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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY**

**27 MARCH 2017**

A meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party will be held at **7.00 pm on Monday, 27 March 2017** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

### **Membership:**

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

## **AGENDA**

Item  
No

Subject

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Saunders.

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 3 - 6)

To approve the Minutes of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party meeting held on 06 February 2017, copy attached.

4. **ROUGH SLEEPING IN THANET - ISSUES RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** (Pages 7 - 10)

**Declaration of Interests Form**



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## COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

**Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber,  
Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.**

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

**In Attendance:** Councillors L Fairbrass and D Saunders

### **10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies received at the meeting.

### **11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

### **12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor M. Saunders seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 12 December 2016.

#### **Matters arising from the minutes**

Councillor Campbell advised the meeting that with regards to the recommendations in the previous minutes referred to above, Ramsgate Town Council had agreed to set aside circa £10,000 to fund for one year, the counselling services to be provided by EK Rape Crisis Centre. If other councils needed to their residents to access the serviced, they would be required to contribute to funding the service. It was hoped that this service could start as early as April 2017.

In the same vein, Penny Button, Head of Safer Neighbourhoods advised Members that the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner had budgeted £500,000 for a victims specialist service to which councils could apply for funding of community safety initiatives like the provision of the counselling services to local residents in need.

The closing deadline for submission of the applications was 03 March 2017 and although the Panel were to forward the working party recommendations highlighted in the minutes, Cabinet would be meeting on 09 March and that would be too late to thereafter make an application to the fund. Officers advised that the Leader and Deputy Leader could expedite the decision to submit an application in order to meet the deadline.

Councillor Falcon informed the meeting that she had been in touch with Jane Skeets (EK Rape Crisis Centre representative) and advised on the Ramsgate Town Council decision.

Councillor Curran, Chairman of the working party also provided the update to the meeting that Police Community Officers (PCOs) were now wearing body cameras while on duty as promised by Chief Inspector Sharon Adley.

### **13. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TOOLS AND POWERS USAGE IN THANET**

Jessica Bailey, Community Safety Team Leader led the first half of the joint power-point presentation and introduced the subject for debate. She explained the various definitions for key terms of the new anti-social behaviour legislation. The new legislation came into force in October 2014 and provided some statistics on current performance regarding anti-social behaviour incidents in Thanet between October 2014 and December 2016,

which are highlighted in the power-point document attached as Annex 1 to this minute item.

Ms Bailey said that the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents had gone down in Thanet. Other councils have also reported a similar trend. Benchmarking against other councils, Thanet appears to be doing well. She further made the following points:

- There had been 5 applications made since October 2014 under the Community Trigger and 1 met the threshold and 3 recommendations were made;
- Civil Injunctions were introduced in February 2015;
- Under new legislation (civil injunctions), positive orders can be made to support individuals who had problems with substance misuse;
- Community Protection Orders can be issued by council officers or the police;
- If a CPO was breached, a Community Protection Notice (CPN) would then be issued;
- 59 CPOs issued to date that relate to neighbour disputes, illegal encampment, street drinking, absence of tenancy management, fly-tipping, rubbish contraventions;
- There has been a 90% compliance to these orders, which is quite positive;
- Only 6 cases progressed to full notices.

Trevor Kennett, Interim Head of Operational Services gave the other half of the presentation and focused on enforcement actions for rubbish contraventions and street enforcement. He made the following comments:

- Officers were using the new powers creatively to overcome historic problems that Council has been trying to address for some time;
- Council was continuing to work with businesses;
- Police had made 2 premises closure applications that for a period of 3 months over the last 6 months;
- Police were no longer required to consult before issuing Police Dispersal Orders;
- To date 76 dispersals orders had been issued since the new legislation came into force;
- Stakeholders with a vested interest can request for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSP). These orders can only be issued by councils and the Police can assist with the enforcement. Dog fouling, Dog Control Orders and Designated Public Places Order come into this category.

### **Next Steps**

There were some transitional challenges that need to be addressed. Council would have to embrace multi agency working approach in order to avoid duplicating work across agencies. Council had been given three years to introduce the PSP orders.

TDC was currently working on that setting up the system for enforcing these orders. Members were advised that there will be a district wide ban on dog fouling and that most districts had put such bans in place. One way of ensuring the effective monitoring of this ban is to introduce mandatory micro-chipping for dogs. Boston Borough Council had introduced micro-chipping and Dover District Council had introduced a district wide dog fouling ban.

In response to the presentation Members made the following observations:

- The new legislation would help address the ASB in some streets that had experienced this problem for a while;
- PCSOs were doing an excellent job and needed continued support by ward councillors;
- They were concerned by the high number of ASB incidence in the district, whilst acknowledging that high levels of deprivation contributed to this problem;

- Resources that are proportionate to the level of deprivation in the district should be made available to Thanet to tackle ASB.

Members thanked officers for the presentation and agreed that this presentation be shared with all other councillors as part of the Member Briefing topics. They also requested that the slides be forwarded to all members of the working party.

The clerk was asked to circulate by email all the topics that were still to be reviewed by the working party.

Meeting concluded: 8.10 pm

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## **Rough Sleeping in Thanet - issues relating to homelessness and Anti Social Behaviour**

Community Safety Partnership  
Working Party

**27 March 2017**

Report Author

**Charles Hungwe, Senior Democratic Services Officer**

Portfolio Holder

**Cllr Lin Fairbrass, Deputy Leader**

Status

**For Information/Recommendations**

Classification:

**Unrestricted**

Key Decision

**No**

Ward:

**All wards**

### **Executive Summary:**

The third topic that the Community Safety working party wanted to better understand and scrutinise in their role as an Overview & Scrutiny Panel sub group for 2016-17, was Rough Sleeping in Thanet with particular reference to issues relating to homelessness and antisocial behaviour.

A presentation has been arranged by the relevant officers working within this field for Thanet District Council.

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, and what the council was currently doing to address those issues.

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

### **Recommendation(s):**

Members are requested to:

1 Note the presentation;

and either

2. Request further information and agree on further lines of enquiry for scrutiny or take no further action;

or

3. Formulate and forward any recommendations to the OSP and consider onward submission to appropriate external decision making body .

<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 directly 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"> <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>✓</td></tr> <tr> <td>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</td><td>✓</td></tr> <tr> <td>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</td><td>✓</td></tr> </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,	✓	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	✓	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	✓
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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 One of the topics that were identified by the working party at the beginning of the municipal year was rough sleeping in Thanet. Members wanted to better understand and scrutinise current numbers in relation to homelessness and support services available to to homeless individuals in Thanet. Presentations have been arranged to be led by council officers from across service areas.



- 1.3 It is hoped that the officer presentation will then inform the way forward for the working party.

## **2.0 Options**

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

- 2.1 Note the information and explanations given;

And either

- 2.2 Request further information and agree on further lines of enquiry for scrutiny or take no further action;

Or

- 2.3 Formulate and forward any recommendations to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel for onward submission to an appropriate decision making body.

## **3.0 Other considerations**

- 3.1 Thanet District Council are a partner of Thanet Community Safety Partnership. If after the presentation there is a Member view that there is a need for more inter-agency collaboration to address some of the issues related to homelessness and rough sleeping, then officers will pick these up from the recommendations that may come out of the deliberations by the sub group and OSP.

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## **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>	Matt Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
<b>Legal</b>	Ciara Feeney, Head of Legal Services

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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.