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Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement Update

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. It is a rolling document which is reviewed and refreshed annually with the relevant Chapters and appendices being updated as required.

Priorities

- Preventing Neighbourhood Crime & ASB
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People
- Serious Violence and Organised Crime
- Preventing Extremism and Hate
- Road Safety
- Violence against women and girls

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
- Response and Recovery from Significant Community Events

3.0 Action Plan Update

3.1 At the KCSP meeting in July, members were presented with the refreshed action plan which supports delivery of the CSA priorities. The KCSP Working Group continues to monitor the activities identified and reviewed the latest updates at their meeting in October 2022. The next review will take place at their meeting in January 2023

- 3.2 At this stage of the year all of the actions are in progress, this includes many activities which are ongoing such as the domestic homicide reviews, working with other multi-agency groups, information sharing, awareness raising etc which link to the Partnership's role in leading and coordinating on countywide community safety issues. A report on the key outcomes of the action plan will be presented at the next KCSP meeting in March but in the meantime an update on the projects funded by the Crime Reduction Grant, including the Community Safety Conference, has been provided in the KCSP Working Group report.
- 3.3 There are some key activities within the plan currently taking place or due to take place which are worthy of note, specifically working with other partnerships to promote and support delivery of awareness events such as Hate Crime Awareness, Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week, and 16-days of Action Against Domestic Abuse – further information about the latter two events can be found in the KCSP Working Group report and here: [Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Services](#) website; [Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board](#) website.
- 3.4 The action plan remains a live document and can be updated and amended during the year as required. In particular it should be noted that other multi-agency groups are working on the implementation of Vision Zero and 'From Harm to Hope' in relation to Road Safety and Substance Misuse, and as such it is possible that some of the actions within the CSA action plan may be updated to reflect this work and the potential support that the KCSP may be able to offer the lead partners.

4.0 Strategic Assessments

- 4.1 Sourcing of data from partner agencies for the annual strategic assessment process is in progress and statutory partners are being contacted 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 KCST is also planning a data workshop for district partners undertaking local strategic assessments which will provisionally take place on 5th December. The Kent Police Central Analytical Team will be attending to explain what their data is showing in terms of trends, hotspots, emerging issues, etc. and to give partners a chance to ask questions. Additional speakers for the event are being identified and will include findings from a number of Needs Assessments that are being developed by partners including Domestic Abuse and Serious Violence.
- 4.3 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 March 2022.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) members are asked to note the update.

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