

Full Council

08 July 2020

Is the final decision on the recommendations in this report to be made at this meeting?

Yes

Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020/21

Final Decision-Maker	Full Council
Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Carol Mackonochie, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Wellbeing
Lead Director	Paul Taylor, Director of Change and Communities
Head of Service	Denise Haylett, Head of Facilities & Community Hubs
Lead Officer/Author	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager
Classification	Non-exempt
Wards affected	All

This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:

1. That the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020/21 be approved.

Explain how this report relates to the Corporate Priorities in the Five Year Plan:

This report links to the Council's 'Our Borough' quadrant, in supporting an inclusive borough; the 'Our Services' quadrant in providing a responsive approach; and the 'Providing Value' quadrant in working closely with partners to deliver confident communities.

Timetable	
Meeting	Date
Community Safety Partnership	Thursday 13 February 2020
Management Board	Wednesday 26 February 2020
Cabinet Advisory Board	N/A
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Monday 22 June 2020
Cabinet	Thursday 25 June 2020
Council	Wednesday 8 July 2020

Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020/21

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership Plan sets out how the Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Partnership (CSP) will address local priorities to reduce crime and disorder across the Borough. The plan is presented to Cabinet for recommendation and to Full Council for adoption.
 - 1.2 Based on intelligence from the Strategic Assessment and local knowledge, actions in the Partnership Plan have been developed in consultation with a range of partners. The plan also complements and supports the delivery of the “Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan”, published by the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner; and the Kent Community Safety Agreement published by the KCC Community Safety Unit.
 - 1.3 The Strategic Assessment, the identified priorities and the activities for 2020/21 were discussed at a meeting of the Community Safety Partnership on 13 February 2020.
 - 1.4 The Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Constitution and the Local Government (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 states that the Partnership Plan must be adopted by Full Council.
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2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Partners began working together to address crime and disorder in the early 1990s. In 1998, the Crime and Disorder Act was published. This imposed a statutory duty on partners, known as the ‘Responsible Authorities’, to work closely together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and reduce the fear of crime. The partnership was formalised and became a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). It is now referred to as the 'Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Partnership (CSP)'.
- 2.2 The partners referred to by the Act as ‘Responsible Authorities’ are Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service, Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company the NHS West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group. The CSP also has many non-statutory partners including housing associations, voluntary and community sector organisations. The CSP meets on a quarterly basis.
- 2.3 The Community Safety Unit (CSU), based in Tunbridge Wells Town Hall, was set up in 2010 as the operational delivery unit of the CSP. It is a multi-agency office staffed by 2.8 FTE from TWBC; KCC Wardens; Kent Police; and other agencies working together to reduce crime and disorder.

- 2.4 This co-location of partner agencies has facilitated more effective joint working through morning briefings, improved sharing of information (within a formal protocol) and increased co-operation between agencies.
- 2.5 In the 2019/20 financial year, we were again very well positioned within Kent, coming 1st and 2nd in 12 of the 15 regularly measured crime categories placing Tunbridge Wells amongst the safest place to live in the county.
- 2.6 The priorities identified in the plan were discussed at a CSP meeting on the 13 February 2020.
- 2.7 In 2020/21 the key priorities for the CSP have been agreed as follows
1. Domestic abuse
 2. Substance misuse and supply, and alcohol abuse (incl. violence-related issues)
 3. Anti-social behaviour (incl. violence and risk reductions in CSE and gangs)
 4. Road Safety
- 2.8 The partnership also has a duty to give due regard to the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). This year, and last, the PCC has placed a focus on violent crime, and would wish our priorities to align with his Violence Reduction Challenge. The types of projects that the PCC would like to see include: raising awareness, night time economy related projects, town centre initiatives, diversionary programmes, community engagement and reassurance activities, drugs and alcohol related projects. The Tunbridge Wells Partnership Plan has been developed to support the work of the PCC whilst we deliver on the local priorities for Tunbridge Wells.
- 2.9 The Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020/21 outlines how statutory and other agencies will address the key priorities shown above.
- 2.10 The plan will be monitored on a quarterly basis at CSP which is jointly chaired by Kent Police Chief Inspector and TWBC Head of Service. The CSP will be responsible for holding agencies to account where they have failed to fulfil the actions they committed to within the plan.
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3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 3.1 Under the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Constitution and the Local Government (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, this plan must be brought in front of Full Council for formal adoption.
- 3.2 The Partnership Plan presented outlines how the agencies within the CSP will work together to keep residents of the borough safe from crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 3.3 Full Council has the option of approving the plan, amending the plan or requesting that a new plan be produced.
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4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 This report is designed to inform members of the multi-agency activity which TWBC and partners have committed to undertake to reduce crime and disorder. The preferred option is for the plan to be considered and approved.
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5. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- 5.1 The CSP ratified the priorities identified at their meeting on 13 February 2020.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 5.2 The Cabinet Advisory Boards, which would normally be consulted as part of the Cabinet decision, were cancelled due to coronavirus. However, the report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 June. The Committee raised no objection to the report.

RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET

- 5.3 That Cabinet considered the report at its meeting on 25 June and resolved to recommend the report to Full Council.
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6. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

- 6.1 The plan will be made available on the Council's website.
- 6.2 Partner commitments to the plan will be monitored quarterly at CSP meetings
- 6.3 Monitoring information is sent to the Office of the PCC for those priorities or actions funded from the PCC's contribution to CSP funds.
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7. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	As detailed in the body of the report the Partnership Plan is formulated as required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Regulation 4 and Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 require Full Council to adopt the Partnership Plan. At this stage there are no direct	Keith Trowell, Team Leader (Corporate Governance), MKLS 19/02/2020

	consequences arising from the recommendation that adversely affect individual's rights and freedoms as set out in the Human Rights Act 1998. Potentially, consequences could arise in the future implementation of the plan that would need to be evaluated at the time.	
Finance and other resources	All actions within the plan will be undertaken from existing resources or funded by the CSP.	Jane Fineman Head of Finance and Procurement
Staffing establishment	No direct implications	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 19/02/2020
Risk Management	No direct risks arise from this report.	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 19/02/2020
Data Protection	The Community Safety Partnership Plan does not present any changes to how personal data is processed in relation to the proposed priorities for 2020-21. The Council has appropriate safeguards in place to keep data secure, including when working with our partners.	Data Protection Officer 20/02/2020
Environment and Sustainability	No direct implications.	Karin Grey, Sustainability Manager 25/02/2020
Community Safety	The activities contained within this plan are designed to build safer communities by tackling the CSP's priorities of: Reducing alcohol and substance misuse, addressing domestic abuse, tackling anti-social behaviour and improving road safety.	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 19/02/2020
Health and Safety	The plan should help to have an overall increase in safety within the Borough. This would have a positive impact on the safety of staff of TWBC as well as showing that the council are taking their responsibilities seriously with regards to reducing anti-social behaviour. Making the communities safer and more secure to work and live for all.	Mike Catling, Corporate Health and Safety Advisor 24/02/2020
Health and Wellbeing	The actions contained within the plan should contribute to increased wellbeing, and the work to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse should have a positive impact on the health of those affected.	Health Team Leader

Equalities	<p>Decision-makers are reminded of the requirement under the Public Sector Equality Duty (s149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this paper could directly impact on end users.</p> <p>The priorities identified support the aim of the public sector equality duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation by:</p> <p>providing support services for women and men who experience domestic abuse</p>	<p>Sarah Lavallie, Corporate Governance Officer 20/02/2020</p>
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8. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with, and form part of, the report:

- Appendix A: Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan
- Appendix B: COVID-19 update

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None