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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

3 OCTOBER 2016

A meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party will be held at **7.00 pm on Monday, 3 October 2016** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Membership:

Councillor Curran (Chairman); Councillors: Campbell, Dixon, Falcon, Hayton, Martin and M Saunders

A G E N D A

Item
No

Subject

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Campbell has given his apologies for this meeting and will be substituted by Councillor Johnston.

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 - 2)

To approve the Minutes of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party meeting held on 30 June 2016, copy attached.

4. **SEXUAL OFFENCES VICTIMS SUPPORT IN THANET** (Pages 3 - 6)

Members to receive a presentation from Thanet Community Safety Partnership, led by Kent Police.

Declaration of Interests Form

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillors Campbell, Curran, Dixon, Elenor, Falcon, Hayton, Martin and M Saunders.

In Attendance: Councillor D Saunders

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor M Saunders seconded and Members agreed that Councillor Curran be the Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party for the 2016/17 year.

Councillor Curran in the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Elenor who left the meeting at this point.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Campbell, seconded by the Councillor Falcon and Members agreed that the minutes of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party meeting held on 1 February 2016 be approved and signed as a true record.

Jessica Bailey, Community Safety Team Leader, TDC offered to provide Members with an update regarding the proposal to introduce body armour for PCSO's, after the meeting

5. AGREE THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager, TDC introduced the report which asked Members to agree terms of reference and a 2016/17 work programme for the Community Safety Partnership Working Party.

In consideration of the item it was noted that:

- Key topics identified by the Working Party were:
 - Sexual offence support available locally – rape crisis centres in Thanet/reasons for the low proportion of rape allegations that result in conviction in the Thanet area.
 - Rough Sleeping – issues around homelessness and antisocial behaviour.
 - Neighbourhood engagement meetings.
 - Changes to antisocial behaviour legislation – public space protection orders.
 - Littering and dog fouling – enforcement and proportionality of enforcement.
- The Working Party would look at one topic at a time, potentially over a number of meetings, with the intention to fully investigate the item and produce

recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel. It was acknowledged that this approach would not allow the Working Party to investigate all of the key topics identified, however it would allow the chosen topics to be reviewed in more detail.

- The chairman would be invited to the safety partnership executive meetings.
- Penny Button, Head of Safer Neighbourhoods, TDC offered to have the community safety delivery plan circulated to the Working Party. Members may identify additional key topics after consideration of the delivery plan.
- Members were encouraged to submit any specific questions on the topic to be considered in advance of the meeting, this would help to ensure that the content of the meeting meets the specific needs of the Working Party.

The Working Party agreed:

- The terms of reference as shown in Annex 1.
- The Working Party agreed that its first priority was sexual offence support and that the next meeting of the Working Party would begin to look at what support was available locally. The meeting was to be scheduled in July if possible.
- The Community Safety Plan would be considered at a following meeting, after which the Working Party would choose the next topic for investigation.

Meeting concluded: 8.00 pm

<i>Sexual offence support services for Thanet</i>
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Community Safety Partnership **03 October 2016**
Working Party

Report Author	Jessica Bailey, Community Safety Team Leader
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Lin Fairbrass, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Community Services
Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	All wards

Executive Summary:

The first topic that the Community Safety working party wanted to better understand and scrutinise in their role as an OSP sub group for 2016-17, was the volume of offences committed and support services available to victims of sexual assaults in Thanet.

A presentation has been arranged by the relevant officer working within this field for Kent Police, as a member of the Community Safety Partnership.

Key questions have been submitted by members before the meeting and will form the basis of a presentation.

Members will then make recommendations as they see fit and take a view as to what further scrutiny may be required.

Recommendation(s):

To be determined following the meeting.

- 1 Note the presentation;
and either
2. Request further information and agree on further lines of enquiry for scrutiny;
or
3. Formulate and forward any recommendations to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel for onward submission to the Police Crime Panel.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications currently arising from this information report.
Legal	There are no legal implications currently arising from this information report.

Corporate	There are no corporate risks associated with this report.								
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</td> <td>X</td> </tr> </table> <p>There are no equity and equalities issues arising directly from this report but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these. It should also be noted that a review to be conducted by one of the working parties focuses on protecting vulnerable individuals of the local community from violence.</p>	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.		Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	X	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	X	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	X
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 At the meeting held on the 30th June 2016, Community Safety Working party members agreed a different approach undertaking their role as a scrutiny sub group of OSP for 2016/17 in that they would focus on a smaller number of subjects in greater depth.
- 1.2 The first topic that the working party wanted to better understand and scrutinise was the volume of offences committed and support services available to victims of sexual assaults in Thanet.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 Members raised concerns about the issue and the following questions were submitted for further scrutiny:
- What support is available in Thanet to victims of sexual offences?
 - Where is the nearest rape crisis centre for providing victim support?

- What are the reasons for the low proportion of rape allegations that result in conviction in Thanet?
- 2.2 Acting Detective Chief Inspector Max Davidson, from Kent Police Sexual Investigation Team has been invited to the meeting as a representative from Kent Police as a statutory member of the Thanet Community Safety Partnership.
- 2.3 An overview will be given updating on the current situation and service provision in response to the above points.

3.0 Options

Following the presentation and question responses, working party members can:

- 3.1 Note the information and explanations given;
Or either
- 3.2 Request further information and agree on further lines of enquiry for scrutiny;
Or
- 3.3 Formulate and forward any recommendations to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel for onward submission to the Police Crime Panel.

4.0 Other considerations

- 4.1 Kent Police are a partner of Thanet Community Safety Partnership, and Members need to be clear what is within the remit of OSP to influence and what may be more appropriate to refer to the Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel.
- 4.2 The function of the Police and Crime Panel is to hold the Police and Crime Commissioner to account in securing efficient and effective policing, working with local partners and criminal justice bodies to achieve the Police and Crime Plan and have jurisdiction over county resourcing.
- 4.3 All districts are represented in the membership; Councillor Chris Wells and Councillor Roger Latchford sit on the panel for Thanet.

Contact Officer:	Jessica Bailey, Community Safety Team Leader
Reporting to:	Penny Button, Head of Safer Neighbourhoods

Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matthew Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager (Service Support)
Legal	Ciara Feeney, Head of Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer

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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 £25 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 Committee Services Manager well in advance of the meeting.

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

MEETING

DATE..... **AGENDA ITEM**

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.