

# ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017/18

Community Safety Partnership  
Working Party

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Status

**For Decision**

Classification:

**Unrestricted**

Key Decision

**No**

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 IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
<b>Legal</b>	There are no adverse legal implications arising directly from this report.
<b>Corporate</b>	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.
<b>Equality Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	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.

	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.	
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		

<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 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

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