline staff gangs training for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) that did not receive this as part of the previous year’s funding, plus extra sessions for unmet demand in other areas. Additionally, we are looking to work with local providers to pilot different gang awareness workshops in schools and evaluate the impact to help develop and inform future delivery and practice.
- Preventing Extremism and Hate Conference – Countywide conference as detailed in section 2 of this paper.

3.5 There was potentially an underspend of £7,800 due to unallocated funding from the tactical pot and underspend from some of the projects. Therefore, it was discussed at the February KCSP Working Group meeting and subsequently approved by the Chair of the KCSP to fund the following projects subject to final approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC):

- Additional TrueCall devices to filter and block phone calls to support vulnerable scam victims.
- Amelix ‘App Amensty’ joint project to contribute to funding the roll out of a project with schools and young people to educate on the risks concerning certain apps and online behaviour.

3.5 It should be noted that feedback on the outcomes from all of the above projects funded in 2018/19 must be completed and submitted to the OPCC by the 30th April 2019. A final update on the projects will be provided at the next KCSP meeting.

4.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2019/20

4.1 The Kent PCC has confirmed that the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) will retain its current level of funding for 2019/20 of £39,661. Up to a third of this funding (£13,220) can be allocated to a tactical pot to be spent in-year on emerging issues.

4.2 The funding criteria for 2019/20 has been refreshed and the PCC has confirmed a focus on preventing and reducing violent crime, aligning with the delivery of his Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC).

4.3 It should be noted that the submission dates for the 2019/20 business cases to the OPCC was 15th March 2019. As such, the KCSP Working Group considered a number of projects for the 2019/20 financial year at their last meeting in February 2019. These included a community safety conference and a number of projects that will help deliver against the VRC.

4.4 At the time of writing this report the projects for 2019/20 have not yet been finalised, however a verbal update will be provided at the meeting to advise on the recommended projects submitted to the PCC with the agreement of the chair of the KCSP.

5.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)

5.1 As part of the KCST's role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, the team produces a partnership newsletter on Community Safety in Kent highlighting and promoting community safety work across the county. The latest edition published in December 2018 had a range of articles including updates on partnership activities and training such as the Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week, the White Ribbon Campaign, targeting of loan sharks, vulnerability training in the Night Time Economy etc. The next edition is due in April 2019 and the KCST are currently liaising with partners for suitable articles for inclusion.

5.2 The KCST is in the process of coordinating and delivering a number of events. By the end of 2018/19, the KCST will have delivered three Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Lessons Learnt Seminars (please see DHR Update paper); one Cybercrime Awareness Session, four Cybercrime Train the Trainer sessions; Gangs Awareness Training; and two Community Safety Information Sessions covering topics such as DHR published cases, GDPR, Brexit, Modern Slavery etc.

5.3 The KCSP Working Group would like to encourage partners to contact the KCST if they have any suggested topics for the information sessions, articles for the newsletter or any other suggestions for funding opportunities, training and /or collaborative working. The KCST email address is communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk.

5.4 As part of the continuing development of the KCST, a coordinator has been appointed and is currently working on developing the team business plan and action plan for the forthcoming year. In addition to this, further development of the KCST office space is also taking place to enable more partners to be able to hot desk from the location in order to facilitate joint working on multi-agency projects.

5.5 Furthermore, it has been noted that although the KCST is undertaking a great deal of work in relation to the community safety partnership working, it is not receiving the recognition for it. Therefore, opportunities to enhance and promote the work of the team are being explored. One way in which this is being done is through the development of a logo and branding for the team.

5.6 It is proposed that in addition to a KCST logo, the team could also develop one for the KCSP which can be used on multi-agency documentation, presentations, events etc. All other CSPs in Kent and Medway have their own logo and it seems appropriate that the Kent CSP should also have its own branding. It is suggested that the two logos could be similar, but slightly different, to highlight the links between the work of the partnership and the team, much like the Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) and the Kent Resilience Team (KRT) have done.

- 5.7 The KCST is reviewing how partners can use new innovation to increase partnership working via information technology.
- 5.8 The KCSP members are asked to support the development of a logo for the KCSP linked to the logo being developed for the KCST.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST.
- 6.2 The KCSP is asked to agree to the KCST exploring options for designing a brand for the KCSP and KCST
- 6.3 THE KCSP is asked to approve the scoping of a joint IT solution to ensure partners work more efficiently together.

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