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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 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2023/24

- 2.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated £39,661 grant funding to the Kent Community Safety Partnership to fund projects in 2023/24, focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the PCC's Making Kent Safer plan. As part of the terms and conditions a third of the funding was placed in a tactical pot for in-year spending. Similar funding was also provided by the PCC to all Community Safety Partnerships across Kent and Medway to help deliver projects in support of local priorities.
- 2.2 In late April 2023, the KCSP Working Group reviewed a range of projects suggested by partners as possible options to receive funding in 2023/24. Of those recommended for funding the PCC approved upfront spending of £21,240 on the following six projects. A summary about each of the projects was included in the last report to KCSP members in July 2023, the following is a brief progress update:

- Reducing Abusive Behaviour Policy and Training (£4,200) – training has been commissioned and is due to be delivered in March 2023
- Domestic Abuse Bitesize Training Videos (£5,440) – work is underway on developing the video content and the graphics for the videos.
- Tackling Victim Blaming Language Training (£1,600) – four 2-hour online sessions have been commissioned and details of the events shared with partners across the county. Two sessions were delivered in September and October with a further two planned in November and December. Approximately 80 people have attended each session with positive feedback from attendees. The remaining sessions are fully booked but if anyone is interested and would like to be added to a waiting list please email the [KCST](#).
- Hateful Extremism CPD event (£3,500) – the event is planned for 27th February 2024. To date the venue and guest speakers have been confirmed and work on the agenda for the day is in progress.
- Anti-Social Behaviour event (£5,000) – the event is planned for 6th February 2024 (further details below).
- Community Safety Information Sessions (£1,500) – the events are being recorded and support for the editing is being explored.

2.3 The remainder of the funding (£18,421) was placed in the tactical pot for in-year use. Following confirmation from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner that the tactical pot could be accessed, several project proposals were received from partners for consideration by the KCSP Working Group in October 2023.

2.4 Based on the discussions undertaken by members of the KCSP Working Group, two projects outlined below, received a consensus of support and have been passed to the KCSP Chair for consideration. If agreed a business case will be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for approval:

- **Gaming Together 2023/2024** (£3,450)
The Gaming Together Project (gaming bus) is a community engagement initiative to promote awareness of how hateful extremism and potential radicalisation is spread via gaming and how it can be countered.
- **BCRP extension to rural locations** (£3,186)
A Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) is a partnership-based approach to preventing crime and disorder. It is a subscription based, business-led, group working with police and the local authority to tackle crime and disorder affecting businesses and the wider community. This project seeks to extend the schemes radio coverage from town centres to rural businesses.

2.5 If the above two projects are approved by the PCC there will be approximately £11,700 remaining in the Tactical Pot. The KCSP Working Group are working with partners to identify suitable additional projects and are in receipt of two more proposals for consideration by partners. If KCSP members have any additional suggestions or would like to discuss potential projects, please contact: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk.

3.0 Kent Community Safety Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Event

- 3.1 The KCSP has delivered Community Safety events for the benefit of partners for a number of years based on an identified need. The most recent event centred around Violence Against Women and Girls was successfully delivered in March 2023.
- 3.2 A multi-agency Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Task and Finish Group (T&FG) has been established and at the last planning meeting it was agreed that the focus of the conference should be around Anti-Social Behaviour in line with Government's ASB Action plan (published in March 2023). The planning group have identified a number of key topics that could be explored within the overarching theme, including: Effects / health implications of Nitrous Oxide; E-Scooters / E Bikes; Community Payback; Housing / Homelessness; Fly tipping; Case Studies / Good Practice
- 3.3 The event planning is in progress with a number of venues being considered. Further planning meetings are scheduled to establish the exact content, format, and speakers. The aim is to hold the event on Tuesday 6th February 2024 in a hybrid format.

4.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)

- 4.1 As part of the KCST's role in sharing information, good practice and facilitating joint working, the team produces and circulates monthly E-Bulletins on emerging community safety issues, relevant news, publications, publications and to highlight and promote community safety work to over 200 practitioners across the county.
- 4.2 The KCST delivers Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS) covering a broad range of topics. For this financial year, the KCST partners have been trialling an alternative format for the CSIS events, making them shorter, lunchtime sessions, and delivering them more frequently. The KCST has devised a schedule around upcoming awareness weeks/topics as well as incorporating new and emerging issues in-year.
- 4.3 Four sessions have been delivered since the start of the financial year focussed on different topics: the first session was delivered to partners in June 2023 on the changes to Neighbourhood Policing in Kent. Subsequent sessions covered the topics of scams, dangerous dogs, Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy consultation, homelessness, Hate Crime (to coincide with Hate Crime Awareness week) and the legal position relating to E-Scooters. All sessions have been well attended and received positive feedback.
- 4.4 The KCST's next session will be delivered on 15th November with topics that support the upcoming awareness weeks mentioned below. Topics to be covered include Co-occurring Conditions linked to Domestic Abuse; and Perpetrator Interventions for domestic abuse and stalking.
- 4.5 If anyone has any suggestions of speakers/topics that would be relevant for the information sessions, or if you would like to attend, please contact the KCST via the team mailbox: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk

- 4.6 The KCST, on behalf of the KCSP, are in the process of delivering DHR learning webinars. So far this year, two webinars have been delivered on different themes identified from the most recently published cases including: Trauma informed practice, Co-occurring conditions, Challenge and Triangulation of Information, Responding to Victims with complexities, Risk assessing, information gathering and sharing and Perpetrator invisibility.
- 4.7 The next DHR learning webinar will take place on 22nd November during the National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week. The event will be delivered jointly with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) and will be focused on 'Who cares for the carers?' to include learning from both DHRs and recent Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs).
- 4.8 The KCST is currently working with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) on the annual Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week (SAAW) campaign (20th-24th November). The KCST has engaged with colleagues within the Kent Community Warden service and at a local district level to ensure that events/activities are taking place during the week as well as sharing the SAAW toolkit.
- 4.9 In addition, the team are also working with colleagues to support and promote the 16 days of Action Against Domestic Abuse which runs between 25th November to 10th December and will be sharing information with colleagues across Kent and Medway.
- 4.10 The KCSP Working Group would like to encourage partners to contact the KCST if they have any suggested updates for the bulletins, or any other suggestions for funding opportunities, training and/or collaborative working. In addition, if you would like to be added to the distribution list for the bulletins, please email the KCST: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk

5.0 Recommendations

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

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