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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

20 JULY 2017

A meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party will be held at <u>7.00 pm on</u> <u>Thursday, 20 July 2017</u> in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Membership:

Councillors: Campbell, Curran, Dixon, Falcon, Grove, Martin and M Saunders

AGENDA

<u>Item</u> <u>No</u> <u>Subject</u>

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Falcon.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve the Minutes of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party meeting held on 27 March 2017, copy attached.

- 5. THANET COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2017-29 PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY PLAN FOR 2017 (Pages 7 - 30)
- 6. AGREE THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017/18 (Pages 31 36)

Declaration of Interests Form



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Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Curran (Chairman); Councillors Campbell, Dixon, Falcon, Martin and K Coleman-Cooke

In Attendance: Councillors L Fairbrass and J Fairbrass

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hayton and Cllr M. Saunders who was substituted by Cllr K. Coleman-Cooke.

15. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

16. <u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u>

Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor Martin seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 6 February 2017.

17. <u>ROUGH SLEEPING IN THANET - ISSUES RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS AND</u> <u>ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR</u>

Victoria May, Housing Options Manager gave a presentation on rough sleeping in Thanet and issues relating to homelessness and anti-social behaviour. The power point slides being attached at Annex 1 to this minute item.

Mrs May made the following points:

- The Housing Options Team took 881 homeless applications in 2016, 570 of which were from single people, of which 386 were from men and 184 from women. The Council accepted a full homeless duty to 85 people.
- There were an estimated 33 rough sleepers in Thanet.
- Rough sleepers could be difficult to engage with as they often had multiple complex needs such as drug or alcohol misuse, criminality and mental health issues amongst others.
- The Thanet Winter shelter project had been a great success; it opened on 1 December and ran through to the 28 February. Eighty-six referrals were made, 42 people took up the option to stay. The Housing Service would be supporting this for Winter 2017/18.
- The homeless aspire project was a successful engagement initiative aimed at households rough sleeping and had complemented the Winter Shelter well. The objective was to provide progression pathways to rough sleepers including; Education and Training, Gateway and Housing and Health and Wellbeing amongst others.
- The Council had been involved with a number of successful bids for funding including; a £400K grant for a Rapid Response Service in partnership with Dover and Shepway Councils and a £1.5m grant to KCC to a fund Social Impact Bond, covering Thanet, Dover, Shepway and Canterbury.

- The Homelessness Reduction Bill would change the meaning of homelessness and introduce a new duty to provide advisory services. Personal Prevention Plans would be introduced for each individual.
- The future was exciting, but challenging, however the Council was prepared for it as they had a dedicated positive housing options team.

In response to the presentation Members made the following points:

- How did the Housing Options team prioritise people?
- What was the definition of homelessness?
- Could the working party have more information on the Social Impact bond?
- Could KCC move some of the £1.5m grant for the Social Impact Bond if the monies were not spent?
- Would the Rapid Response Service help people Councillors met on the street?
- Many of the homeless people who Councillors met only needed a small amount of help in order to help themselves out of homelessness. Also many homeless people had dogs and did not receive or were not eligible for help.
- How did the Council deal with young homeless people, could the Council use warden assisted HMO's for young people?
- Did Thanet have issues with rough sleepers that frequented Thanet during the summer months?
- It seemed that TDC are offering a gold plated service, what procedures were in place to prevent other authorities outside of East Kent directing their homeless cases to Thanet to access better services?
- Was there any information available on hostels available in the Thanet area?

Mrs May and Bob Porter, Head of Housing made the following points in response to those raised by Members of the Panel:

- The Housing Options team prioritised individuals based on their vulnerability, in accordance with the Homelessness Act.
- People who were defined as homeless also included people that were at risk of losing their home within the next 28 days.
- The social impact bond was £1.5m of funding given to KCC to spend in Thanet, Dover, Shepway and Canterbury. The bid allows assistance to approx. 155 entrenched rough sleepers across these areas. The bond worked on a payment by results basis. The provider of the assistance to the 155 people would only receive payment after the scheme had finished and if some or all of the 155 people were no longer homeless. The aim was based on using the housing first model which provided housing first and support around the person after at their own pace.
- KCC could not use the funding for the Social Impact Bond on services outside of the four areas.
- The Rapid Response Service was designed to prevent people from becoming homeless, so wouldn't be able to help people on the streets who had multiple issues, however those people who found themselves on the street could access the aspire project which was better suited to meeting their needs.
- There would always be complex cases however it was hoped that the Rapid Response Service would be better able to point those in need in the right direction, to prevent homeless people from becoming rough sleepers.
- Unfortunately the Council could not help everybody, as it did not have the resources to do so and had to prioritise those resources that it did have. There were some issues with rough sleepers accessing services if they had dogs or drug or alcohol issues, however the housing first model did address this.
- Sixteen and seventeen year olds underwent a joint assessment by Housing and Social Services if they made a homeless application, but all under sixteens were the responsibility of social services. There was also a project in Ramsgate run by

Porchlight that offered young people the chance to live in a warden assisted house aimed at young single people,

- Penny Button, Head of Safer Neighbourhoods confirmed to the working party that TDC did serve notices on some rough sleepers to move on.
- The TDC housing team had good relationships with its peers across Kent and it was unlikely there would be "homelessness tourism", however if during the assessment of an individual it emerged that that person had a support network in a certain area then it could be possible that the best course of action for that person would be to move to that area.
- Old Schools Lodge in Margate was a hostel, but was referral only. Porchlight and other homeless shelters were only available in the Canterbury area. Ms May and Mr Porter confirmed that they would produce a card or leaflet for Councillors containing contact details of providers of homelessness support. Ms Button confirmed that Community Safety might be able to assist with funding for the card/leaflet.

The Chairman of the Panel thanked Officers for the fantastic work they were undertaking in the district on homelessness and rough sleeping issues. The Chairman of the Panel also congratulated the Working Party on the excellent work that it had undertaken during the year, looking at a number of important topics.

It was proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Dixon and Members agreed that:

- 1) The Panel suggests that this presentation be repeated at a future Members briefing.
- 2) That an electronic copy of presentation be circulated to all Councillors.
- 3) That an update regarding the progress of the measures and projects outlined within the presentation be brought back to a future scrutiny meeting in the autumn.

Meeting concluded: 8.25 pm

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THANET COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2017-20 Partnership Delivery Plan for 2017

Community Safety Partnership 20 July 2017 Working Party **Report Author Community Safety Team Leader** Portfolio Holder Councillor Lin Fairbrass, Cabinet Member for Community Services Status For Information Classification: Unrestricted **Key Decision** No Ward: **Thanet Wide**

Executive Summary:

The purpose of the report is to present the Community Safety Plan 2017-20 for Thanet and the actions to be delivered during 2017-18 financial year by Thanet Community Safety partnership agencies to support the setting of the 2017-18 scrutiny party work programme.

Recommendation(s):

Members are requested to:

1. Take note of the presented action plan and use the information contained within it to inform any potential scrutiny topics for the Community Safety working party

CORPORATE IM	IPLICATIONS
Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	There are no adverse legal implications arising directly from this report.
Corporate	An active scrutiny programme is part of good governance and will, ultimately underpin the Council's use of resources assessment. The Working Parties assist the work of scrutiny as they can carry-out an in-depth study of an issue referred to them by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	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.
	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.
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.
There are no equity and equalities implications 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 is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration had been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)√	
A clean and welcoming Environment	✓
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

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

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The council has a statutory duty via the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work jointly with other 'responsible authorities' which includes County Council, Police, Fire, Probation and Health services, to reduce crime and disorder and reoffending through the facilitation of a Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Thanet District Council facilitates the CSP on behalf of these agencies.
- 1.2 The focus areas for the Community Safety Plan are established through a process of data analysis, consultation and collaborative planning.
- 1.3 Partnership data is firstly provided by all agencies, assessed by Kent County Council Community Safety Unit and then reviewed against local contexts.
- 1.4 Following data analysis, a practitioner stakeholder event was held in December 2016, where 55 practitioners from key community safety fields, discussed emerging issues and shared their own organisation's objectives and propose potential actions and focus areas for the coming year.
- 1.5 These proposed areas then formed part of a public consultation which ran between 04 27th January 2017. Feedback received was then incorporated into the final draft of the plan presented to Cabinet on the 14th Feb 2017. Further comments were then taken on board with the plan also going to Overview and Scrutiny Panel on the 9 March 2017 and Cabinet on the 23 March 2017.

2.0 Community Safety focus areas for 2017-20

The plan has three broader overarching themes to ensure the strategic direction of each agency remains aligned.

2.1 Reducing Offending and Reoffending

This will include targeted work on the most prolific repeat offenders, diverting first time entrants and maximising the use of new legislation to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour. Focus will also include high volume crimes that cause the most harm to communities, including violent crime particularly in the Night Time Economy.

2.2 Safeguarding Vulnerability

This area will include initiatives to support victims of domestic abuse and exploitation, as well as strengthen awareness and alternative provision for those affected by mental health and substance misuse.

2.3 Community Reassurance

This theme is worded slightly differently from the previous year in that the focus is primarily on providing 'reassurance' to communities to strengthen and support them, as opposed to being called community 'confidence'. The focus will however, cover similar themes of engagement to identify local priorities and jointly find solutions, as well as raising awareness of the work of all partnership agencies.

- 2.4 These focus areas remain complimentary to the strategic priorities of all of the partner agencies, as well as the Thanet Leadership Group, Health and Well-Being and Invest Thanet.
- 2.5 The duration of the plan has been extended for three years in recognition of feedback that often the delivery of some actions may extend beyond a financial year. It was also agreed that annual action plans would update on the activity taking place each year.

3.0 Action Plan for 2017

- 3.1 Senior representatives from each partner agency have agreed the proposed actions and projects contained within the 2017 plan. This is slightly different to previous years and aimed to give clearer ownership and accountability to each agency.
- 3.2 The action plan is a fluid operational document and may be subject to some minimal change or additional activity should alternative issues present themselves.
- 3.3 Annex 1 shows the 2017-2020 Community safety plan with the 2017 action plan running from pages 8-17.

4.0 For information

4.1 Members are asked to read the action plan and use the information contained within it to propose any topics that they feel could require further scrutiny.

Contact Officer:	Jessica Bailey Community Safety Team Leader, 57737
Reporting to:	Penny Button, Head of Safer Neighbourhoods

Annex List

Annex 1	Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2017-2020 (2017 action plan)
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matt Sanham, Financial Services Manager					
	Clive Bowen, External Funding Officer					
PR	Hannah Thorpe, Head of Communications					
Legal Services	Ciara Feeney, Legal Services Manager					



What is a Community Safety Partnership (CSP)?

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, introduced a statutory obligation for certain agencies to join together and formally work to improve community safety and reduce the underlying causes of crime and reoffending.

The partnership has to annually assess local needs and agree and produce an action plan that sets out how they are going to do this.

Membership

Thanet Community Safety Partnership is made up of;

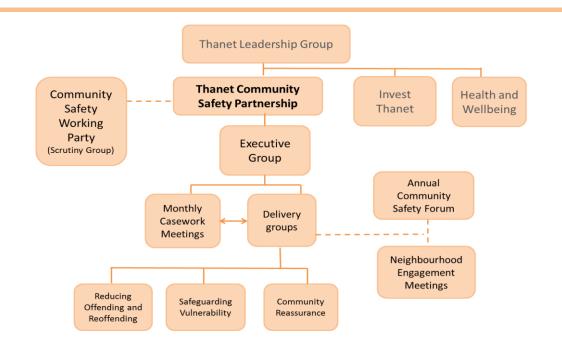
Thanet District Council, Kent Police, Kent County Council, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Probation Services and Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group (for local health services)

The partnership can also co-adopt members, these include Department for Work and Pensions and the Domestic Abuse Forum.

Accountability

The partnership has to consult with its stakeholders to ensure local concerns are incorporated. An annual perception survey and Community Safety forum event takes place each year in January and representatives from partnership agencies attend quarterly area specific resident led Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings.

Partnership structure



Demographics

- ⇒ The Thanet district has approximately 139,800 people, which is the fourth largest local authority district in the Kent County Council area. Over the last 10 years Thanet's population has grown by 8.1% which equates to an extra 10,500 people. This is the second lowest growth rate in Kent. Forecasts suggest over the next 15 years the population will grow further by 21.5%, which is higher than most other areas anticipated growth. (Office for National statistics 2015)
- ⇒ Thanet District has an older age profile compared to the county average, with a greater proportion of 55+ year olds than the average for the KCC area, Particularly females. Thanet also has a lower percentage of those aged 20-54 year olds. Particularly males.
- ⇒ 95.5% of Thanet's population is white British, with 4.5% of Black Minority Ethnic (BME) origin, which is below the county average of 6.3% (2011 census ONS)
- ⇒ In 2015 Thanet District was ranked as the most deprived district in Kent (out of 12 districts, with the most deprived being ranked 1). Nationally, Thanet ranks 28th out of 326 local authority districts in England. This rank places it within England's 10% most deprived areas. (Indices of deprivation DCLG 2015)

Tourism

- ⇒ Thanet's visitor economy grew 19% in 2015, making it the biggest district tourism growth in Kent.
- ⇒ Whilst nationally visitors to England dropped 5%, tourism to Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate rose 16%, welcoming nearly 4 million visitors. (Visit Kent 2016)
- ⇒ For those wanting to invest in property, house prices in Thanet have risen by up to 34% since 2012 (Homestart 2016)

Crime

- ⇒ The data for all recorded victim-based crimes for Thanet shows an increase of 13.7 per cent (Jan Dec 2016) compared to the same period in 2015; which is slightly higher than the force-wide figure of 13.2 per cent. An increase in public confidence in reporting crime, improved recording practices, the introduction of new crime types and the inclusion of offences not previously recorded have all influenced these statistics.
- ⇒ The data is are also reflecting trends across the country. Nationally, recorded crime figures are showing increases of 8 per cent compared with the previous year (Office for National Statistics September 2016).

In addition to data trends the partnership also considers additional challenges, such as Political, Environmental, Technological and Legal factors which may have an impact on delivery.



Horizon scanning

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- New Police Commissioner started 2016 continues to support Community Safety Partnerships.
- Local Government Devolution Act 2016 ongoing discussions regarding joint working and sub county partnerships.
- Electoral division boundary review being undertaken by Local Government Boundary Commission.
- Leaving the EU by the prime minister triggering article 50 may potentially have further effects on political, social and economic factors.

Political

Environmental

- Residents regularly raise concerns around the physical environment. Actions within the plan will incorporate this feedback and include work around litter, dog fouling and environmental crime
- New homes requirement accross the county and associate pressures on infrastructure and utilities
- Extreme weather conditions have not affected Thanet as much as other parts of Kent

- Kent placements have been given for Immigration and
- unaccompanied asylum seekers Homelessness has increased accross the country and
- associations with street drinking Employment levels for Thanet remain lower than other parts of
- the county Thanet has a larger elderly
- population and smaller working age population

Social

- There is a large number of people with different types of vulnerability in Thanet.
- Terroist threat for the UK is Severe in light of recent attacks in Europe
- · Increased levels of violent crime across the district, including domestic abuse remains a challenge for the partnership.
- Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill 2016-17
- Stalking (Sentencing) Bill 2016-17 to increase sentences for stalking offences
- National Audit inspections i.e. JTAI (Joint Targeted Area Inspection) regarding children living with Domestic Abuse - being undertaken up to March 2017 with recommendations following this.

Technological

- The partnership recognises that a huge amount of socialising now takes place online . We can better develop our use of social media to respond.
- Cyber Safety and harrassment online has seen increases nationally and continues to pose risks particularly to young people
- Current Bills include: Malicious Social Media, Privacy Protection, Online Safety and Surveillance/ CCTV to include drone stalking.
- Consultations on NationalSurveillance Camera
- Strategy for England took place Dec 16.
- Ambitions for superfast broadband by 2020

- Public perception of the area can be improved This came across in the Community Safety Partnership consultation.
- Perceptions from previous surveys have indicated higher fear of crime occuring at night and feeling safer during the day
- Thanet has seen increases in Tourism and is currently enjoying a revival with regeneration which has been highly publicised

Perception

Safeguarding

Ongoing public sector budget cuts -

committed for 2017-18 with a view to

• Domestic abuse commissioning -county provision being secured. Thanet

and Dover will be in the same provision

Economic

• Continued challenges of deprivation

Housing market increases accross

budget from Police commissioner

extend if possible

area.

Thanet

Legislative

- Psychoactive Substances Act 2016
- Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 (benefit freeze, capping benefits, troubled families)
- The Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016
- Policing & Crime Bill introduced to the House of Commons Feb '16 (collaboration between emergency services, mental health, CSE)
- British victims of terrorism (asset freezing and compensation) Bill 2016-2017
- Homelessness reduction Bill 2016-17 (housing partners)

- Multiagency hubs: Kent Police change programme (vulnerability hub) / Margate Task
- Force / Kent Community Safety Team Police and Crime Commissioner possible oversight of Fire & Rescue Service and
- enhanced working with ambulance services • Expansion to Integrated Offender Management criteria
- Use of volunteers is increasing: Police Cadet Scheme, Volunteer Support Wardens, Citizens in Policing Strategy, KFRS and Domestic Abuse
- Regulatory inspections and potential impacts i.e. SECAMB (special measures)

Organisational















Key activity and achievements Agenda Item 5

 Completed 441 ASB Investigations
 Saved the council £53,000 by informally resolving complex cases
 Oversaw 50 TCSP projects
 Made 45 Child Safeguarding referrals
 Issued 22 Community Protection Warning Notices
 Made 9 Vulnerable adult referrals
 Gained 4 Civil Injunctions

 Gained 4 Criminal Behaviour Orders
 Gained 2 premises Closure Orders
 Facilitated 19 Neighbourhood Responsibility Panels
 Organised 'all-out' enforcement operations in the night time economy areas
 Ran high profile Domestic Abuse operation
 Identified a number of addresses of people vulnerable to crime and conducted 'safe and well' checks

Organised Safer Thanet Day visited by hundreds of families Carried out 436 visits to vulnerable people or for home safety Organised Safety in Action for 434 children 518 Thanet children visited the Safety Experience Centre Delivered License to Kill event Utilised the Hair Care Network to

share key safety messages in salons

 Saved the Council £90,000 in utilizing Community Payback for clearing alleyways and graffiti
 Organised 61 Community Payback reparation events at the request of TCSP

Supported 64 ex-offenders to deter from re-entering the Criminal Justice System

 Supported a mental health peer support group which was attended by 13 members.
 Delivered drop ins for GP surgeries
 Procured a new engagement vehicle, fit to undertake Mental Health triage 900 Multi Agency Tool questionnaires completed

Engaged with over 517 people through Illicit Tobacco Roadshows

142 emergency referrals to agencies

50 multi agency Streetweek operations

33 referrals to Save the Children's Eat, Sleep, Learn, Play! Scheme for families in need

Attended and engaged in 31 various community engagement events

Strategic links

	Commu	inity Safety Initia	aitves				Ag	ency Plar	าร				Due regard
thanet Bittist council	Increased Environmental Enforcement	Raising awareness of safeguarding	Improve use of TCSP website & social media	Clean and Welc Environment	coming		Support	porate Pl ing urhoods		Promoting	Inward Ir	nvestment	
Kent Police	Multi agency all out operations	Organised Criminality	Improved visibility and Reassurance	Child Sexual Exploitation		Traffic and M Slavery	king (odern (t rol Strat Gangs and Organised Crime	egy DA & violend		unter rrorism	High harm impact crime	Police Crime Commissioner (Policing and Crime Plan 2016-2017)
Kent Fire & Rescue Service	Road safety Nuisance Parking	Vulnerable persons engagement	Young drivers dangers	S Health and Wellbeing	R	espondi mergeno	ng to meo cies	an Co	sponding d Road Ti Ilisions	to fires raffic	Staffing stations	-	 Cutting crime and reducing reoffending Delivering value for money
NHS Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group	Repeat MH callers	Alcohol related disorder	Pharmacy bags / safety messages	Every child has the best start ir life	Effe n ill h	ective pr lealth by	evention	qualit	nced y of life cople ong	Suppo g peop with menta health concer	rtin As le an pe l de ea	sessing d treating ople with mentia rlier	 Visible, effective and dedicated policing Putting victims at heart of policing Tackling substance abuse and ASB Revolutionising the way people with
	Community Alcohol Partnership/ Test purchase	Early help intervention with young people at risk	Shared information portal	Children and yc people get the in life	oung	C	ommunity	, improvi / benefit pmic growth	Old	er and vul safe and s	nerable re	esidents	way people with mental illness interact with the policeMental Health
Kent Surrey & Sussex Demmunity Rehabilitation Company	Integrated Offender Management	Pilot MH support programme	Community Payback reparation	Assessment		Rehabilita	ation	an 2016-: Interventic ating mo	ons F	esettleme		nsformation	Thanet Leadership Group prioritien • Safeguardin Young People
National O Probation Service				Courts			Custo		Victims	Approv Premis	es Of	uth fending rvice	Improved Menta
Department for Work & Pensions	Schools advisors	project		child poverty & deprivation	Helping custom change improv their liv	and e	Social J Additiona support t claimants with Hea issues	o Vuln adult	guarding erable	Close worki with subst misus	ng ance	Local priorities for local needs	• Young people geometry the best start in H life O

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Underlying themes:

This will include targeted work on the most prolific repeat offenders, diverting Reducing first time entrants and Offending and maximising the use of new Reoffending legislation to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour. Focus will This area will include also include high impact initiatives to support and crimes that cause the most safeguard adults and young harm to communities, Safeguarding people at risk from abuse and including violent crime Vulnerability exploitation, as well as particularly in the Night Time strengthen awareness and Economy. alternative provision for those affected by mental health and substance misuse. Community Reassurance This includes a focus primarily on providing 'reassurance' to local communities to strengthen and support them, and will include regular neighbourhood engagement to identify local priorities that matter most and working jointly to find solutions. It also includes raising awareness of the positive joint working of all partnership agencies.

Engagement feedback

- Engagement survey on community perceptions and partnership focus areas for 2017-2020 was held during January and advertised in the local newspaper, online, made available in hard copy on freepost return and directly mailed out to random households. 340 responses were received.
- Responses on perceptions of safety were divided, when asked: In the past 12 months how have feelings on safety changed:
 - \circ 5.7% felt things had improved, 47.9% 'stayed the same' and 46.4% had deteriorated.
- The two factors most influencing perception were 'Groups hanging around' (67.4%) and 'How the area looks – eg run down' (55.1%)
- The issues respondents felt they were most concerned about in order or priority were: Dog fouling, Litter, Nuisance parking, people dealing drugs, intimidating groups and flytipping.
- 75.9% agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed focus areas for the partnership, of reducing offending and reoffending, safeguarding vulnerable people and community reassurance.

2017-18 Action Plan

Lead Agency : Thanet District Council

Theme	Issues	Lead	Action to be taken?	By when	Baseline – where are we now?	Desired outcome(s) – What do we want to see?
	Graffiti		1. Assess feasibility of chargeable removal service & formulate graffiti strategy	Sept 17	No provision	Reduction in reports of graffitiIncome generation
	Dog Fouling		 Review of Dog Control Orders / Public Space Protection Order 	Jan 18	N/A	 Improved street cleanliness and satisfaction through 2018 perception survey
ы В			 Assess feasibility for Dog registration pilot Extend deg beg diageneer trial 	Dec 17	6 locations currently	Reduction in complaints of cleanliness
Reoffending		Enforcement Services:	 Extend dog bag dispenser trial Awareness and engagement 	Jan 18		Reduced waste collection of dog and litter waste
d Rec			campaign	Sept 17		 Increased engagement events
nding and	Litter / Rubbish / Fly tipping	Trevor Kennett	6. Target &Social media campaign on cheap rubbish disposal offers	Aug 17	No provision	 Improved clear up rate of fly tips 85% of fly-tips cleared within 24 hours
Reducing Offending			 Schedule regular Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) inspections 	Ongoing — Mar 18	3EVA undertaken 2016	 Trained officers completing at least 15 EVAs Increase in enforcement notices and court prosecutions > 1
Redu	Unregistered vehicles and nuisance vehicles		8. Multi agency operation targeting unregistered vehicles	Jan 18 Mar 18	N/A 4 active investigations no prosecutions	 and court prosecutions 5 multi agency operations Removal of vehicles Utilise ASB powers towards prolific sellers
	Parking outside schools	Community Safety & Enforcement Services	 9.1 Proactive targeting of nuisance vehicles outside schools 9.2 Awareness campaign and A Board pilot 	Oct 17	Tickets issued for zig zag contraventions (TBC)	 Increase in Penalty Charge Notices issued (in peak locations outside schools)

	Higher levels of		10.1 Deliver training to key contractors and service	Oct 17	N/A	Training delivered to key workersAll new licenses issued only on
	vulnerability	Community Safety:	managers 10.2 Pilot bespoke project for taxi drivers and key workers	Jan 18	Film produced	completion of safeguarding training
Safeguarding Vulnerability		Jo-Anna Beckingham	 11. Raise awareness of prevent counter terrorism duties Support diversionary schemes (Youth Centres and outreach) Strengthen links with key school and health contacts 	Sept 17	5 training sessions held 2016-17	 Increase in training delivered to practitioners Increase in notifications Targeted youth project
		Community Safety Private Sector Housing Richard Hopkins	12. Continued prioritisation of targeted interventions in private rented sector in deprived areas Delivery of DCLG Rogue Landlord Initiative	Mar 18 Dec 17	Total homes made safe from hazards: 1,345 Breach of selective licence notices served: 1,171 Proactive inspection of selective license premises: 1403 Prosecutions: 39	 Maximise use of selective licensing to reduce deprivation and health inequalities Use new ASB legislation to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour by landlords Increased multi agency inspections Identify vulnerability
Sa	Increased unauthorised encampments and rough sleeping	Housing Options: Victoria May	13.1 Support Night ShelterInitiative13.2 Review success of AspireOutreach Pilot	May 17	Current night shelter figures (TBC) Current Aspire referral figures (TBC)	 Impact of Night Shelter pilot – continued if successful Increase in Aspire outreach Decrease in homelessness Increase in homeless prevention and advice
		Community Safety Units Jessica Bailey	14.1 Review and update encampment policy14.2 Target harden open spaces	Nov 17	7 CPNW issued for associated nuisance4 sites identified as peak locations	 Updated policy Increase in positive requirement and / or enforcement towards those who won't engage Decrease in encampments on Tigm owned assets

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	Safer socialising	Licensing Community Safety Unit Cara Radford	15 Review alcohol consumption restrictions / Designated Public Places Order	Oct 17	Existing DPPO in situ, until Oct 17	 Reduction in disorder associated with licensed premises Improved perceptions of Night time Economy
Community Reassurance	Enhance perception of crime and safety Activity of the partnership not being promoted	TDC Communications and Community Safety : Eden Geddes and Jessica Seaward Task Force	 16 Pilot new ways to promote the partnership and maintain Neighbourhood Engagement programme – drawing in other partners eg. Pharmacy bags and Safety messages on TV screens in GP practices 16.1 Update TCSP website 	Sept 17	6 paid advertorials 16-17 Facebook reach 28 Dec- 24 Jan 17= 46,357 16% inc in twitter following on TCSP handle 5000 hits on FB (Apr – Sept 16)	 Completed website Regular PR Increased visitors to website and social media reach Improved perceptions
	Increase resident engagement In council processes	Community Development and Community Safety Colin Rouse Gordon Hunt	 17.1 Identify opportunities for community reparation and pilot Moving On 17.2 Support Ageless Thanet peer group mentoring engagement 	Dec 17	No provision	 Residents panel established Training delivered from key service areas Information cascaded to other community groups

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Kent Lead Agency : Kent Police

Theme	Identified concerns	Lead	Action to be taken	By when	Baseline – where are we now?	Desired outcome(s) – What do we want to see?
Safeguarding Vulnerability	 Organised Criminality, including drugs, violence & gangs Safeguarding of adults & young people at risk from exploitation 	CSU Inspector Task Force Lead Officer Rhiannan Pepper Andy Bigginton	 18 Pilot Geo-mapping systems 19 Delivering 2 family support panels per week 20 Delivery of Say NO campaigns in schools 21 Multi-agency safe & well visits to better protect vulnerable victims 22 Deliver exploitation awareness sessions 23 Disrupting organised criminality through regular joint operations involving tactical units from various agencies 	Sept 17 Ongoing Mar 18 Ongoing Mar 18 Mar 18	 Mapping commenced & currently being evaluated 34 Family Support Panels year to date Exploitation awareness sessions have been delivered to professional staff Joint operations have run through 2016 	 Mapping in place to better inform threat, risk & harm 2 Family Support Panels delivered per week Say NO campaign successfully delivered to our most vulnerable young people in Thanet secondary schools Maintain current level of safe & well visits to protect our most vulnerable adults & young people Further strengthening of joint agency participation through increased knowledge & awareness Quarterly operations to be run

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Safeguarding Vulnerability

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Community Reassurance	 Enhance Partnership visibility 	CSU Inspectors Task Force Rhianna Pepper Andy Bigginton	 31 Produce programme of street engagement operations (including night time economy), combining 'All Out' days, Streetweek and Cleansweep as one operation 32 Brand, promote and schedule engagement with TREV (Thanet Roaming Engagement Vehicle) 	May 17 Jun 17	 50 Streetweek operations carried out 2 'All Out' enforcement operations carried out Operations being carried out in isolation 	 Improved collaborative working Streetweek, all-out days and cleansweep being rolled into one operation TREV deployed for all operations
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Kent Fire & Rescue Service

Lead Agency : Kent Fire and Rescue Service

Theme	Identified concerns	Lead officer	How will this be achieved?	By when	Baseline – where are we now?	Desired outcome(s) – What do we want to see?
Offending and ng	 Road safety Nuisance and inconsiderate parking in key locations, eg. outside 	SM Lawrence Pater FF Stuart Morris	 33 Utilize social media and the THINK! campaign 34 Educate drivers and partner agencies around new legislation for driving whilst using mobiles 	July 17 Sept 17	 Mid-level social media engagement Parking outside some schools in Thanet is bad at 	 Engaged with over 5000 people via social media Engaged with 500 parents outside schools at drop off and pick up times Encouraged and engaged at least 400 school children around irresponsible
Reducing Off Reoffending	schools, narrow roads			Dec 17 Sept 17	drop off times.	 parking outside schools. A-boards or other signage in place
Safeguarding Vulnerability	Roma Hub expansion	SM Andy Bigginton	35 Support Roma Hub -Engage with hub users to gain ideas of what they want	May 17	 Roma Hub doing well and starting to expand 	 Hub has expanded and has more users than in the last year Activities/clubs put in place at hubs request Continued cross boarder initiatives

e e	•	Dangers occurring when young people start to drive/transiti on from year 6 to 7 Speeding	WM Melanie Quinn	36 37 38	Organise a Thanet License to Kill event, engaging all Thanet secondary school with invites for events Support the delivery of Safety in Action Support rural speedwatch scheme	Dec 17 Apr 17		200 young people License to Kill event 2016 436 young people for Safety in action	 License to Kill has increased attendance Safety in Action attended by more children (over 500). Follow up visits carried out for both events as necessary.
Community Reassurance	•	Perception and public response to terrorist threat	Watch Manager / Community Safety	39	Pilot public training and resilience responses to critical incidents (Tunbridge Wells pilot) Promote the Citizen aid app	Dec 17	•		 Record of numbers trained Information cascaded at NEMs.

Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group

	Theme	Identified concerns	Lead	How will this be achieved?	By When	Baseline – where are we now?	Desired outcome(s) – What do we want to see?
Page 24	Reducing Offending and Reoffending	Repeat emergency callers with mental health concerns	CCG Police CSU Nikki Rogers	 41 Continued joint working on repeat caller with mental health issues 42 Linking in with planned mental health triage 	Dec 17	 1 success from a joint visit/warning from the Police and Crisis team 	 Increased amounts of visit leading to lower amounts of repeat calling. Annex Annex Annex
	Community Reassuranc	Pharmacy bags/ safety messages	Clinical commission ing Group	43 Assess feasibility with pharmacy's44 Pilot design and order bags.	Sept 17	No provision	• Safety messages being distributed on bags and reaching some communities that may not receive such information in other formats.

Lead Agency : Kent County Council

Theme	Identified concerns	Lead	How will this be achieved?	By when	Baseline – where are we now?	Desired outcome(s) – What do we want to see?
ding	Under age and proxy sales of alcohol	Trading Standards – Neil Butcher Licensing Darren Dennett Community Safety Units	 45 Kent Community Alcohol Partnership – Broadstairs and Ramsgate (Eastcliff and Central Harbour wards) 46 Working together with retailers, publicans and other enforcement agencies to jointly raise awareness and reduce young people's access to alcohol 	Mar 18 Dec 17	 Joint visits with Police licensing officer to all premises selling alcohol getting them to sign up to Alcohol Partnership. Young person's surveys 400+ to date. Current proxy purchase figures (TBC) 	 A reduction in sales of alcohol to under 18s Reduction in proxy purchasing. Improved residents feelings of safety. (Post project survey) Enhanced awareness of sensible drinking levels (young people and adults) and the risks associated with inappropriate or early consumption of alcohol. .
Reducing Offending and Reoffending	Young people at risk of offending	Early Help Sharon McLaughlin	 47 Focus on early identification of 'adolescent risk' as opposed to 'offender management' 48 Monitor feasibility of Troubled Families Detached Worker 49 Support Duke of Edinburgh scheme 	Dec 17 Sept 17 Dec 17 Mar 18	 Current level of missing notifications (TBC) 	 Reduction in missing notifications Reduction in escalation of known Deter Young Offenders (Managed through Offender Management) Annex 1

bility	Awareness of children and young people at risk of neglect	EHG – Catherine Holmberg (Safeguarding Lead)	50	LCPG sub group "staying safe" to devise neglect training package and deliver to partner agencies	Dec 17	•	No provision	•	Increased partner agency awareness Training delivered Reduction in Child In Need referrals
Safeguarding Vulnerability	Children and young people affected by Domestic Abuse	Early Help Sharon McLaughlin	51	Raise awareness of impact of Domestic Abuse on Children and Young People through the LCPG Support Task Force in business case for Senior Youth Project Manager.	Sept 17	•	Current notification levels (TBC)		Increased attendance for identified group Reduction in risk taking behaviour
nity Reassurance	Need to improve multi agency communications and information exchange	Kent Community Safety Team	53	Develop the Safer Communities Portal to include good practice, guidance, events etc. for the county as a whole.	Dec 17	•	Limited provision (Kent Connects Portal – limited membership)	•	Assess feasibility and cost
Community	Lack of budgetary and life skills	Dept for Work and Pensions	54	Pilot established and schools advisors delivering school inputs	Mar 18	•	Not yet established		Content designed 10 sessions run in Thanet Secondary schools

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Probation Service Lead Agency : Probation Services

	concerns	taken	Lead	How will this be achieved?	By When	Baseline – where are we now?	Desired outcome(s) – What do we want to see?
	Repeat and prolific offenders	55 Improve support for Integrated Offender Manageme nt	IOM Sgt – Kent Police	 Extend Integrated Offender Management process Align meetings with the monthly casework panel 	Mar 18 (ongoing)	 Current offender cohort numbers Current young offender numbers 	 More integrated working Shared ownership of reoffending – reduction in offending
oility	Mental Health of longer serving offenders post release	56 Pilot CBT programme	TBC	 Pilot CBT programme for offenders released from prison suffering from mental health problems 	Bid submitted by Sept 17	Current support through mainstream mental health provisions	 Submit bit for pilot funds Pilot provision with agreed cohort of offenders
	Community Payback	57 Utilisation of community payback for a wide variety of projects	Community Safety	 Maximise use of Community Payback for graffiti and rubbish removal 	Mar 18	 2 large graffiti clearances (cost saving approx. £4800) 55 alleyways (cost saving approx. £81,000) 	 Increased amount of projects referred Cost saving in Payback undertaking clearance Annex 1

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What happens next?



How can you get involved?

To meet us face to face, come along to your local quarterly Neighbourhood Engagement Meeting : For more information go to

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Or subscribe to our email distribution list:

⇒ community.safety@thanet.gov.uk



Useful contacts:

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Thanet District Council	01843 577000
Thanet Gateway services	08458 247 202
Kent Police	101 (In an emergency: 999)
Kent Fire and Rescue Service	01622 692121
Kent County Council	03000 414141
KCA UK (formerly Kent Council for Addiction)	01634 298580
Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS Patient advice and liaison service:	01227 783145
Kent Probation – Thanet Office	01843 233050
Hyde Housing Association	01843 853203
Turning Point	01843 298355
Kent Drug And Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT)	01622 221676
Kent Community Rehabilitation Company	01843 269997
National Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
National Probation Service	01843 348300
Orbit South Housing Association Thanet Office	0800 678 1221
Sanctuary Housing Association	0800 1313348
Southern Housing Association	0300 3031773
Town and Country Housing Association	01892 501480
Porchlight	01843 853540
Victim Support	0808 1689276
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Margate Task Force	01843 577 536
Job Centre Plus	0845 604 3719

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ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017/18

Community Safety Partnership Working Party 20 July 2017

Working Party	20 July 2017
Report Author	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	Νο
Ward:	Thanet Wide

Executive Summary:

The purpose of the report is to set out and agree the work programme for 2017/18 for the Community Safety Partnership Working Party.

Recommendation(s):

Members are requested to:

- 1. Agree amendments to the terms of reference;
- 2. Draw up and agree the work programme for 2017/18;
- 3. Agree indicative dates for future meetings of the working party for 2017/18.

CORPORATE IM	IPLICATIONS
Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	There are no adverse legal implications arising directly from this report.
Corporate	An active scrutiny programme is part of good governance and will, ultimately underpin the Council's use of resources assessment. The Working Parties assist the work of scrutiny as they can carry-out an in-depth study of an issue referred to them by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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.
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.
There are no equity and equalities implications arising directly from this report but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues o diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.
It is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration had been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)√	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

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

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (OSP) met on 23 May 2017 and set up three working parties that included the Community Safety Partnership Working Party. Each of these sub-groups was asked to meet and consider at their first meeting their respective terms of reference and draft work programmes for 2017/18 and if Members propose making substantial changes to the terms of reference, then these amendments ought to be reported back to Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting on 15 August.
- 1.3 Officers in Community Services provide lead officer support to the working party. They also provide members with updates on community safety activity and co-ordinate the invitations of external agency representatives who are partners to the Community Safety Partnership; who may be required to attend meetings of the sub-group from time to time in order to provide expert advice and evidence that would help with the review work of the sub-group.
- 1.4 The terms of reference for the sub-group that were approved by the panel in May are used to define the work programme for the year. The Chairman of this working party would be expected to provide a verbal progress update on the sub-group work and ask for advice from the main Panel (if there needed) or present recommendations that they feel should be considered and progressed by the Panel.
- 1.5 The expectation is that at the end of the municipal year, Members would come up with end of year recommendations that are forwarded to the Panel before the Chairman produces the annual report for 2017/18. These proposals would form part of the OSP annual report to be presented to Full Council by the Panel Chairman at either the April Full Council meeting or at Annual Council in May.

2.0 Terms of reference of the Community Safety Working Party

- 2.1 The terms of reference relate to the key themes for 2017-2020 and are highlighted below:
 - 1. Reducing Offending and Reoffending;
 - 2. Safeguarding Against Vulnerability;
 - 3. Community Reassurance.
- 2.2 Additional details on the terms of reference are in Annex 1 to the report.

3.0 Work Programme for 2017/18

- 3.1 It is hoped that Members would develop a time frame for completing their work activities. These activities would be detailed in the work programme and where appropriate Members could produce a report with recommendations to the Panel. Annex 2 could be used to draw up the work programme.
- 3.2 In scoping out the work programme, Members ought to consider a number of factors that include the following:
 - a. What the Panel wants to Scrutinise and how can the effectiveness of that scrutiny be maximised;
 - b. Can Council influence the Partnership to take on board any recommendations the working party;
 - c. What is the intended outcome of the planned scrutiny;
 - d. How much time will it require to complete the scrutiny;
 - e. Does council have adequate resources (including officer time) for the scrutiny decided upon;
 - f. The relationship of scrutiny with the Police and Crime Panel.

4.0 Indicative future meeting dates of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party

4.1 Members could agree future meeting dates for 2017/18. This will help manage the work programme for the sub group as it gives enough lead time for lead officers to prepare reports and invitations to be sent out to external agencies to be attendance at these meetings when requested.

5.0 Options

- 5.1 Members could suggest amendments to the terms of reference if they so wish. Any such changes would need to be referred to the main Panel for approval.
- 5.2 Members are requested to agree a detailed work programme.
- 5.3 The sub group could agree indicative meeting dates for future meetings for 2017/18.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Community Safety Partnership Working Party Terms of Reference for 2017/18
Annex 2	Draft Work Programme for 2017/18

Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR 2017/18

A. TERMS OF REFERENCE

General

The purpose of the working party was to scrutinise key community safety issues in Thanet and make recommendations to the Community Safety Partnership through the Overview & Scrutiny Panel.

Membership, Chairmanship and Quorum

Number of Members	Seven
Political Composition	3 UKIP
	2 Conservative
	1 Labour
	1 Independent Group
Substitute Members Permitted	Yes
Political Balance Rules apply*	Yes
Appointments/Removals from Office	By the Overview and Scrutiny Panel
Restrictions on Membership	Non-Executive Members only
Restrictions on Chairmanship	None
Quorum	Four
Number of ordinary meetings per Council	Meetings will be called as required and
Year	as reflected in the work programme
	below

Terms of reference

The scope of the group for 2017/18 will be specifically to review the performance of the Community Safety Partnership with regards to implementing the following key themes for 2017-2020:

- 1. Reducing Offending and Reoffending;
- 2. Safeguarding Against Vulnerability;
- 3. Community Reassurance.

Delegations

None

Notes

This working party was established in principle by the decision of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 01 October 2009. These terms of reference were agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 23 May 2017.

*NB: The Overview & Scrutiny Panel unanimously agreed political proportionality in establishing membership to this sub group.

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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 <u>must</u> 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:

- 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 <u>must</u> declare the existence **and** nature of the significant interest at the commencement of the

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- 2. Withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the matter or immediately after speaking.
- 3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision.

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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

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