

# THANET COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2017-20

## Partnership Delivery Plan for 2017

Community Safety Partnership  
Working Party

**20 July 2017**

Report Author

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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 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,

	<p>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" style="width: 100%;"> <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 style="width: 10%;"></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 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>	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 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 – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Feedback received was then incorporated into the final draft of the plan presented to Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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

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