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## COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

06 FEBRUARY 2017

A meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party will be held at **7.00 pm on Monday, 6 February 2017** 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**
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 12 December 2016, copy attached.
4. **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TOOLS AND POWERS USAGE IN THANET** (Pages 5 - 8)

**Declaration of Interests Form**



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# Public Document Pack Agenda Item 3

## COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber,  
Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

**Present:** Councillor Campbell (Chairman); Councillors Falcon, Hayton, Martin,  
D Saunders and M Saunders

**In Attendance:** Councillors Savage and Stummer-Schmertzing

### 5. ELECT CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

Members agreed that Councillor Campbell chairs the meeting in the absence of Councillor Curran, Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party.

Councillor Campbell in the chair.

### 6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following Members:

Councillor Dixon;  
Councillor Curran, substituted by Councillor D. Saunders.

### 7. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

### 8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Falcon proposed, Councillor M. Saunders seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting that was held on 03 October 2016.

### 9. SEXUAL OFFENCES VICTIMS SUPPORT IN THANET

#### **Victim Support Presentation**

David Naylor, Contract Account Manager, introduced the item for debate and gave an overview of the work of Victim Support at a national level as well as at Thanet level. Mr Naylor said that the organisation did not receive every crime type hence there was no detail about statistics for Thanet. They work with victims whether the case would have been classified as a crime or not.

The organisation started in Bristol and has been working in Kent for over thirty years. The work of the VS in Kent is funded by the PCC and is contracted till 2019 with the potential for a further three years in 12 month contract periods. The local Victim Support office is based in Ashford but does cover Thanet and the team is made up of permanent staff and volunteers. There are specialist volunteers who support victims of domestic abuse, child abuse and sexual crime. Mr Naylor made further comments that:

- Victim Support provides emotional support (but it is not counselling relationship);
- There has been a rise in domestic abuse in Kent (25% in the first quarter);
- This likely to be largely because of the awareness created by the Police that has led to victims coming forward and to report;
- People aged up to 44 years are at higher risk of online fraud than older people;
- Hate crime stats have gone back to the trend before 23 June 2016;
- Victim Support works with victims of Anti-Social Behaviour;

- Individuals with disability have a 30-40% higher chance of being victims than those individuals without disability;
- The organisation is partly funded by the Home Office (at the national level) as well as from their fund raising activities.

#### Next Steps

Mr Naylor said that Victim Support were looking at finding ways to provide more support to residents in Thanet. They would need a room to work from on given days of the week and have been working with Cllr Falcon to explore options in Ramsgate for a new Compass Point.

One Member suggested that the Victims support approach and work in partnership with an organisation called the Place To Be who are carrying out some great work with placement of children in schools and supporting these children.

#### **East Kent Rape Crisis Centre**

Jane Skeets, representing East Kent Rape Crisis Centre provided the second part of the joint presentation. Ms Skeets said that the organisation had only recently been changed from being a help line to a fully fledged organisation that provided face to face services to victims of abuse, whilst still providing the help line service. The majority of the service users were women and the organisation provides counselling services. Ms Skeets further said that:

- The organisation provides specialist services;
- All the volunteers were specialists;
- There were 40 volunteers working for EK Rape Crisis Centre;
- The organisation is funded by the Home Office, but the funding is now precarious as the Home Office was now un the process of devolving some of their work to PCCs;
- They are also funded by the NHS and Comic Relief;
- They get referrals from the Police;
- In 2014 there were 314 referrals and in 2016 there have been 700 referrals;
- They help individual victims to decide whether they wanted to take their cases to court or not;
- Working with one victim could take up to 18-24 months (if the case went to court);
- Although the Thanet cases constituted 25% of the help line workload, only 18% of face to face contact is with Thanet residents;
- This low figure shows that Thanet residents find it difficult to access the EK Rape Crisis Centre counselling services because the offices are based in Canterbury, possibly due to transport costs;
- Although they have a child counsellor funded by the NHS, the demand for such services had increased;
- There were close working relationship between Victim Support and the EK Rape Crisis Centre.

In response to the presentation Members suggested that the EK Rape Crisis Centre sough funding through their own fund raising activities, including crowd funding. Mr Naylor said that the dilemma was that fundraising required significant investment in order to ensure that the fund raising activity was viable option.

Ms Skeets advised that they were looking at developing satellite offices Thanet and other district, which would enable the organisation to attend to appointments for Thanet residents, one day per week. That would cost £188+rent per session that cover five to six individuals.

In summing up debate, Councillor Campbell, Chairman of the working party said that Members could come up with recommendations in view of the presentations made to date regarding sexual victims support facilities in Thanet.

Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor David Saunders seconded and Members agreed to recommend to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel the following that:

Thanet District Council approach town councils in Thanet to provide funding for £188 one day per week, EK Rape Crisis Centre counselling services if Thanet District Council would provide a room for the counselling sessions.

Councillor Martin proposed, Councillor Campbell seconded and Members agreed the following that:

Approaches are made to the Place To Be to provide their free children services to schools in Thanet.

Members also agreed that a letter be written to the PCC to raise concern about the changes to policing in the area and write a letter advising the PCC that approaches were being made to town councils in Thanet to support the EK Rape Crisis Centre and inquire if the Commissioner was willing to work with town councils in this effort.

Members further agreed that the next topic for consideration was Anti Social Behaviour Legislation, which would include a look at the changes made with particular reference to the Public Protection Orders. They requested for a meeting in the third or fourth week of January 2017.

Meeting concluded: 8.45 pm

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## Anti Social Behaviour tools and powers usage in Thanet

Community Safety Partnership  
Working Party

**06 February 2017**

Report Author

**Jessica Bailey, Community Safety Team Leader**

Portfolio Holder

**Cllr Lin Fairbrass, Deputy Leader**

Status

**For Information**

Classification:

**Unrestricted**

Key Decision

**No**

Ward:

**All wards**

### **Executive Summary:**

The second 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 application of the new ASB tools and powers brought in, under the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014.

A presentation has been arranged by the relevant officers working within this field for Thanet District Council as a member of the Community Safety Partnership.

Members have been asked to submit any key questions before the meeting, to further inform the presentation.

A presentation will be given updating the current position, usage since enactment and potential for opportunities going forward.

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 OSP and consider onward submission to the Police Crime Panel or external bodies where appropriate.

<b>CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS</b>									
<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	There are no financial implications currently arising from this information report.								
<b>Legal</b>	There are no legal implications currently arising from this information report.								
<b>Corporate</b>	There are no corporate risks associated with this report.								
<b>Equalities Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	<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 &amp; maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage &amp; civil partnership.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <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> </tbody> </table> <p>There 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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<b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	

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

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 At the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Presentations and updates were given by representatives from

Kent Police and Victim Support and took place during meetings held in October and December.

- 1.3 The second topic selected was to scrutinise the use of the new ASB tools and powers.

## **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.1 Members requested an overview on the new tools and powers made available for tackling Anti Social Behaviour, enacted under the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014.

- 2.2 The following questions were submitted to also be covered in a presentation and subsequent discussion:

- What tools and powers have been used?
- Types of scenario that might be suitable for application of new tools and powers
- Any challenges or barriers to usage
- Any future plans or considerations for further usage, including challenges.

- 2.3 Jessica Bailey, Community Safety Team Leader and Trevor Kennett Senior Enforcement Manager at Thanet District Council have been invited to the meeting as a representative from Kent Police as a statutory member of the Thanet Community Safety Partnership.

- 2.4 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 Thanet District Council are a partner of Thanet Community Safety Partnership, and are giving an overall update as the agency that has had greatest cause to date, to use the new ASB tools and powers. Other agencies do have access to some of the powers and have had some further use, which is covered in the presentation.

- 4.2 Due to the tools and powers being relatively new, case law and best practice is still being developed, and as such some guidance may change as case law evolves.

- 4.3 Thanet Community Safety Partnership have signed up to the Mallard network, as have a number of other Kent districts. The network provides training, peer support and facilitates best practice and legal recommendations around usage of the new tools and powers.

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**

<b>Finance</b>	Matthew Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
<b>Legal</b>	Ciara Feeney, Head of Legal Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer

## 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.