TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, 1st April, 2014

Present:

Cllr R W Dalton (Chairman), Cllr D J Cure (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Bates, Cllr Mrs C M Gale, Cllr A G Sayer, Cllr Miss J L Sergison and Cllr M Taylor

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, Ms J A Atkinson, O C Baldock, P F Bolt, N J Heslop and M R Rhodes were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D A S Davis and Mrs E M Holland

PART 1 - PUBLIC

CSF 14/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

CSF 14/2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Board held on 13 November 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CSF 14/3 PRESENTATION BY TRACEY KADIR, DIRECTOR OF KENT PROBATION SERVICE ON THE FUTURE OF PROBATION SERVICES

Members received a presentation on the proposed reorganisation of probation services within England and Wales from Ms Tracey Kadir, Director of Kent Probation. She advised that the current provision by 35 Probation Trusts would transfer to a National Probation Service and 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies. The Advisory Board thanked Ms Kadir for her excellent presentation and the clear explanation of the issues involved.

CSF 14/4 PRESENTATION BY INSPECTOR MAXINE MARTIN OF KENT POLICE ON CRIME FIGURES

Inspector Maxine Martin presented an overview of the Police and Crime Plan for the Borough's area which included details of local crime trends. Particular reference was made to the increase in Domestic Abuse related crime and the multi-agency action being taken to encourage victims to report incidents. Her presentation also outlined action being

taken within schools and colleges to raise awareness of alcohol and substance abuse issues. The Advisory Board thanked Inspector Martin for her excellent and informative presentation.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

CSF 14/5 UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2013/14

Decision Notice D140047MEM

The report of the Chief Executive gave details of the Community Safety Partnership's annual action plan, setting out the priorities addressed throughout the current year and providing feedback on progress made against the actions contained in the Action Plan.

RECOMMENDED: That the progress made against the actions set out in the Community Safety Partnership Action Plan, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be supported and endorsed.

CSF 14/6 DRAFT PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2014/15

Decision Notice D140048MEM

The report of the Chief Executive gave details of progress with the production and publication of the draft Partnership Plan for 2014/15. It was noted that the Community Safety Partnership had agreed that the priorities for 2014/15 would be Anti-social behaviour, Substance misuse and Domestic Abuse.

RECOMMENDED: That the Draft Partnership Plan 2014/15, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be supported and endorsed.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

CSF 14/7 OVERVIEW OF THE TONBRIDGE AND MALLING COMMUNITY SAFETY DEVELOPMENT

The report of the Chief Executive provided an overview of the development and work of the Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Unit established in 2011 to improve the quality of life of residents. The report outlined the activities undertaken by the unit in partnership with Kent Police, KCC Community Wardens, Youth Workers and Trading Standards, housing associations, town and parish councils and local organisations and retailers.

CSF 14/8 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

The report of the Chief Executive provided an overview of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which had received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014. It was noted that the Act contained a variety

of measures to protect the public as well as bringing forward reform of the police service. The Advisory Board noted that further guidance and regulation was awaited, particularly in respect of the activation of the new Community Trigger to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

CSF 14/9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm