

Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017/18

Final Decision-Maker	Full Council
Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Lynne Weatherly – Portfolio Holder for Communities and Wellbeing
Lead Director	Paul Taylor – Director of Change and Communities
Head of Service	Adam Chalmers – Head of Communities and Engagement
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:

That the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017/18 be approved.

This report relates to the following Five Year Plan Key Objectives:

This report links to the Council's community quadrant, in particular creating confident communities. It also demonstrates how the Council works well with others in delivering these confident communities.

Timetable	
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>
Community Safety Partnership	9 February 2017
Management Board	1 March 2017
Communities CAB	22 March 2017
Overview & Scrutiny	10 April 2017
Cabinet	13 April 2017
Full Council	26 April 2017

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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 All CSPs are required by law to carry out a yearly in-depth analysis of crime, anti-social behaviour and other partnership data in order to produce an annual strategic assessment. This process identifies the priorities for the year ahead. The CSP partnership plan is then developed to set out how these priorities will be tackled.
 - 1.3 Based on the intelligence from the strategic assessment, the partnership plan actions have been developed in consultation with a range of partners. The plan has also been designed to continue to complement and support the delivery of the Kent Police and Crime Plan, published by the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott.
 - 1.4 The priorities identified in the Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Partnership Plan were discussed at a CSP meeting on 9 February 2017.
 - 1.5 The Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Constitution and the Local Government (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 state 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 and 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 officers from TWBC, KCC, 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 daily briefings, improved sharing of information (within a formal protocol) and increased co-operation between agencies.
- 2.5 In the 2016/17 financial year, we were again very well positioned within Kent, coming 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 13 of the 15 regularly measured crime categories making Tunbridge Wells the safest place to live in the county.
- 2.6 The Responsible Authorities are required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area. This strategy takes the form of the partnership plan.
- 2.7 Before formulating a strategy, the Responsible Authorities must carry out a review of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder in the area, and prepare and publish an analysis of the results of that review. This analytical document is called the strategic assessment and is an in-depth analysis of crime, anti-social behaviour and other partnership data over a one-year period. This analysis forms the priorities for the financial year. The strategic assessment, which was developed by the TWBC Community Safety Team with assistance from police and other partners, is available as a PDF upon request from Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Unit.
- 2.8 In 2016/17 the key priorities for the CSP have been agreed as follows:
1. Domestic abuse
 2. Road safety
 3. Alcohol and substance misuse
 4. Vulnerable victims
- 2.9 The partnership also has a duty to give due regard to the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The Tunbridge Wells Partnership Plan has been developed to continue to support the work of the PCC in delivering his Kent-wide priorities whilst we deliver on the local priorities for Tunbridge Wells.
- 2.10 The Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017/18 outlines how statutory and other agencies will address the key priorities shown above.
- 2.11 The plan will be monitored on a quarterly basis by the CSP to ensure progress. The CSP will be responsible for holding agencies to account where they have failed to fulfil their actions 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 CSP partners were presented with a copy of the Strategic Assessment on 9 February and invited to collaborate on the selection of this year's priorities and made further contributions that will be taken forward into action plans for vulnerable victims (Priority 4). The CSP ratified the priorities identified at their meeting on 9 February 2017.

RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET ADVISORY BOARD AND CABINET

- 5.2 The Communities Cabinet Advisory Board was consulted on this decision at its meeting on 22 March 2017 and agreed the following recommendation:

That the recommendation in the report be supported.

- 5.3 The Cabinet, at their meeting held on 13 April 2017, supported this recommendation.
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6. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

- 6.1 The plan will be made available on the CSU website and a link provided on the community safety section of 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, twice a year, 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	<p>This report presents the partnership plan as required by the Council's Constitution and the Local Government (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000.</p> <p>Legal requirements are set out in the report.</p> <p>At this stage there are no direct 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.</p>	Keith Trowell, Senior Lawyer (Corporate Governance) 03 March 2017
Finance and other resources	All actions within the plan will be undertaken from existing resources or funded by the CSP. Funded activity must show how it provides value for money and sustainability, for example through the use of volunteers.	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 24 February 2017
Staffing establishment	No direct implications.	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 24 February 2017
Risk management	No direct risks.	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 24 February 2017
Environment and sustainability	No direct implications.	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 24 February 2017
Community safety	<p>The activity contained within this plan is designed to build safer communities by tackling the CSP's priorities of:</p> <p>Reducing alcohol and substance misuse, addressing domestic abuse, improving road safety and improving services for victims while reducing risk for vulnerable people.</p>	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 24 February 2017
Health and Safety	No direct implications.	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 24 February 2017
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.	Terry Hughes, Community Safety Manager 24 February 2017

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – providing support services for women and men who experience domestic abuse – giving hate crime (racial and religious) additional attention over the next twelve months, following a noted increased in race-based hate crime over the last year. <p>The priorities identified support the aim of the public sector equality duty to advance equality of opportunity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – continuing to reduce child road casualties as data previously showed that children are disproportionately affected compared with other age groups; – targeting projects and initiatives aimed at tackling substance misuse and alcohol abuse, towards age groups including adults and young people. <p>The strategic assessment has not identified any specific needs or disadvantage relating to the protected characteristics of disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marital or civil partnership status or gender reassignment.</p>	<p>Sarah Lavallie, West Kent Equalities Officer 8 March 2017</p>
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8. REPORT APPENDICES

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

- Appendix A: Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017/18
- Appendix B: Funding Allocations 2017/18
- Appendix C: Strategic Assessment 2016/17

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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