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Report Number **A/21/12**

**To:** COUNCIL  
**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
**Status:** Non key decision  
**Responsible Officer:** Charlotte Spendley, Director of Corporate Services

**SUBJECT:** Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan 2021-24

**SUMMARY:** The District Council has a statutory duty to address Crime and Disorder and as a responsible authority participate in the activity of the Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The CSP is required to produce a CSP plan following a strategic assessment of crime trends and issues facing the District. The annual strategic assessment (SA) document is a restricted document but the CSP plan is a public facing document that sets out the work of the partnership, identified priorities and actions to focus on. This report presents the new three year (2021-24) partnership plan (reviewed annually) to Council for approval.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To receive and note report C/21/12.
2. To approve the new 3 year CSP Plan 2021-24.

## **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) have produced a three year partnership plan covering the period 2021-24. The plan contains an overview of the work of the partnership, how it is structured e.g. its sub groups and cites key supporting legislation.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The CSP have also carried out a strategic assessment of crime trends 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. This includes review of the current PSPO.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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
- 1.6 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.

## **2. APPROVING THE PLAN**

- 2.1 Council are asked to approve the plan and work of the CSP and to be advised that the plan was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.
- 2.2 There is a statutory requirement for the work of the CSP to be scrutinised on an annual basis by OSC. The OSC acts as the Crime & Disorder Committee once a year and this is stated in legislation (The Police and Justice Act 2006 and The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009) and set out in the Councils constitution.
- 2.3 Partners attended OSC to demonstrate the strong partnership working and the role they play on the CSP and sub – group leads gave presentations to OSC after an introduction to the CSP and its work.

## **3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 3.1 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 approve the Plan

#### 4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

##### 4.1 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

##### 4.2 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

##### 4.3 Equalities and Diversities comments (JL)

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

##### 4.4 Climate Change Implications (AT)

There are no climate change implications directly arising from this report.

#### 5. 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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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

***(Note: only documents that have not been published are to be listed here)***

##### Appendices:

Appendix 1: Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-24