

## **CABINET**

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### **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2020 – 2024**

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#### **Summary**

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are under a duty to produce a Community Safety Plan to formulate and implement a strategy to reduce crime and disorder, combat substance misuse, and reduce re-offending. This report provides information on the proposed Plan, which forms part of the Council's Policy Framework, to cover the period from 2020 to 2024.

A Diversity Impact Assessment has been carried out on the proposals set out in this report and is attached at Appendix 3 to the report.

#### **1. Budget and Policy Framework**

- 1.1 CSPs were set up under Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and comprise representatives from the 'responsible authorities'. For Medway these are: Medway Council; Kent Police; Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS); Medway Clinical Commissioning Group and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (KSS CRC). CSPs are able to work in partnership with any other agencies or bodies that they may feel would contribute to community safety.
- 1.2 Although the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is not a responsible authority on the CSP, there is however a mutual duty to co-operate and to take account of the PCCs priorities. The period covered by this Plan mirrors the term of office of the PCC.
- 1.3 Regulation 5 of the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 requires the CSP to carry out an annual strategic assessment of crime and disorder which this committee considered in December 2019. Regulation 10 requires CSPs to prepare a partnership plan and to revise it annually in consideration of the strategic assessment. The

plan's overarching aim is to reduce crime and disorder, tackle substance misuse and reduce reoffending.

- 1.4 The draft Community Safety Plan covers the period 2020 to 2024 and forms part of the Council's Policy Framework. The classification of this Plan as a policy framework document is set out in Schedule 3 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, and in Article 4 (The Full Council) of the Council's Constitution.
- 1.5 Sections 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires local authorities to have a crime and disorder committee with power to scrutinise the decisions and actions of the CSP in their area and to make reports and recommendations to the local authority and the Partnership. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 require Local Authorities to scrutinise CSPs at least once a year.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 Scrutiny of the Partnership was last carried out in December 2019 by the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee where the Committee noted the findings of the strategic assessment and supported that the Community Safety Plan priorities be refreshed in the light of the strategic assessment findings. The full minute may be found at the following link: <https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=22414>
- 2.2 The existing Community Safety Plan was agreed by full Council in July 2016 and ran from 2016 to 2020 and it is proposed that the new 4 year Community Safety Plan will to run from 2020 to 2024.
- 2.3 As part of the development of the new Plan, the CSP has conducted a strategic assessment of community safety issues in Medway. This has included input from across the Council and the 'responsible authorities', part of this process being a half day event which included colleagues from Public Health and Children and Adult Services.
- 2.4 It is also important to note that the protocol remains in place between the CSP, the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Kent and Medway Adult Safeguarding Board and Medway Safeguarding Children's Partnership to ensure the sharing of assessments and plans to foster a better strategic alignment.
- 2.5 Examples of cross-directorate work has been the CSPs annual consultation event in 2018 which focused on consulting with our young people and was coordinated in partnership with Youth Services; and the Gangs and Early Intervention Conference put together in partnership with Medway Safeguarding Children's Partnership in 2019.
- 2.6 The strategic assessment looked back at issues that have impacted upon community safety in Medway and then forward at potential issues and emerging themes/trends.
- 2.7 The draft Community Safety Plan for 2020 to 2024 is appended at Appendix 1 to this report. The Plan contains four new priorities going forward, which have

been developed from the strategic assessment findings, which are summarised in the Plan, with a number of work streams under each priority. This has been agreed by the five responsible authorities. The priorities are proposed to be:

- Safeguarding Adults and Children.
- Reducing Vulnerability.
- Reducing Reoffending.
- Listening to our Communities and Partners.

2.8 The five responsible authorities have agreed that the process for monitoring these priorities in the CSP Action Plan should be by way of a '4 P Plan' (Prevent, Protect, Pursue and Prepare). This Plan continues to be developed with our partners in time for 1 April 2020 with the draft document shown at Appendix 2 to the report. The CSP Plan and Action Plan will then be presented to Cabinet on 7 April 2020, who will be asked to consider any comments made and recommend the proposed Plan to full Council on 23 April 2020.

2.9 The proposed strategic priorities are headlined below with areas of focus underneath each heading.

| <b>Safeguarding Adults and Children (Tackling Serious Violence and County Lines)</b> | <b>Reducing Vulnerability</b> | <b>Reducing Reoffending</b>                                    | <b>Listening to our Communities and Partners</b>             |
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| Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) / Human Trafficking                                  | Substance Misuse              | Community Payback                                              | Community Engagement events                                  |
| Organised Crime Groups                                                               | Homelessness                  | Rehabilitative interventions                                   | Young people's voice - YPAG, Medway Youth Council (MYC) etc. |
| Cuckooing                                                                            | Contextual Safeguarding       | Integrated Offender Management (IOM)                           | Parent and Carers Forum (Special Education Needs - SEN)      |
| Medway Task Force                                                                    | Mental Health                 | Youth Offending                                                | Communications                                               |
| Kent and Medway Serious Youth Crime Project                                          | Radicalisation                | Secure Settings                                                | Annual Consultation Event                                    |
|                                                                                      | Tackling ASB                  | Ending Serious Youth Violence and Violent Reduction Unit (VRU) | Empowering Communities                                       |
|                                                                                      | Domestic Abuse                |                                                                |                                                              |

- 2.10 Over the last few years the Community Safety Strategic Assessment has highlighted these key emerging issues on both a national and local level that we need to ensure agencies continue to focus on.
- 2.11 To enable a more focused approach to tackling issues and better coordination, it is suggested that the number of Strategic Priorities is reduced from 5 to 4 but that the aims and targets that fall into these priority areas are better defined to create a more efficient way of working.
- 2.12 In considering the new priority areas, it must be remembered that Community Safety Partnerships are responsible for developing strategies for reducing crime and offending in their areas, and have a statutory duty to work together to:
- reduce re-offending;
  - tackle crime and disorder;
  - tackle anti-social behaviour;
  - tackle alcohol and substance misuse; and
  - tackle any other behaviour which has a negative effect on the local environment.
- 2.13 Safeguarding Adults and Children has been identified as an overarching priority, mainly due to national concerns about the increase in county line activity as well as the need to tackle serious youth violence. The Serious Violence Strategy (2018) and the Children's Commissioner's report 'Keeping Kids Safe, Improving Safeguarding Responses to Gang Violence and Criminal Exploitation (2019) both discuss the need for better joint agency working and information sharing as well as a co-ordinated approach to tackling violent crime, especially youth related violence. The Serious and Organised Crime Partnership has been running in Medway for 2 years. The creation of the Medway Task Force, whose aims align with the work of the Community Safety Partnership is another opportunity to take a coordinated approach to keeping Medway safe and preventing the levels of violence being seen in some London boroughs.
- 2.14 Reducing vulnerability will be an overarching priority to ensure a continued focus on early intervention and prevention work in multiple areas of work. This includes those that may fall victim to cuckooing from gangs, young people at risk of exploitation or even those at risk of homelessness. There are many types of vulnerability and Medway has many excellent services and voluntary organisations that can help to reduce this vulnerability where a joined up approach can continue to be taken. Substance misuse impacts strongly on each of the partnership priorities identified. In order for the partnership to address the priorities, it is essential to have an effect on substance misuse issues.
- 2.15 The Policing and Crime Act 2009, which came into effect from the 1 April 2010, placed a new duty on CSPs to implement a strategy to reduce reoffending by adult and young offenders. Reducing reoffending is critical to both protecting communities from crime and to delivering a more effective and economic justice system. A further element is rehabilitative interventions, which was designed to help individuals turn their lives around and it is believed this is best achieved through coordinated local services.

2.16 The CSP is committed to hearing from the community and understanding some of the issues beyond the statistics. It is proposed that this is an independent priority in the next Plan ensuring that there is a systematic way of engaging in existing panels and groups to gauge concerns and inform the actions the CSP take forward. In addition there will be particular focus on promoting the work of the partnership through joint communications. As part of our communications programme, the CSP aims to address and improve perceptions of safety within our communities.

### 3. Advice and analysis

3.1 The CSP recognises that Medway’s future success is contingent on ongoing regeneration, even more so as Medway aspires to become a City of Culture in 2025. It is clear that benefits from growth must be delivered to existing communities and new developments and residents must be effectively integrated.

3.2 Hand in hand with this physical regeneration, it is important to recognise that this will only be successful if people feel that they and their families are safe in our open spaces and high streets.

3.3 The chair and vice-chair continue to ensure there is a strategic view of community safety in Medway and to ensure that it reflects and supports the strategic ambitions of the Council and the partner agencies in the CSP to make Medway a great place to live, work, learn and visit.

3.4 The chair and vice-chair have continued their commitment to hold monthly Community Safety surgeries for all elected Members each first Tuesday of the month between 5pm and 7pm (this is in the process of being reviewed and may take place by using video calls). Average attendance in the last 12 months has been 3 Members per surgery.

### 4. Risk management

4.1 There are reputational, environmental, economical and legal risks to the Council for not pro-actively pursuing an improvement in crime and disorder levels. This report reflects the importance of constructive dialogue with the partner organisations comprising the CSP and also the importance of coordinated and collaborative working.

| Risk                      | Description                                                                                | Action to avoid or mitigate risk                                                                                                                                                                                 | Risk rating |
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| Decreased Agency “buy in” | Changes in leadership, staffing or resources could reduce the involvement of key agencies. | <p>Ensure that agencies are aware of the impact of dis-engagement upon their own service delivery/performance.</p> <p>Ensure that strategic members of the CSP are made aware of any situation as it arises.</p> | E2          |

| <b>Risk</b>                               | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                             | <b>Action to avoid or mitigate risk</b>                                                       | <b>Risk rating</b> |
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| A wide range of CSP objectives            | Means that the CSP may be spread too thin and not have the resources to deal with all aspects so there may be gaps in service. | Prioritisation based on Strategic Assessment.                                                 | E2                 |
| Legislation                               | Government guidance could change focus for CSP.                                                                                | CSP to ensure that it effectively horizon scans to be aware of impending legislative changes. | D3                 |
| Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Plans | Changes in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.                                                                                    | Continued engagement with the PCC.                                                            | D3                 |

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 The CSP is required to consult with a wide variety of stakeholders in putting together the annual strategic assessment. Members of the public are consulted through a series of community engagement events throughout the year. The CSP held a public consultation event at Mid Kent College in Gillingham in July 2018 (for the year 2018 – 2019). This was specifically aimed at hearing the voice of young people but also included representation from community groups, the voluntary sector and elected Members. Full details of consultation on the Plan may be found in Appendix 2 to the report.
- 5.2 A Diversity Impact Assessment has been carried out on the proposals set out in this report and is attached at Appendix 3 to the report.

## **6. Health and Wellbeing Board**

- 6.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board considered the draft plan at its meeting on 18 February 2020. Details of the discussion are set out below:
- 6.2 This report provided information on the proposed Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan 2020 to 2024. The Chairman of the CSP explained that the Plan included four priorities which would be monitored by way of a '4 P Plan' (Prevent, Protect, Pursue and Prepare). The priorities were: (1) Safeguarding Adults and Children; (2) Reducing Vulnerability; (3) Reducing Reoffending; and (4) Listening to our Communities and Partners.
- 6.3 In relation to questions regarding addressing problematic begging, particularly in Chatham High Street, it was explained that it was a difficult issue to tackle and the tools available to the Council were limited. It was recognised that the situation was much improved and there was a need to build on the existing good work with compassion and humanity. The Chairman of the CSP aimed to engage with the Magistrates Courts to discuss options for restorative justice in preference to financial penalties.

- 6.4 In response to a question regarding the adequacy of funding for voluntary sector organisations, it was explained that whilst further funding was always welcome, it was important that organisations made the best use of resources. It was incumbent on all agencies to work together in a co-ordinated way to deliver a shared vision. It was added that a Task Group was currently underway looking at the voluntary sector.
- 6.5 In response to questions regarding consultation and engagement, it was explained that the CSP held regular consultation events which focussed on particular themes. The next public consultation event would be held in March 2020. Social media was not considered as an appropriate means to consult. The introduction of the monthly 'Member's Surgery' was welcomed.
- 6.6 With reference to page 133 of the agenda (page 9 of the Strategic Assessment 2019, Appendix 1 to the report), a view was expressed that Strood North should also be considered as a 'hotspot'. In response, it was explained that these 'hotspots' were derived from assessing data in relation to crime activity. Distilling the data into super output areas highlighted particular areas of concern for example Luton. This was the focus area of the Task Force.
- 6.7 Asked how the Board could encourage individuals to report crime, it was explained that the 101 police non-emergency reporting service should be promoted. The online service was considered to be particularly user friendly.
- 6.8 Recognising that issues tackled by the CSP were a symptom of deprivation, it was suggested that the Board consider a report which sets out holistically existing action undertaken in Medway to lessen deprivation.
- 6.9 The Health and Wellbeing Board:
- a) noted the strategic assessment as set out at Appendix 1 to the report;
  - b) noted the proposed Community Safety Plan 2020 - 2024 as set out at Appendix 2 to the report;
  - c) noted that the proposed Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2024 will be considered by the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 March 2020, the Cabinet on 7 April 2020 and will be determined by full Council on 23 April 2020; and
  - d) agreed to add to the work programme a report which broadly sets out existing action undertaken in Medway to lessen deprivation.

## **7. Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 11 June 2020**

- 7.1 The Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report at its meeting on 11 June 2020 and details of the discussion are set out below:

- 7.2 The Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) introduced the report and apologised for the late circulation of an updated proposed Community Safety Action Plan 2020 – 2021. This document had been circulated with additional sections highlighted for ease of reference.
- 7.3 He welcomed feedback on the Plan and reminded the Committee that the CSP would be attending the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee in December 2020 to be held to account. In addition, he advised that work was currently in hand to reinstate the monthly Police surgeries.
- 7.4 The Committee considered the draft plan and action plan and the following were discussed:

- **Action Plan Priorities** - The strengthening of the ‘reducing vulnerability’ overarching priority was welcomed.
- **Lack of provision of targets** - Concern was expressed that the draft plan did not contain any targets and would therefore make it difficult to measure performance and hold the CSP to account.

In response, the Chairman of the CSP advised that the Partnership had decided not to include key performance indicators within the Plan or the Action Plan as issues were constantly changing. In addition, crime rate statistics were already in the public domain.

This view was supported by Acting Chief Inspector Burbeck and he requested that the Committee measure the Partnership on results rather than performance against targets.

The Chairman of the CSP agreed that it would be important for the CSP to be able to show areas of progress when attending the Committee in December 2020 to be held to account and he referred to rough sleepers and alcohol misuse as being examples whereby the CSP had led on initiatives which had proven results.

In response to the request for a table of results to be included in the December report when the CSP was held to account, the Chairman of the CSP agreed to ask the Community Safety and Enforcement Manager to take this on board.

- **Impact of recent events on the four strategic priorities** – Concern was expressed that the Community Safety Plan and Action Plan whilst covering mental health, domestic abuse and listening to communities and partners, did not mention the COVID – 19 pandemic, the resulting recession and the community unrest and worldwide protests following the tragic death of George Floyd in the USA. It was considered that these factors should be referenced with the Plan and Action Plan as they would undoubtedly have an impact on the work of the partner agencies.

In response, the Chairman of the CSP commented that provisions of the proposed Plan and Action Plan were sufficiently robust so as to cover the potential impact of the recent issues referred to without having to be



specifically referenced. However, feedback was welcomed by the Partnership and therefore if, when the CSP was held to account in December, there was a view that adjustments were required, the CSP would be prepared to consider suggestions at that time.

Acting Chief Inspector Burbeck confirmed that those issues that were of concern prior to the COVID – 19 pandemic would still be of concern when life returned to normal and would likely continue for the next 2 – 3 years . Whilst incidents of domestic violence had increased slightly during the restricted lockdown period, this had now eased. In addition, he confirmed that the priority ‘listening to communities and partners’ was a key element of the action plan and he was confident that this was sufficiently robust.

Aeilish Geldenhuys – Head of Public Health referred to domestic abuse and confirmed that those services and provisions outlined in the Plan would continue after the COVID – 19 pandemic. In addition, she referred to specific work being carried out both in Kent and nationally for all age groups on the issue of mental health.

Paul Wilkins, Chief Nurse for Medway, DGS, Swale and West Kent CCGs advised that it was anticipated that there would be an increase in the level and type of mental health referrals as a result of the COVID – 19 pandemic. As a result of the pandemic, it was likely that the way in which services were delivered would need to be reviewed but she was satisfied that the Plan covered such eventualities.

- **Medway Task Force** – The Committee praised the work undertaken by the Medway Task Force in Luton Ward.

The Chairman of the CSP endorsed this and confirmed that the Task Force would soon be starting work in Gillingham North Ward but would continue to work in Luton Ward.

- **Relationship between the new Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2024 and the former Plan for 2016 – 2020** – Concern was expressed that there did not appear to be continuity between the former Community Safety Plan covering the period 2016 – 2020 and the new Plan for 2020 – 2024 and it was suggested that the new plan include an additional paragraph setting out achievements, elements of the Plan where work was continuing and work being carried forward.

The Chairman of the CSP accepted that this would be helpful and agreed to take this suggestion forward for the future.

- **Wording in the Community Safety Plan** – Concern was expressed as to some of the terminology used in the Community Safety Plan and in response, the Chairman of the CSP made specific reference to domestic homicide reviews whereby it had been recognised that there was a need for practitioners to exercise curiosity and ask more probing questions.

- **Support provided by the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service for Vulnerable Adults** - David Read, Group Manager from the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service supported concerns raised that the Community Safety Plan did not fully reflect the support provided by the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service to vulnerable adults. He commented that this work had been challenging over the past few months as a result of the COVID – 19 pandemic and he confirmed that the Service was particularly involved with vulnerable people in care homes and community housing. He advised that he was new in post but looked forward to feeding into the work of the CSP.
- **Crime statistics** – In response to concerns as the increasing number of crimes in Medway, Acting Chief Inspector Burbeck informed the Committee that crime statistics had increased considerably in the past 4 years across Kent but stated that this was a direct result of the way in which crimes were now being recorded. He reminded the Committee that this had been the subject of discussion at previous meetings when the CSP had been held to account. He advised that under the former crime recording procedure, a crime would have been recorded once, but under the revised method of crime recording one criminal incident could involve as many as 4 – 5 different and separate crime reports. This change had resulted in a dramatic impact upon recorded crime statistics.

This change had been a challenge for Kent Police and therefore work was being undertaken to concentrate on those incidents regarded as being ‘high harm crimes’ so that these could be fed into the CSP and shared with partner agencies to identify vulnerable individuals. This was covered within the new Community Safety Plan.

- **Gang Crime** – In response to a request for information as to the current situation with gang crime in Medway, Acting Chief Inspector Burbeck advised that a Violence Reduction Unit had been established and that the Unit worked closely with the Medway Task Force and Youth Service.

He further advised that there were no recognised postcode gangs operating in Medway and two previous gangs ceased to be active following disruption by the Police and partner agencies. However, former members of those gangs who were not serving custodial sentences were still involved in criminal activity. He reassured the Committee that the Police and partners both inside and outside the CSP were committed to stopping youth violence and criminal activity, and asked for the assistance of the community in reporting any concerns.

- **Population changes in Medway and incidence of drug use** – In response to a question as to whether the Community Safety Plan reflected population growth in Medway through regeneration, Aeilish Goldenhuys, Head of Public Health confirmed that the work of the CSP was based on analytical data provided by officers.

Concerning incidence of drug use, Paula Wilkins, Chief Nurse for Medway, DGS, Swale and West Kent CCGs, advised that Medway had a population of older drug addicts but that deaths from within this group

were not necessarily from drug overdoses but as a result of wider health related conditions resulting from drug use over a lengthy period of their lives.

- **Community engagement** – The Committee sought clarification on the wording of paragraph 2.16 of the report concerning the terminology ‘ensuring there is a systematic way of engaging with existing panels and groups’. It was confirmed that the CSP was committed to engaging on the Community Safety Plan with groups across Medway but if further clarification was required, this could be explained in more detail by the Community Safety and Enforcement Manager upon request.
- **Consultation on the Community Safety Plan** – In response to a question concerning consultation on the Plan, the Chairman of the CSP advised that had the March/April cycle of Council meetings not been disrupted due to the COVID – 19 pandemic, the Plan would have been considered by this Committee, Cabinet and Council at that time. He confirmed that the proposed plan had been shaped by previous consultation events and a further public consultation would be undertaken when it was safe to do so or by virtual means.
- **Safe places for people with mental health conditions** - In response to a question as to the future care of individuals with mental health issues who may be involved in crime and disorder, Acting Chief Inspector Burbeck informed the Committee that it was no longer permissible to use police custody suites as ‘safe places’ for people detained under the Mental Health Act unless they were already under arrest or posed a risk to the public. This had prompted the need to review how partners managed and supported people with mental health conditions involved in crime and disorder. This included paying greater attention to interventions aimed at preventing people reaching crisis point. He advised upon the availability of the ‘Safe Haven’ facility in Medway.

#### 7.5 The Committee:

- a) thanked the Community Safety Partnership for attending the meeting and answering questions on the Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2024.
- b) suggested that the proposed 2020 – 2024 Plan would benefit from the provision of a bridging section between the 2016 and 2020 Plan and the current proposed Plan setting out successes and identifying areas that continued to require attention or improvement.
- c) requested that future reports to this Committee include analytical data across the board, not just related to the COVID-19 pandemic and a results comparison so as to enable the Committee to undertake meaningful scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership.
- d) noted that the proposed Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2024 will be considered by Cabinet on 7 July 2020 and be determined by Council on 16 July 2020.

## **8. Director's comments**

- 8.1 As noted at 7.4 above Committee expressed the view that there did not appear to be continuity between the former Community Safety Plan covering the period 2016 – 2020 and the new Plan for 2020 – 2024. A review of the previous plans priorities are contained within the Strategic Assessment for 2019, which was taken to Committee in December 2019, however we will ensure that this would be made reference to in future CSP Plans.
- 8.2 Committee also expressed concern that the Community Safety Plan and Action Plan did not make mention of the COVID – 19 pandemic or the community unrest and worldwide protests following the tragic death of George Floyd in the USA. The COVID-19 crisis commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and I would echo the view of the partnership that the Community Safety Plan is robust to support the effects of COVID-19 as well as the impact and concerns following the tragic death of George Floyd. It is also worth noting that this Community Safety Plan had already been taken to, and approved at RCET DMT on 9 January, CMT on 5 January and the Health and Wellbeing Board on 18 February.

## **9. Implications for Looked After Children**

- 9.1 Post the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11 June 2020, and following discussions with colleagues in Children's Services, a reference has been added to the Community Safety Plan and Action Plan (Safeguarding Adults and Children (Tackling Serious Violence and County Lines) to our corporate parenting responsibility and preventing the criminalisation of children in care.

## **10. Financial implications**

- 10.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 enables PCCs to issue grants to support crime and disorder reduction within their police area. The Crime Reduction Grant (CRG) will continue to be provided to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in 2020/21.
- 10.2 Following the Kent Police and Crime Panel Meeting held on 6 February 2020, it was confirmed that CSPs will receive the same grant award as 2019-2020. For Medway this is £106,460. There will be a continued focus on delivering projects aligned to violence reduction and projects that have a clear evidence base to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

## **11. Legal implications**

- 11.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.
- 11.2 The Council's statutory powers are detailed in the report.
- 11.3 As a Policy Framework document, the Community Safety Plan will be developed in accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Rules (Chapter 4, Part 3 of the Council's Constitution).

11.4 The Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the strategic assessment in December 2019. The Cabinet will be asked to consider the comments as detailed in sections 6 and 7 of the report and recommend the proposed Plan to full Council on 16 July 2020. The adoption or modification of the Community Safety Plan is a decision for Full Council.

## **12. Recommendations**

12.1 The Cabinet is recommended to note the comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out at section 6 of the report.

12.2 The Cabinet is recommended to note the comments from the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Director's comments in response, as set out at sections 7 and 8 of the report.

12.3 The Cabinet is asked to comment on the proposed Community Safety Plan 2020 - 2024 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, and draft Community Safety Action Plan 2020 – 2021 as set out in Appendix 2.

12.4 The Cabinet is asked to recommend the the proposed Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2024 to full Council on 16 July 2020 for approval.

## **13. Suggested reasons for decisions**

13.1 The Community Safety Plan discharges the Council's statutory requirement to produce a plan for community safety.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Proposed Community Safety Plan 2020 to 2024  
Appendix 2 – Proposed Community Safety Action Plan 2020 to 2021  
Appendix 3 – Diversity Impact Assessment

### **Background papers**

None