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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

14 DECEMBER 2015

A meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party will be held at **7.00 pm on Monday, 14 December 2015** in the Austen Room, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Membership:

Councillor Elenor (Chairman); Councillors: Bambridge, Campbell, Curran, Dennis, Dixon and Falcon

AGENDA

Item
No

Subject

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

To receive any declarations of interest. Members are advised to consider the advice contained within the Declaration of Interest form attached at the back of this agenda. If a Member declares an interest, they should complete that form and hand it to the officer clerking the meeting and then take the prescribed course of action.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the Minutes of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party meeting held on 14 September 2015, copy attached.

4. **THANET COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN UPDATE FOR 2015 - 2016** (Pages 5 - 6)

5. **CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE**

Members to receive a PowerPoint presentation.

6. **ENGAGING WITH PARTNERS AND THE COMMUNITY**

Declaration of Interests Form

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Jeffrey Elenor (Chairman); Councillors Bambridge,
Campbell, Curran, Dixon, Falcon and Martin

In Attendance: Councillors: Collins and Smith

90. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Dixon proposed, Councillor Martin seconded and Members agreed that Councillor Jeffrey Elenor be the chairman of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party.

Councillor Elenor in the Chair.

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received at the meeting.

92. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

93. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor Dixon seconded and Members agreed the minutes to be a true record of the proceedings of the meeting that was held on 2 July 2015.

94. PERFORMANCE REPORT ON TACKLING THE DRIVERS OF CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Mr Martyn Cassell introduced the item and highlighted the following as key themes of the current Thanet Community Safety Plan for 2015-16:

1. Safeguarding people vulnerable to committing or being a victim of crime;
2. Reducing reoffending;
3. Tackling drivers of crime and anti-social behaviour;
4. Engaging with Partners and the Community.

Out of these key priorities were twelve emerging issues to focus and thirty action points to implement during 2015/16. In their first meeting the working group agreed to look at one priority at each meeting over the course of the year.

Chief Inspector Sharon Adley then led the first presentation on the 'Tackling Drivers of Crime and ASB priority'. She said that in the current safety plan the Police were focusing on tackling drivers of crime, particularly alcohol and substance misuse.

Chief Inspector Adley said that partnership working is key to fighting crime. The plan focussed partners on a range of subjects with alcohol and substance misuse being a major one.

- Police were working on early intervention approaches to reduce anti-social behaviour using new legislation, particularly the Dispersal Orders. Dispersal Orders were effectively used during this summer.
- Trading Standards and Police have worked together on operations to tackle underage sales and the sale of new psychoactive substances often referred to as “legal” or “lethal highs”.
- The partnership funded the Community Pastors project which sees volunteers from Thanet churches assisting those who may be vulnerable during the night time economy. A special operation was done as part of folk week festivities.
- Police officers in Thanet wear body worn cameras which assists them in the prevention and detection of crime and ASB. Licensed premises are also being encouraged to utilise this technology for their door staff.

Members of the working group had also asked Chief Inspector Adley to report on possible increase in gang related activities in the district. It was explained that this subject actually sat in the Safeguarding theme that will be discussed at a future meeting but there was cross over amongst all of the priorities.

A number of initiatives were introduced by Government following the summer of riots in 2011. The Home Office created the Ending Gang and Youth Violence programme (EGYV) that focussed on the areas most in need of support (generally the metropolitan areas and key cities). Learning from this programme showed that this was a national problem and elements of gang culture existed in every town and city. This mainly centres around ‘drug franchises’ and there was growing trend across the country of these moving into areas with high demand.

When the Home Office extended the programme to areas that wanted to benefit from the shared learning, Thanet voluntarily signed up to the scheme in order to proactively plan for any future issues. This means police and TDC take part in monthly teleconferences with the original EGYV areas and share good practice. Inspector Mark Pearson, who works with the Margate Task Force advised Members that a number of good initiatives were already in place in the district.

Neighbourhood Responsibility Panels were working with vulnerable individuals to provide them with multi agency wrap-around support to protect these individuals from harm. Mapping of whole streets through ‘Street Week’ operations was being done and regular enforcement operations were undertaken. It was important to continue to work towards effective strategies for partnership working and identifying drivers of crime to come up with effective interventions.

Members asked the following questions:

1. Does crime come from the local population generation or have dynamics changed?
2. Will the Margate Task Force initiative be extended to other Thanet areas?
3. Are loan sharks being considered as part of the drivers of crime?
4. Can information on Thanet District crime statistics to include local crime demographic be provided to the working party?
5. Policing on beaches and town areas?
6. Was there anticipation that there will be a spike in domestic violence due to the new ‘Benefits System,’ particularly towards Christmas?

Officers offered the following responses:

1. Crime in the area was being committed by both home grown and other individuals from other areas. Individuals may be coming from high cost metropolitan areas to Thanet. However Thanet District Council was doing a great job with the Selective Licensing Scheme which helped reduce crime in those areas designated for the scheme.

2. Senior managers in each of the key agencies have just agreed a new direction and governance and it would result in a bigger co-located Community Safety team of officers based at the Council offices. This will bring the Community Safety Partnership and Margate Taskforce together with wider benefits on using good practice from both. Street Week exercises were now being conducted in Ramsgate's Central Harbour and Eastcliff wards. Ward Councillors will be updated when this happens in future.
3. The Margate Task Force and Community Safety Partnership promoted community awareness regarding loan sharks in last year's plan. Enforcement proceedings were executed in instances where known loan sharks were identified. Credit Unions were being promoted and the team was working with the Citizens Advice Bureau.
4. This was previously provided but hadn't been requested in the setting of terms of reference meeting at the start of the year. TDC and Kent Police will work on a report on crime statistics to be brought to future meetings of the working party.
5. Officers agreed that future Summer Policing Plan will include ensuring that noisy partying during day time from visitors to Thanet beaches will be monitored.
6. Partners were aware of spikes in domestic abuse; Police have a newly established post to work with victims to reduce domestic abuse, signpost to support agencies and safeguarding. The Domestic Abuse Forum, which undertakes all the detailed work is part of the Community Safety Partnership.

The report was noted.

A Member requested that future meetings be held in the Austen Room whose environment was less formal than the Council Chamber.

95. THANET COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN UPDATE FOR 2015/2016

The report was considered in conjunction with minute item 94.

Meeting concluded: 8.20 pm

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THANET COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN UPDATE FOR 2015 – 2016

To: **Community Safety Working Party – 14 December 2015**

By: **Martyn Cassell – Community Safety and Leisure Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All wards**

Summary: This report explains how progress is monitored against the actions in the Community Safety Plan and details particular topics of discussion that will take place during the meeting.

For Information

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (updated in various other legislation since) placed a number of obligations on the Council and other 'responsible authorities' (County Council, Police, Fire, Probation, Health via Clinical Commissioning Groups) to form a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) that would enable agencies to work together to help impact upon crime and disorder, substance misuse and reduce re-offending in the local area. Thanet District Council facilitates the CSP on behalf of these agencies.
- 1.2 Each CSP is required to undertake a strategic needs assessment of all of the relevant data that partners collate and then pull this together into a strategy (the Community Safety Plan) that identifies priority issues and actions to try and resolve/reduce them.
- 1.3 The Community Safety Working Party is a statutory function for the Council to oversee progress of the 'responsible authorities' of the Community Safety Partnership who are Kent Police, Thanet District Council, Kent County Council, Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group, Kent Fire and Rescue and Local Probation Services. Each year a terms of reference is agreed with agencies and directs topics for discussion over the course of the year.
- 1.4 This report details the key topics for conversation at the meeting and how the working group are kept up to date on progress against the 2015-16 community safety plan.

2.0 Meeting topics

- 2.1 Working party members will hear a presentation from Thanet District Council's community safety team about how the partnership has engaged with partners and residents over the course of the year and plans for the rest of the financial year.
- 2.2 A PowerPoint presentation will be given to update members on the current crime and anti-social behaviour statistics for the district.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 To note the updates.

3.2 To make recommendations for the responsible authorities to look at.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 District Council Community Safety staff facilitate the Community Safety Partnership alongside their TDC function of anti-social behaviour case management. Salaries for these staff are covered within the TDC budget for 2015-16.

4.1.2 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has confirmed that Thanet Community Safety Partnership will be awarded a grant of £33,116 to assist in the delivery of the CSP functions. This will be used for commissioning organisations, distributing to local groups for specific crime prevention projects and the development of publicity material to better inform residents of the help available to them.

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 This Community Safety Plan provides evidence of compliance by the District Council and other responsible authorities of the statutory functions contained within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent updates in other legislation.

4.3 Corporate

4.3.1 Community Safety Plan priorities in 2015-16, coincide with the corporate plan objectives set in the 2012-2016 plan (mainly priority 4 'To make our district a safer place to live' and priority 10 'To influence the work of other agencies to ensure the best outcomes for Thanet').

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 To note the update.

5.2 To make recommendations for the responsible authorities to look at.

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THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

Do I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and if so what action should I take?

Your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) are those interests that are, or should be, listed on your Register of Interest Form.

If you are at a meeting and the subject relating to one of your DPIs is to be discussed, in so far as you are aware of the DPI, you **must** declare the existence **and** explain the nature of the DPI during the declarations of interest agenda item, at the commencement of the item under discussion, or when the interest has become apparent

Once you have declared that you have a DPI (unless you have been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, for which you will have applied to the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting) you **must:-**

1. Not speak or vote on the matter;
2. Withdraw from the meeting room during the consideration of the matter;
3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision on the matter.

Do I have a significant interest and if so what action should I take?

A significant interest is an interest (other than a DPI or an interest in an Authority Function) which:

1. Affects the financial position of yourself and/or an associated person; or
Relates to the determination of your application for any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration made by, or on your behalf of, you and/or an associated person;
2. And which, in either case, a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest.

An associated person is defined as:

- A family member or any other person with whom you have a close association, including your spouse, civil partner, or somebody with whom you are living as a husband or wife, or as if you are civil partners; or
- Any person or body who employs or has appointed such persons, any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors; or
- Any person or body in whom such persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000;
- Any body of which you are in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Authority; or
- any body in respect of which you are in a position of general control or management and which:
 - exercises functions of a public nature; or
 - is directed to charitable purposes; or
 - has as its principal purpose or one of its principal purposes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

An Authority Function is defined as: -

- Housing - where you are a tenant of the Council provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease; or
- Any allowance, payment or indemnity given to members of the Council;
- Any ceremonial honour given to members of the Council
- Setting the Council Tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

If you are at a meeting and you think that you have a significant interest then you **must** declare the existence **and** nature of the significant interest at the commencement of the

matter, or when the interest has become apparent, or the declarations of interest agenda item.

Once you have declared that you have a significant interest (unless you have been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, for which you will have applied to the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting) you **must**:-

1. Not speak or vote (unless the public have speaking rights, or you are present to make representations, answer questions or to give evidence relating to the business being discussed in which case you can speak only)
2. Withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the matter or immediately after speaking.
3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision.

Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality

Councillors must declare at meetings any gift, benefit or hospitality with an estimated value (or cumulative value if a series of gifts etc.) of £100 or more. You **must**, at the commencement of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, disclose the existence and nature of the gift, benefit or hospitality, the identity of the donor and how the business under consideration relates to that person or body. However you can stay in the meeting unless it constitutes a significant interest, in which case it should be declared as outlined above.

What if I am unsure?

If you are in any doubt, Members are strongly advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or the Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager well in advance of the meeting.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS AND GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY

MEETING.....

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DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY

THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST, GIFT, BENEFITS OR HOSPITALITY:

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NAME (PRINT):

SIGNATURE:

Please detach and hand this form to the Democratic Services Officer when you are asked to declare any interests.