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Report Number **OS/21/07**

To: Overview and Scrutiny
Date: 7th September 2021
Status: Non - Key Decision
Responsible Officer: Jyotsna Leney/ Karen Weller
Responsible Member: Cllr Jennifer Hollingsbee, Cabinet Member for Communities, Lifeline, Area Officers & Street Homeless

SUBJECT: Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan 21-24

SUMMARY: Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has developed a new 3 year Community Safety Plan for 21-24 (Appendix 1). The Overview and Scrutiny Committee acts once a year as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel as set out in legislation to ensure that the CSP is working effectively and responsible authorities are discharging their statutory functions in respect of community safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note report OS/21/07 and CSP plan attached.
2. To receive presentations from partners of the CSP
3. To provide feedback on the draft CSP Plan 2021-24

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The F & H CSP has published its community safety plan. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee acts once a year as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel to oversee community safety work across the district.
- 1.2 The Committee will receive presentations from representatives who chair the various sub-groups of the CSP to address issues facing our District. The CSP has to take into regard the priorities of a number of other strategies including the Police and Crime Commissioner's plan and the County Community Safety Agreement.

2. LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 set out the need to scrutinise the work of partners in addressing crime and disorder matters and section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 provided further details on the operation of local authority crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committees in England and Wales. These provisions for further supplemented by The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.
- 2.2 The 2009 regulations gave more details around co-opting members to the Committee and addressed other matters e.g. frequency of meetings (not less than once a year). As a result the Council's constitution reflects this and the OSC takes on the scrutiny function for the CSP once a year.
- 2.3 Section 19 of the regulations requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review and scrutinise, and make reports and recommendations regarding the functioning of responsible authorities.

3. Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-24

- 3.1 The Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) have produced a three year partnership plan covering the period 21-24 (refer to Appendix 1). This contains an overview of the work of the partnership, how it is structured e.g. its sub groups and cites key supporting legislation.
- 3.2 The plan also reflects on issues impacting the work of the partnership including Covid 19 recovery, new legislation such as the violence reduction bill and Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- 3.3 The CSP have also carried out a strategic assessment of crime trends (a statutory requirement) using data from many sources and this restricted document has helped in shaping the priorities of the CSP which are set out together with activities to be carried out by the sub groups.
- 3.4 Practical examples of projects delivered eg from Police and Crime Commissioner funding (PCC) funding are also set out. The plan has been kept deliberately succinct and will be reviewed annually. OSC will have the opportunity to hear about the annual review.

- 3.5 The key priorities of the partnership are set out on page 10 of the plan and are split across the 3 sub-groups, across all of these priorities the following cross cutting themes feature:
- violence reduction
 - covid recovery
 - reducing offending
- 3.6 The F&H CSP does have regard to the KCC County Community Safety Agreement (CSA) and they in turn have regard to the priorities contained within District CSP plans. The plan contains some information relating to the County CSA which is also a statutory requirement.
- 3.7 Members of OSC will additionally receive a PREVENT presentation.
- 3.8 Members are asked to provide feedback on the draft Community Safety Plan 2021-24.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 There is not a great deal of risk management involved in this issue

Perceived risk	Seriousness	Likelihood	Preventative action
Report not agreed and statutory duty to compile a CSP Plan compromised	Medium	Low	To agree the Plan

5. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

- 5.1 **Legal Officer's Comments (NM)**
As detailed in the report the Community Safety Partnership Plan is required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. By adopting the Plan the Council is complying with its statutory obligations
- 5.2 **Finance Officer's Comments (DH)**
There are no financial implications arising from this report as expenditure is offset by funding provided by PPC. Any funding the Council may wish to add to will come from existing base budgets already allocated to Crime and Disorder cost area
- 5.3 **Communication Officer Comments (JW)**
There are no communications implications arising out of this report.
- 5.4 **HR Officer comments (RB)**
There are no direct HR implications emanating from this report
- 5.5 **Equalities and Diversities comments (GE)**

There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report

6. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Plan 21-24