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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY CHAIRMAN'S END OF YEAR REPORT TO OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

To: **Overview & Scrutiny Panel – 11 March 2014**

Main Portfolio Area: **Community Services**

By: **Cllr Campbell, Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Thanet Wide**

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**Summary:** **The report provides information updates regarding the work of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party in 2013/14.**

### **For Information**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 On 3 March 2014, Members of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party met at the last meeting of the 21013/14; and consider amongst other issues the current Community Safety Plan (CSP) and the proposed plan for 2014/15. The final outcome of the current Plan would be considered by Members in the new municipal year (2014/15).
- 1.2 The sub-group Chairman would like to share information regarding some of the highlights of the outcomes of the plan in the third quarter of this municipal year.

#### **2.0 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)**

- 2.1 There was a welcome decline in reported incidents in Thanet but there still were the highest recorded incidents in Kent. This included Criminal Damage incidents which have increased in Thanet against a backdrop of declining incidents in the rest of Kent.
- 2.2 There are 9 actions within the CSP under ASB, 6 have been completed 3 will not be achieved by fiscal year end this is explained by changes to ASB legislation. The 3 are:

AS01: Restorative Practice Clinics - new protocols are being prepared;

AS04: Streamline ASB information for each agency - New ASB toolkit in prep;

AS07: Victim Support project based on BRAVE model introduced in Birmingham meetings have taken place training programme to be established.

#### **3.0 DOMESTIC ABUSE**

- 3.1 There had been a reported increase in reported incidents in Thanet in line with rest of Kent. This increase was a double edged sword, police informed the

Working Party that they were having greater success in reaching most difficult to reach groups with more, mainly women, coming forward and reporting incidents of abuse. A domestic abuse worker had now been deployed with a police officer on reported incidents this post being funded by TDC.

- 3.2 There are 6 actions under this priority 5 completed with 1 still on-going to reach completion by April 2014.

#### **4.0 VIOLENT CRIME**

- 4.1 Violent Crime was viewed as defined by the individual against whom the crime had been committed. There had been a dramatic rise in Thanet 32% which is also reflected across Kent 30%.

- 4.2 This has been explained in part by the now more rigorous recording regime in place across Kent. However this is a worrying trend and the WP concerns were made known to the Police.

- 4.3 There were 6 actions under this priority and all had been completed.

#### **5.0 SUBSTANCE MISUSE**

- 5.1 There had been a small decrease in reported incidents in Thanet against an increase in the rest of Kent. A "Reduce the Strength" Campaign was to be piloted in Ramsgate and would be launched on 13 March 2014.

- 5.2 There were 8 actions under this priority and all had been completed.

#### **6.0 ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

- 6.1 there had been an increase of 17.5% of reported incidents in Thanet against an increase of only 4% in Kent. The WP found this disappointing and somewhat alarming. The Police explained that again this was in part due to a change in their recording methodology but of course this methodology also applies across the rest of Kent where the increase of reported incidents was less than one quarter the increase in Thanet.

- 6.2 There were 7 actions under this priority, 5 had been completed and 2 were on-going. The two on-going activities were as follows:

- AC04: Smart water marking - till end of year;
- AC05: Increase awareness of personal safety and bogus callers - till end of year.

#### **7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN FOR 2014/15**

- 7.1 Next year's Safety Plan is under construction. It will concentrate on the same five priorities included in this year's Safety Plan which are ASB, Domestic Abuse, Violent Crime, Substance Misuse and Acquisitive Crime but will add 2 more; which are highlighted in section 8.0 and section 9.0 of the report.

#### **8.0 ROAD SAFETY**

- 8.1 The Kent Fire and Rescue Services will lead on a campaign to create more awareness on road safety in Kent. The issue regarding road safety was raised by the respondents to the Kent Crime and Victimisation Survey and at residents meetings.

## **9.0 PUBLIC AND AGENCY ENGAGEMENT**

- 9.1 The Community Safety Partnership Team felt that they should have a greater role in shaping the publicity about actions and activities they are providing in Thanet for Thanet's residents.

## **10.0 KENT POLICE – REQUEST FOR A MEMBERS BRIEFING**

- 10.1 The sub-group was advised at the meeting on 3 March 2014 that the Police in Kent (and therefore Thanet) are to undergo a re-organisation that would be implemented around the end of June to early June this year. The Chairman of the Working Party requested the Police to hold an all TDC Members Briefing when details of the pending re-organisation had been finalised. If agreeable such a briefing session would need to be provided to Members before the re-organisation was implemented.

- 10.2 The Police agreed to the request.

## **11.0 Corporate Implications**

### **11.1 Financial and VAT**

- 11.1.1 There were no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **11.2 Legal**

- 11.2.1 There were no legal implications arising directly from this report.

### **11.3 Corporate**

### **11.4 Equity and Equalities**

- 11.4.1 There were no equity and equalities issues arising directly from this report.

## **12.0 Recommendation**

- 12.1 Members are requested to receive and note the report of the Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party.

## **13.0 Decision Making Process**

- 13.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Panel can set up working parties that would need to report back issues for either the Panel's information or as recommendations on any of the activities that fall within their given tasks (terms of reference).

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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 Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	N/A
Communications	N/A