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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

13 MARCH 2018

A meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party will be held at **7.00 pm on Tuesday, 13 March 2018** in the Council Chamber - Council Offices.

Membership:

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

A G E N D A

Item
No

Subject

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

To receive any declarations of interest. Members are advised to consider the advice contained within the Declaration of Interest form attached at the back of this agenda. If a Member declares an interest, they should complete that form and hand it to the officer clerking the meeting and then take the prescribed course of action.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 3 - 8)

To approve the Minutes of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party meeting held on 20 February 2018, copy attached.

4. **COMMUNITY PAYBACK ACTIVITIES IN THANET** (Pages 9 - 12)

Declaration of Interests Form

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber - Council Offices.

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

In Attendance: Councillors Stummer-Schmertzing and D Saunders

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received at the meeting.

30. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no apologies made at the meeting.

31. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Campbell proposed, Councillor Mrs Saunders seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting that was held on 28 September 2017.

Matters Arising

Councillor Curran, Chairman of the working party called upon Councillor Falcon to present an update to Members on the present situation regarding the on-going Rape Crisis support work for victims of violent crime in Ramsgate. Councillor Falcon gave the following highlights:

- Attended the Domestic Abuse Forum and received a report from Detective Inspector Tracy Anstis who gave a summary update on Operation Encompass which had been rolled out in Deal and Dover
- This work was for a trial period between end of Easter holidays and the beginning of summer holidays last year but has continued;
- It was hoped that if successful Operation Encompass would be replicated in other local areas;
- Initial results brought to the authorities' attention the plight of 31 children who were living in abusive environments. This was as a result of seventeen incidents that were attended to by Kent Police;
- In response to the good work by Kent Police, the Minister for Children had since asked through Radio 4 Programme that the Operation should be rolled out country wide;
- It is hoped that additional resources would be identified and allocated to this work as such an exercise was intensive and the Police were currently stretched for resources.

Victims Support:

- Sessions were being offered at the Ramsgate Library and the office was getting a good footfall in visits.

East Kent Rape Crisis Centre report:

- During the first nine months of the project to Ramsgate residents, the organisation and attended to 48 referrals for counselling;
- 412 counselling sessions have been offered to date in addition to assessments;

- The Centre was still operating from the Registry Office. The charge for using these premises was £50 per day;
- They had increased the sessions by an extra half day session each Wednesday;
- Ramsgate Town Council was considering offering a spare office for those sessions within their premises.

In addition Councillor Campbell advised that Ramsgate Town Council had agreed to fund these services again in the 2018/19 financial year.

Chief Inspector Sharon Adley thanked the support given to the work on victim support by the Community Safety Partnership Working Party as more people were now being directed to the right service.

Members noted the verbal update report.

32. KENT POLICE UPDATE ON POLICING IN RAMSGATE AND MARGATE (RE: YOUTH CRIME/ASB)

Sergeant James Ross from Kent Police led the first half of the presentation on this item and made the following key comments:

- Reports had been made regarding anti-social behaviour by young people within the Ramsgate Town Centre particularly near the KFC and Subway shops;
- Police had been conducting dispersals in those areas mostly on weekends;
- Youth Engagement Officers have also been conducting home visits. These were very effective ways of engaging the youths involved in unacceptable behaviour;
- There was gradual decline in reports in the areas under review;
- Ramsgate now has seven PCSOs, up from three a few months ago;
- As a result of the increased number of PCSOs Ramsgate had clearly benefited from a rise in visibility

CI Adley then led the second half of the presentation for this item and added the following key comments:

- In Margate a huge amount of work was done during the half term break as Police issued dispersal orders to young people;
- Police were responding to reports of ASB including public order offences;
- Some arrests were made and reports were made by Police to parents and schools.

In response to the two presentations, Members made comments and asked questions as follows:

- At the Corporate Performance Review Working Party meeting held on 15 February 2018, Members received a performance report that indicated that there 120 crime incidents per thousand reported as at December 2017. This had gone from 94 per thousand in the previous year for the same period under review;
- This is the kind of information that is highlighted by the local press and gets the attention of the local communities;
- Some areas experience what could be considered as intimidation by youths who congregate at certain locations in the district;
- There were concerns that a community hall in Garlinge was also subject of anti-social behaviour with some broken windows and residents in that neighbourhood feeling intimidated by groups of youth that congregate at that hall;
- Was the PREVENT project that was aimed at protecting young people from extremist tendencies still in place?

In responses to Member comments and questions, CI Adley, Sgt Ross, Penny Button and Trevor Kennett explained as follows:

- Yes, there had been an increase in reported crime incidents, with a rise of 27% between October 2016 and September 2017. However this should be taken in context of changes to crime reporting and recording;
- The data for all victim based crime has seen an increase across the force; officers follow strict Home Office guidelines when investigating and recording crime and many single crimes recorded previously are now recorded as multiple crimes. For example, previously if four people were found fighting outside a nightclub and it was not clear who was in the right or wrong one report of affray would have been recorded whereas now four counter allegation of assault and one of affray could be recorded;
- Furthermore, improvements in crime recording and improved victim confidence in coming forward have played a significant part in these figures both locally and nationally. These figures should start to level out from May 2018 onwards as true comparisons become easier;
- There has been a 15.8% decline in antisocial behaviour in Thanet. This was higher performance figures than the county average and it was a good news story;
- Currently there were two PCSO Youth Engagement Officers who have been engaging youth in the district, particularly those vulnerable to antisocial behaviour highlighting likely problems;
- There were now four PCSOs assigned to Broadstairs, with a fifth one stationed at Westwood Cross who can be called as back-up;
- A PCSO was now dedicated to Garlinge and Salmerstone patrols as from end of February;
- PREVENT was still an operational national project.
- Officers will check with KCC and advise Members on the focus of PREVENT project in Thanet.

Members agreed to review the crime statistics at a future meeting after May 2018.

The working party noted the report.

33. PARENTS SCHOOL PARKING CHALLENGES IN SOME AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

Trevor Kennett, Head of Operational Services introduced the item by making a presentation which highlighted the following:

- Inconsiderate parking at schools was a nationwide issue;
- Parents/carers were putting children's lives at risk through this bad practice;
- Officers who try to dissuade bad parking at schools often receive abuse from the offending drivers;
- Parents were under pressure to drop-off children at school and proceed to work;
- UK wide study had shown there were 86,000 casualties over the over a 5 year period and the most vulnerable age group was the 12 years+;
- Inconsiderate parking at schools was an action point on the current Community Safety Partnership Plan;
- 30 tickets had been issued so far for school zigzag offences;
- Council could consider issuing stiffer penalties through penalty Charge Notices for roads near schools and 'hotspot areas;'
- Enforcement will make 250 proactive visits around schools in 2018 to tackle this problem;
- Council was involved in county wide awareness campaigns;
- In 2018, the Council will be taking a much more robust approach to tackle inconsiderate parking at schools;

- Schools will continue to assist in creating awareness to the problem and will target parents.

Members asked questions and made comments as follows:

- Was it legal for councils to issue parking tickets using CCTV evidence?
- Given the limited resources at Councils disposal, issuing of tickets using remote enforcement approaches should be a logical way of effective enforcement;
- How autonomous was TDC regarding highway related issues like parking and other local road network issues(including double yellow lines and other traffic calming requests);
- In other parts of the country County councils introduced increased penalties for inconsiderate parking at schools. Could officers check how this was done and whether the council could learn from this experience and possibly canvass KCC to implement such an approach;
- Were schools encouraging parents to walk their children to school instead of driving (in instances where practically possible).

In response to Member queries, Trevor Kennett made the following comments:

- TDC was not a highways authority (KCC were the authority for highways);
- Officers from TDC and KCC highways department regularly meet with members to discuss highways and local road network issues;
- KCC was responsible for making decision regarding traffic calming, whilst TDC did the background work to inform such decisions (because it was in TDC's interest to do the background work);
- KCC usually took a sensible approach to local requests;
- Officers were looking at technologies that could be used for effective enforcement;
- Penalty charges are fixed by statutes. Some Councils were using Public Spaces Protection Orders for nuisance behaviour to issue £100 parking tickets for illegal parking at schools.

Penny Button Head of Safer Neighbourhoods confirmed that schools encouraged parents to walk their children to school as part of a 'walking buses' approach to help contribute to air quality in the area and Minster Primary was one such school.

Trevor Kennett agreed to research and report back to members in writing regarding the whether TDC could use CCTV for parking enforcement and increase the penalty charges for illegal parking at schools.

Members agreed to report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel on key issues emerging from the officer presentation and discussion.

Post Meeting Notes:

With reference to the questions asked by Members at the working party meeting, please find below the written answers provided by Trevor Kennett.

Question: Can the Council use CCTV technology to help enforce parking contraventions?

Answer: Only Unitary and County Council's (because they are the Highways Authority) can use CCTV to issue PCNs and only for the offences of Bus Lane, illegal turn and entering a box junction offences. CCTV cannot be used for double yellow line, loading bay and other civil enforcement contraventions.

Question: Can the PCN fine be doubled for offences around schools?

Answer: Parking ticket charges and rules are the same wherever you live in Kent and are set by legislation. (Traffic Management Act).

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If you pay your parking fine within 14 days, you will only be charged half of the fine (£35). You'll get a parking ticket (Penalty Charge Notice) for £70. This set charge is not able to be altered or doubled.

Some Councils were using Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) for dangerous parking around schools offences, which change the behavioural offence from civil into a criminal act. Officers will explore this option further to see how it could be operated in Thanet.

See below story for further information.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/parents-face-fines-of-up-to-1000-for-dangerous-parking-at-london-schools-a6848671.html>

Meeting concluded: 7.55 pm

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Community Payback activities in Thanet

Community Safety Partnership
Working Party

13 March 2018

Report Author

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Portfolio Holder

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Environmental Services

Status

For Information/Recommendations

Classification:

Unrestricted

Key Decision

No

Ward:

All wards

Executive Summary:

Members of the Community Safety working party requested for a presentation on 'Community Payback in Thanet' with a view to understanding the activities carried out under this scheme and how that benefits the local communities.

A presentation will be led by representatives from Kent Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (KSSCRC). Members could thereafter (if appropriate) make recommendations as they see fit and take a view as to what further scrutiny may be required.

Recommendation(s):

Members are requested to:

- 1 Note the presentation;

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

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

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications currently arising from this information report.
Legal	There are no legal implications directly arising from this information report.
Corporate	There are no corporate risks associated with this report.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to

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Sector Equality Duty	<p>the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 2px;">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">✓</td> </tr> </table> <p>There no equity and equalities issues arising directly from this report but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these. It should also be noted that a review to be conducted by one of the working parties focuses on protecting vulnerable individuals of the local community from violence.</p>	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.		Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	✓	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	✓	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	✓
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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 Background

- 1.1 At the meeting held on the 20 July 2017, Community Safety Working party agreed an initial two topics for review and that included a look at 'Community Payback in Thanet.'
- 1.2 It is hoped that the officer presentation will then inform the way forward for the working party.

2.0 Options

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

- 2.1 Note the information and explanations given;
- And either
- 2.2 Request further information and agree on further lines of enquiry for scrutiny or take no further action;
- Or

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

3.0 Other considerations

3.1 Depending on the issues that will emerge from the presentation and discussion, Members of the sub group could make recommendations to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel on any proposals they suggest the Panel could further forward to an appropriate decision making body for consideration.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Sophia Nartey, Interim Head of Legal Services

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THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

Do I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and if so what action should I take?

Your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) are those interests that are, or should be, listed on your Register of Interest Form.

If you are at a meeting and the subject relating to one of your DPIs is to be discussed, in so far as you are aware of the DPI, you **must** declare the existence **and** explain the nature of the DPI during the declarations of interest agenda item, at the commencement of the item under discussion, or when the interest has become apparent

Once you have declared that you have a DPI (unless you have been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, for which you will have applied to the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting) you **must:-**

1. Not speak or vote on the matter;
2. Withdraw from the meeting room during the consideration of the matter;
3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision on the matter.

Do I have a significant interest and if so what action should I take?

A significant interest is an interest (other than a DPI or an interest in an Authority Function) which:

1. Affects the financial position of yourself and/or an associated person; or Relates to the determination of your application for any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration made by, or on your behalf of, you and/or an associated person;
2. And which, in either case, a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest.

An associated person is defined as:

- A family member or any other person with whom you have a close association, including your spouse, civil partner, or somebody with whom you are living as a husband or wife, or as if you are civil partners; or
- Any person or body who employs or has appointed such persons, any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors; or
- Any person or body in whom such persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000;
- Any body of which you are in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Authority; or
- any body in respect of which you are in a position of general control or management and which:
 - exercises functions of a public nature; or
 - is directed to charitable purposes; or
 - has as its principal purpose or one of its principal purposes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

An Authority Function is defined as: -

- Housing - where you are a tenant of the Council provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease; or
- Any allowance, payment or indemnity given to members of the Council;
- Any ceremonial honour given to members of the Council
- Setting the Council Tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

If you are at a meeting and you think that you have a significant interest then you **must** declare the existence **and** nature of the significant interest at the commencement of the

matter, or when the interest has become apparent, or the declarations of interest agenda item.

Once you have declared that you have a significant interest (unless you have been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, for which you will have applied to the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting) you **must:-**

1. Not speak or vote (unless the public have speaking rights, or you are present to make representations, answer questions or to give evidence relating to the business being discussed in which case you can speak only)
2. Withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the matter or immediately after speaking.
3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision.

Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality

Councillors must declare at meetings any gift, benefit or hospitality with an estimated value (or cumulative value if a series of gifts etc.) of £25 or more. You **must**, at the commencement of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, disclose the existence and nature of the gift, benefit or hospitality, the identity of the donor and how the business under consideration relates to that person or body. However you can stay in the meeting unless it constitutes a significant interest, in which case it should be declared as outlined above.

What if I am unsure?

If you are in any doubt, Members are strongly advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or the Committee Services Manager well in advance of the meeting.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS AND GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY

MEETING

DATE..... **AGENDA ITEM**

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY

THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST, GIFT, BENEFITS OR HOSPITALITY:

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NAME (PRINT):

SIGNATURE:

Please detach and hand this form to the Democratic Services Officer when you are asked to declare any interests.