



Community Safety Plan 2016/2017



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1. Foreword

Welcome to our Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2016-17, which outlines how all of the agencies are going to collectively tackle crime and disorder issues in Thanet this year.

The plan also updates residents about what we achieved in 2015-16. We would like to thank all of the agencies within the partnership, who have jointly worked to achieve a number of positive outcomes.

We would also like to thank the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, Ann Barnes for her continued support of Thanet Community Safety Partnerships (TCSP) having agreed a grant of £31,957 for 2016-17. The fund is used to pilot and plan activity that is outside of the core budgets of the agencies meaning we can look at new and innovative approaches to resolve issues. Part of this money is also set aside for residents and volunteers to bid into for small amounts that will have a big impact to locally driven initiatives.

We continue to see reductions in all crime, of 4.3%, (Jan- Dec 2015 compared to Jan – Dec 2014) but continue to face challenges around violent crime and the underlying causes that contribute to people committing crime or disorder. We also recognise that reacting to issues with enforcement is not always the right route. Therefore the CSP will work alongside other key boards in the district such as the Health and Well-Being Board and Invest Thanet to tackle the root causes. Section 4 explains this in more detail.

As part of this we welcome the Margate Taskforce into the Community Safety Partnership structures. They have undertaken innovative activities using their 'Social Justice model' within their focus wards of Cliftonville West and Margate Central. Whilst they will continue to focus on these areas, the activity will be replicated in others areas of need across the district. Early 2016 will see a wider co-location of key agencies in the Council offices. This will mean better sharing of information and quicker multi-agency responses to problems.

There have been a number of threats across the UK and wider, that mean we need to continually re-assess where our resources are directed, to target them most effectively to have the greatest impact. 2016-17 sees a continuation of the thematic approach we introduced last year. This allows us to approach our work flexibly.

Our focuses for the year therefore are;

1. Reducing offending and Re-offending
2. Safeguarding our most vulnerable people
3. Improving Community Confidence and agency collaboration

As ever the views of residents are extremely important to us. We have undertaken a number of consultations on this document and appreciate regular feedback at our many public engagement sessions. Working together as agencies with the support of local organisations and residents will all help towards our aim of making Thanet a safer place.

Chief Inspector Sharon Adley
Thanet District Commander
Kent Police

Cllr Lin Fairbrass
Cabinet Member for Community Safety
Thanet District Council

2. Who are Thanet Community Safety Partnership?

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, changed the way crime and anti-social behaviour was to be tackled, as it is recognised that in order to be effective, agencies needed to work together to address the issues collectively. Each local area formed a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) which are now called Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).

Thanet's Community Safety Partnership (TCSP) is made up of key statutory partners that must ensure specific obligations such as public engagement and delivery of an action plan are met.

Our statutory partners are: Thanet District Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Kent Probation Community Rehabilitation Company and Thanet Clinical Commissioning Groups (which have the responsibility for health services locally).

We also work with a large number of other public and private sector partners as well as voluntary and community groups to collectively implement and deliver initiatives that will help all areas of Thanet become a safe place to live, work and visit.

Why do we have a plan?

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places obligations on the Community Safety Partnership to produce an annual Community Safety Plan, to outline how all partners intend to work together to impact upon crime and disorder, substance misuse and reduce reoffending in the local area.

How does this link with the national, county and local context?

In developing this plan a number of relevant strategies and plans were considered. This ensures that we comply with relevant national and local strategic direction. These plans include but are not limited to:

- *Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17*
- *Thanet District Council Corporate Plan 2015-19*
- *Kent Police Control Strategy 2015-2018*
- *Police Crime Commissioner Plan 2013-17*
- *Kent Fire and Rescue Service Safety and Wellbeing Plan (2016-18)*
- *Kent and Essex Police Gangs Strategy 2016*
- *Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy 2013- 16*
- *Kent and Medway Strategic Plan for Reducing Reoffending (2012-15)*
- *Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012*
- *Protection of Freedoms Act 2012*
- *Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011*
- *Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014*
- *Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014*
- *Children and Families Act 2014*
- *Helping Troubled Families turn their lives around (Home Office 2013)*
- *Prevent Strategy 2011*
- *Counter Terrorism and Security Bill 2015*
- *Ending Gang Violence and Exploitation 2016*
- *Information sharing Agreement for Kent and Medway v 4 (Last updated 2014)*

3. Key achievements for 2015/16

Last year's community safety plan focused on four themes with a total of 30 actions. 6 have been fully completed as this plan was being produced and the remaining 24 are well underway to completion. A summary of the key achievements in each theme can be found below.

Safeguarding People vulnerable to committing or being a victim of crime

- Strengthened the ways we work jointly to support vulnerable young people,
- Delivered intensive multi agency family support at 15 family support panels, and improved joint working with social services
- Working with the Home Office as part of the Ending Gangs and Youth Violence peer review and have shared best practice
- Challenged inappropriate out of area placements of vulnerable people
- Produced an e-learning package for training on Domestic Abuse legislation changes
- Raised awareness and shared best practice around Domestic Homicide reviews

Reducing re-offending

- Police continue to use personal body worn cameras as a visible deterrent and to improve evidence capture and 8 licensed premises have also adopted this provision
- Joint agency work in tackling repeat and persistent Anti-Social Behaviour
- Seconded an Early Help worker into the Margate Task Force to strengthen diversionary support to those at risk of offending
- Made better use of positive role models , through supporting the 'Say it' Child Sexual Exploitation programme intervention in local schools
- Delivered a gangs 'outreach' programme for young people, with St Giles Trust

Tackling the drivers of crime and anti-social behaviour

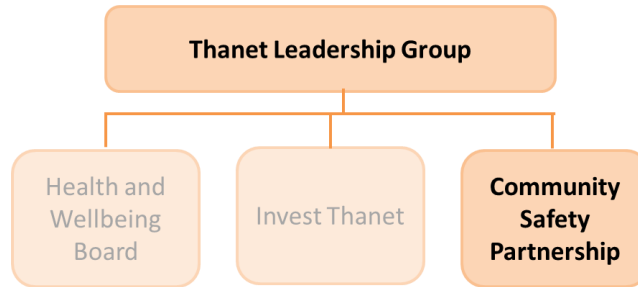
- Extended availability of 'One Stop Shop' support services, 14 'Neighbourhood Responsibility Panels' have been held, supporting 21 clients.
- Delivered additional training for front line workers around Mental Health, championing the dual diagnosis programme
- Co-ordinated and supported delivery of the Thanet Alcohol Strategy
- Undergone and delivered training on 'online safeguarding ' and 'Preventing Extremism'.
- Continued to support the Community Pastor Scheme – 58 patrols were carried out over peak periods, which equated to 1200 volunteer hours. Direct advice and support was given to 1758 people.

Engaging with partners and the community

- Reviewed existing engagement provision in schools – over 1500 pupils engaged with
- Consulted with young people through Kent Youth Service to understand their views
- Invited schools into the council to meet with CSP agencies
- Developed an extensive communications programme and continued to put messages out on all media platforms to raise awareness of CSP services and projects
- Held 17 public meetings and increased responses to our annual safety consultation , particularly including a younger demographic

4. Partnership Structure

The Community Safety Partnership is responsible to the Thanet Leadership Group and the Community Safety Working Party (sub group of Overview and Scrutiny Panel)



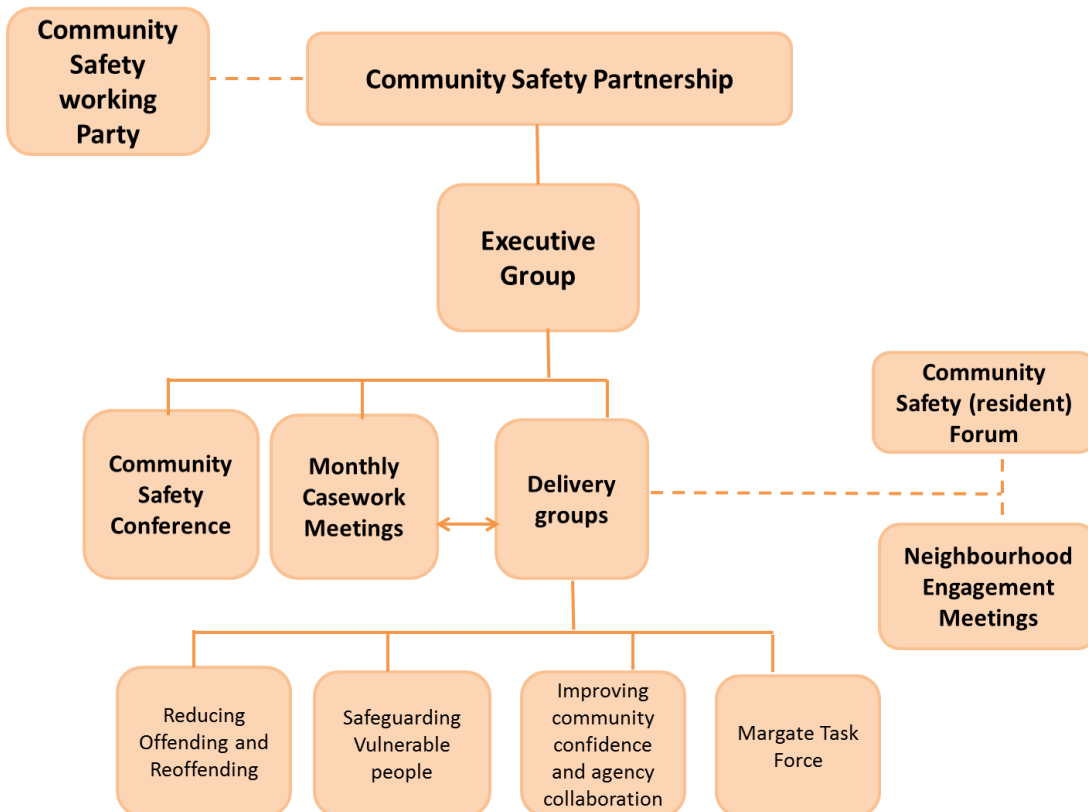
Leadership Group

This group consists of senior managers of the key agencies and provides strategic oversight to the Community Safety Partnership, as well as other multi agency structures including the Health and Wellbeing Board and Invest Thanet. The purpose of the Leadership Group is to align these three boards around three strategic priorities for the district:

1. Safeguarding Young People
2. Improved Mental Health
3. Young People get the Best Start in Life

Community Safety Partnership

Agencies of the partnership meet throughout the year via a number of different forums aimed at coordinating activity, monitoring trends and ensuring clear information sharing.



Executive Group

Is made up of managers from the statutory agencies and other partners who oversee the decisions and direction of the Community Safety Partnership. They are responsible for agreeing and ensuring their organisations help to implement the Community Safety Plan.

Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny working group

This group is coordinated by the District Council political members and provides a scrutiny function, ensuring all processes have been complied with and that partners are working together. The group also holds the agencies to account on delivery of the action plan.

Community Safety Conference

This is an annual practitioner meeting where the strategic assessment data is reviewed and verified by wider partners, best practice is shared and ideas generated to inform and draft the annual community safety plan.

Delivery groups

Thematic delivery groups ensure the Community Safety Partnership is delivered operationally. These groups focus on developing specific actions under each of the partnership themes, as well as driving forward any longstanding initiatives included within the partnership, such as the Margate Task Force, who along with the combined Community Safety Unit will now undertake activity district wide.

The delivery groups remain dynamically responsive to any issues as they emerge, whilst providing a partnership response to the Community Safety focus areas and are accountable to the Community Safety Partnership Executive Group.

Monthly (Multi-Agency) Casework Meetings

The main operational meeting that meets monthly, is the Community Safety Casework Panel Meeting, and is attended by front line practitioners to review and discuss high and medium risk cases that require multi-agency enforcement. This is to ensure joined up working, prevent duplication and ensure information is shared reducing the chance of cases being ignored. There are spin off meetings that also meet to discuss additional risks and support needs, such as mental health and offender management.

Community Safety (residents) Forum

This is a focus group that meets annually that includes local Councilors, neighbourhood watch co-ordinators, chairs of resident associations and other public groups to meet with senior managers from each of the CSP agencies to look at the strategic planning, discuss areas to focus on issues and find out about the progress of the partnership against its action plan. It is also an opportunity for residents to get involved in Community Safety projects.

Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings

The partnership also delivers Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings to identify the issues that matter most to residents in our local communities. The district is divided into North, East, South and West geographical areas – with those living in more rural areas attending whichever location is closest and most relevant to them. A quarterly meeting takes place for each area.

The NEM meeting is attended by a range of partners including police officers and PCSOs for that area, district council representatives and KCC Wardens. Members of the community are free to pose questions or make observations about their area, even down to street level. Meeting dates are advertised on the Kent Police and Thanet District Council Websites in advance and are an opportunity to collectively problem-solve community safety issues.

5. How does it all work?

Strategic Assessment

The Community Safety Partnership has to identify emerging crime and disorder trends and this is done through the production of a Strategic Assessment of the district. Data is analysed from all of the partners to produce recommended themes to focus on.

These themes are then compared with other districts and ranked against a number of factors, including volume, trend over time, resident's perception and how much it is felt the partnership can influence. The top ranked themes are analysed in greater depth, to help guide practitioners in formulating actions that they feel will have an impact on each focus area.

Stakeholder Consultation

Each year we ensure that we consult on Community Safety focus areas with residents' and partners and also ensure we are accountable by feeding back on our progress. We do this by meeting with residents at the community safety forum and neighbourhood engagement meetings as well as holding practitioner meetings throughout the year.

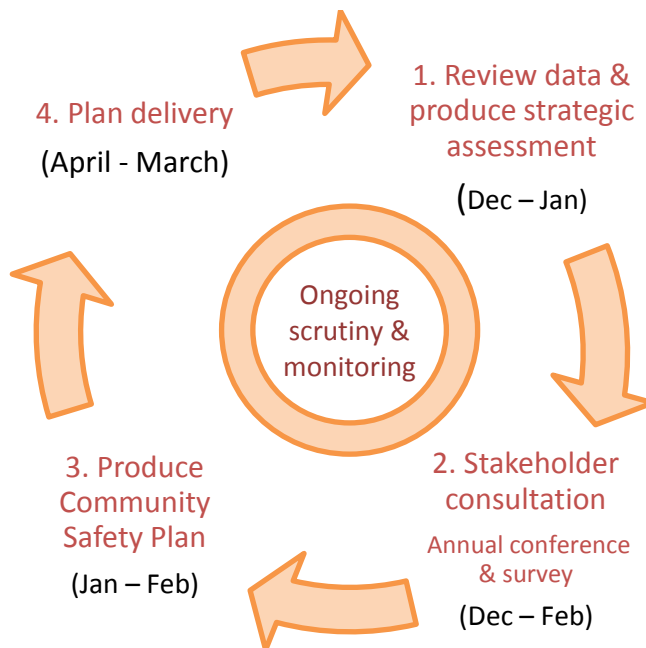
In December we held a Community Safety conference for practitioners to review provisional areas to focus on and in January ran a consultation event asking for residents views on wider community safety issues, as well as the proposed themes for 2016-17 to ensure we understand the issues that impact most on our communities.

Producing the Plan

Following on from the data assessment and partner/public consultation, specific actions are developed by partners that aim to make an impact on the themes and focus areas that we have established. The plan is then delivered throughout the financial year of April – March, with regular performance monitoring to make sure we are achieving what we set out to.

Scrutiny and monitoring

The Community safety Plan is reviewed and scrutinised by a series of groups including the Community Safety Working Party, CSP Executive and formal Council scrutiny meetings. Once agreed, further monitoring is undertaken throughout the year.



6. Our plans for 2016/17

There remains a continued need to target the resources we have most effectively to have the greatest impact around those that pose the greatest threat of risk or harm, whilst remaining flexible enough to adapt to issues quickly as they emerge.

A review of agency data shows that Thanet continues to face challenges across a number of crime types, as well as high demand on services, high levels of deprivation and unemployment.

Proposals for this year therefore continue to adopt a thematic approach, taking into consideration the ongoing strategies of CSP partners, by providing a series of aims which will continue to evolve and respond dynamically to issues as they emerge.

1. Reducing offending and Re-offending

We aim to:

- Divert first time entrants and repeat offenders from the criminal justice system
- Prevent low level anti-social behavior from escalating into criminality
- Tackle violence and crimes that cause the most harm to communities

2. Safeguarding our most vulnerable people

We aim to:

- Identify and support those susceptible to all forms of exploitation
- Break cycles of abuse and vulnerability
- Address isolation and improve community based support

3. Improving Community Confidence and agency collaboration

We aim to:

- Raise awareness and education of community safety activity across the district
- Integrate and co-locate services to improve delivery and replicate innovation
- Engage with and empower communities through positive re-enforcement
- Use reparation and volunteer support to improve the physical environment

7. Useful Phone Numbers

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)	01795 590 635
Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS Patient advice and liaison service:	01795 590 635
Kent Probation – Thanet Office	03000 473218
Hyde Housing Association	0800 389 3576
Turning Point	0300 123 1186
Kent Drug And Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT)	01622 221676
National Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
Orbit South Housing Association Thanet Office	0800 678 1221
Sanctuary Housing Association	0800 781 4755
Southern Housing Association	08456 120 021
Town and Country Housing Association	0845 873 1321
<u>Porchlight</u>	0800 5677699
Victim Support	0845 3030900
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Margate Task Force	01843 577 536

To find out who your local Police Community Support Officer and Police Constables are, or to see when your next neighbourhood meeting is visit www.kent.police.uk or
For more information on any of the partnership, visit www.thanetcommunitysafety.org.uk

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The responsible authorities of the
Thanet Community Safety Partnership are;



**Kent
Police**

**National
Probation
Service**



Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group



**Kent Fire &
Rescue Service**

Thanks also go to all of the other members of the
Community Safety Partnership

