
THANET COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN UPDATE FOR 2015 – 2016

To: **Community Safety Working Party – 14 September 2015**

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Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All wards**

Summary: This report explains how progress is monitored against the actions in the Community Safety Plan and details particular topics of discussion that will take place during the meeting.

For Information

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (updated in various other legislation since) placed a number of obligations on the Council and other 'responsible authorities' (County Council, Police, Fire, Probation, Health via Clinical Commissioning Groups) to form a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) that would enable agencies to work together to help impact upon crime and disorder, substance misuse and reduce re-offending in the local area. Thanet District Council facilitates the CSP on behalf of these agencies.
- 1.2 Each CSP is required to undertake a strategic needs assessment of all of the relevant data that partners collate and then pull this together into a strategy (the Community Safety Plan) that identifies priority issues and actions to try and resolve/reduce them.
- 1.3 The Community Safety Working Party is a statutory function for the Council to oversee progress of the 'responsible authorities' of the Community Safety Partnership who are Kent Police, Thanet District Council, Kent County Council, Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group, Kent Fire and Rescue and Local Probation Services. Each year a terms of reference is agreed with agencies and directs topics for discussion over the course of the year.
- 1.4 This report details the key topics for conversation at the meeting and how the working group are kept up to date on progress against the 2015-16 community safety plan.

2.0 Meeting topics

- 2.1 Working party members will hear a presentation from Kent Police about the work undertaken on actions contained within the theme 'Tackling the Drivers of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour'.
- 2.2 A PowerPoint presentation will be given to update members on the progress of agencies against the other actions set out in this year's plan. This will detail how many of the actions are completed, underway or not started.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 To note the updates.
- 3.2 To make recommendations for the responsible authorities to look at.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial

- 4.1.1 District Council Community Safety staff facilitate the Community Safety Partnership alongside their TDC function of anti-social behaviour case management. Salaries for these staff are covered within the TDC budget for 2015-16.
- 4.1.2 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has confirmed that Thanet Community Safety Partnership will be awarded a grant of £33,116 to assist in the delivery of the CSP functions. This will be used for commissioning organisations, distributing to local groups for specific crime prevention projects and the development of publicity material to better inform residents of the help available to them.

4.2 Legal

- 4.2.1 This Community Safety Plan provides evidence of compliance by the District Council and other responsible authorities of the statutory functions contained within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent updates in other legislation.

4.3 Corporate

- 4.3.1 Community Safety Plan priorities in 2015-16, coincide with the corporate plan objectives set in the 2012-2016 plan (mainly priority 4 'To make our district a safer place to live' and priority 10 'To influence the work of other agencies to ensure the best outcomes for Thanet').

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 To note the update.
- 5.2 To make recommendations for the responsible authorities to look at.

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