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24 March 2014

To: MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD
(Copies to all Members of the Council)

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Board to be held in the Civic Suite, Gibson Building, Kings Hill, West Malling on Tuesday, 1st April, 2014 commencing at 7.30 pm

Yours faithfully

JULIE BEILBY

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART 1 - PUBLIC

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the Notes of the meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Board held on 13 November 2012.

Presentation by Tracey Kadir, Director of Kent Probation Service on the Future of Probation Services

Presentation by Inspector Maxine Martin of Kent Police on Crime Figures

Matters for Recommendation to the Cabinet

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Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

Matters for consideration in Private

9. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any items the publication of which would disclose exempt information.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

10. Urgent Items

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

MEMBERSHIP

Cllr R W Dalton (Chairman)
Cllr D J Cure (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Mrs P Bates
Cllr F R D Chartres
Cllr D A S Davis
Cllr Miss J R L Elks
Cllr Mrs C M Gale
Cllr Mrs E M Holland

Cllr A G Sayer
Cllr Miss J L Sergison
Cllr Mrs E A Simpson
Cllr D W Smith
Cllr M Taylor

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TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, 13th November, 2012

Present: Cllr A G Sayer (Chairman), Cllr T J Robins (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Miss J R L Elks, Cllr Mrs C M Gale, Cllr P J Homewood, Cllr Mrs S L Luck, Cllr Miss J L Sergison, Cllr Ms S V Spence and Cllr D J Trice.

Councillors Mrs Anderson, Atkins, Baldock, Cure, Luker, Mrs Murray, N Heslop and Rhodes were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bates and D Smith.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**CSF
12/011** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**CSF
12/012** **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Board held on 12 April 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**CSF
12/013** **PRESENTATION BY KCC YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE ON
YOUTH INTERVENTION SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

Members received a presentation on the work of the Youth Offending Service and in particular the Youth Intervention Support Programme, which aimed to prevent young people from entering the criminal justice system.

In response to concerns raised regarding funding to the Youth Service, it was confirmed that the budget for the Youth Intervention Support Programme remained uncut for the next financial year. In addition, it was reported that the service was undergoing a major restructure to prevent duplication of roles between the Youth Offending Service and the Youth Intervention Support Programme.

Members welcomed the multi agency approach of the Support Programme and noted the contribution it could make to the Troubled Families Programme.

**CSF
12/014**

LOCAL CRIME TRENDS

The Borough Commander for Tonbridge and Malling, Chief Inspector Kirby, provided an overview of local crime trends and outlined the actions being taken to address these. Members were pleased to note a 6.7% reduction of all crime in the borough. In addition, Tonbridge and Malling had the joint highest public satisfaction response in the force.

Particular reference was made to the working relationships with registered providers of social housing. It was reported that there was good liaison and engagement at a local level. However, there were still opportunities to discuss best practice with other registered providers and to review and improve procedures.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

**CSF
12/015**

KENT COMMUNITY ALCOHOL PROGRAMME, SNODLAND

Decision Notice D120143MEM

The report of the Chief Executive provided an update on the Kent Community Alcohol Programme (KCAP) aimed at tackling underage drinking and nuisance drinking in Snodland.

The initiative was intended to complement the existing work of retailers and enforcement agencies, without increasing resources in the long term. It was recognised that enforcement could only partly achieve the vision and, that in order to shift culture, there was a need for all the organisations and agencies to work together alongside local communities.

It was noted that the Snodland KCAP was an initial pilot for the borough and if successful could be rolled out to other appropriate locations if similar problems arose.

In addition, Members were informed that Baroness Newlove, a Government Adviser, would visit Snodland on Thursday 22 November 2012 to look at the Project and meet and talk with residents, retailers and young people. Members were reassured that the aim of KCAP was about supporting retailers and licensees rather than enforcement and this positive message would be reinforced.

RECOMMENDED: That the work of the Kent Community Alcohol Programme be noted and a report be made to a future meeting of the Advisory Board on the outcomes of the initiative.

**CSF
12/016**

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Decision Notice D120144MEM

Members received an update on the Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2012/13. This set out the actions taken to tackle the

Partnership's three key priorities of anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse and substance misuse.

Concern was expressed at the increasing percentage of repeat victims of domestic abuse and it was queried whether this was due to lack of accredited specialist support. Members were assured that Tonbridge and Malling received an excellent service in comparison with other parts of Kent and that the agencies offering support had the necessary accredited services.

Finally, the good work undertaken by the Community Safety Team was recognised and appreciated by Members.

RECOMMENDED: That the Action Plan 2012/13 updates be noted and endorsed.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

**CSF
12/017** **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP/COMMUNITY SAFETY UNIT**

The Chief Executive provided an update on some of the recent work of the Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership Community Safety Unit.

Key points of interest were highlighted and included details of a recent Police and Crime Commissioner event, an anti-social behaviour White Paper 'Putting Victims First', the Fighting Chance judo project and the Safer Towns partnership.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**CSF
12/018** **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matter be considered in private.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

**CSF
12/019** **CCTV MONITORING - RESULTS OF TENDER EXERCISE
(Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 3 - Financial or business affairs
of any particular person)**

The report of the Chief Executive considered results of the recent tendering exercise undertaken by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and indicated a preferred CCTV monitoring option.

Careful consideration was given to the options set out in the report.

RECOMMENDED: That Tunbridge Wells Borough Council be informed that the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council supports the introduction of the option of a reduced level of live CCTV monitoring, as set out in the tender documents, subject to the impact of this being jointly monitored by both Authorities and adjusted if deemed necessary in consultation with the contractor.

***Referred to Cabinet**

The meeting ended at 2110 hours

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

1 April 2014

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 UPDATE OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2013/14

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Each year the Community Safety Partnership must prepare and publish an annual action plan which sets out the priorities which the Partnership will address throughout the coming year.
- 1.1.2 During 2013/14 the Partnership agreed to focus on three key priorities: Anti-social Behaviour, Domestic Abuse and Substance Misuse. For each of these priorities a working group was established made up of individuals with expertise in each subject and they developed an action plan for each theme based on the key issues that needed to be addressed.
- 1.1.3 This report provides feedback on progress made against the actions contained within the Action Plans of the Partnership. Unfortunately data is not yet available to the end of the financial year and so this report will give details to the end of quarter 3 (December 2013).

1.2 The Action Plan 2013/14

- 1.2.1 The action plan, together with the latest updates is available at Annex 1.
- 1.2.2 There are 35 actions contained within the plan. Each action has been measured against a 'traffic light' system so that those actions which have been achieved are green, those still progressing are amber and those which will not be completed are red. There are currently 25 green actions, 7 amber and 3 red.

1.3 Legal Implications

- 1.3.1 It is a statutory requirement (Police and Justice Act 2006) for the Community Safety Partnership to provide an annual review of the Action Plan.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 Any costs associated with the projects contained within the action plan will be covered by funding from either the Community Safety Partnership or from partner organisations.

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 All risk assessments are undertaken as appropriate.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.6.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 That the progress made against the actions set out in the Community Safety Partnership Action Plan, as set out in Annex 1 to this report, **BE SUPPORTED AND ENDORSED**

The Chief Executive confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

contact: Alison Finch

Nil

Julie Beilby
Chief Executive

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against	No	

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
different groups in the community?		
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	Work of the CSP includes a focus on helping vulnerable people, including victims of domestic abuse and hate crime.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.

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Action Plan 2013/14

Action	Lead agency	Baseline data (if available)	Target	Update (to end December 2013)	Target achieved?
Anti-social behaviour					
Develop Project Themis to case manage ASB cases	KCC/Kent Police	N/A	N/A	Police are now using the system to case manage ASB incidents. The Community Wardens have been trained but are yet to use the system. Partners (e.g. Borough Council staff) will follow later in the year	
Increase the number of referrals to Mediation services to deal with neighbourhood disputes	Mediation	33 referrals	40	So far this year Maidstone Mediation have received 26 referrals and West Kent Mediation 13 referrals (a total of 39). The majority of referrals have been from Housing Associations (19). Other referrals from the Police, CSU or self referred.	
Continue the work of the ASB Task Group and achieve an improvement in 80% of cases	TMBC	82%	80%	To the end of December the Group had achieved an 82% success rate. This is based on the number of people worked with through the group and whether their behaviour has ceased or reduced	
Link in with the 'Family Focus' initiative to provide early intervention to families committing ASB	KCC	New project	74 families Year 1 72 families Year 2	Year 1 – 74 families identified. Of these 28 families are being engaged with, 10 have been claimed for (e.g. achieved success), 4 cases were closed due to non engagement and 2 families moved out of the area. 30 families were placed on a 'watch list' to monitor them.	

				Year 2 – 43 families identified to end quarter 3. 28 being engaged with, 1 case closed as refused to engage and 14 awaiting allocation.	
Nominate at least 20 projects to Community Payback	Probation	8	20	So far we have nominated 12 projects. As far as we are aware, these have all been completed	
Work with Registered Social Landlords to prevent ASB, especially nuisance neighbour reports.	Housing Associations	N/A	N/A	This is ongoing work. RSLs link in with the TMBC ASB Officer and Police to prevent ASB.	
Support diversionary activities for young people such as the Fighting Chance Judo project and Y-2 Crew scheme	TMBC/KCC IYS	N/A	N/A	The Fighting Chance Judo Project ran in Snodland and 6 young people were able to achieve their 'yellow' belt. KCC Community Wardens have organised a football tournament for young people within the borough and Charlton Athletic Football club are offering free football coaching in Snodland.	
The YISP (Youth Intervention Support Programme) to receive at least 40 referrals during the year	KCC YISP	33	40	12 referrals have been received to the end of quarter 3. It is unlikely the target will be achieved. Low amount of referrals due to earlier interventions taking place (meaning a referral to YISP is not required).	
Review the ASB Policy and ensure adoption by key partners	TMBC	N/A	N/A	The policy has been reviewed and discussed by the CSP Strategy Group. The next step is to get key partners to sign up.	
Domestic Abuse					
Identify actions to reduce repeat victims	DAVSS/North Kent Women's	N/A	N/A	This is ongoing work via the support services available in the borough. A Freedom Programme has been set	

	Aid/TMBC			up which supports victims and will hopefully allow the women to feel more confident and therefore less likely to be a repeat victim. MARACs (Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences) meet to discuss high risk cases of DA and again should lead to a reduction in repeat victims	
Undertake research on best practice to tackle repeat victims	TMBC	N/A	N/A	Research has been undertaken and discussed by the DA Working Group. Working Group are looking to develop some of the ideas raised.	
Ensure the new IDVA service meets the needs of high risk victims (at least 50% of MARAC cases to be supported through the IDVA service)	KDAC (Kent Domestic Abuse Consortium)	New service	50% of cases	During the first three quarters, 65 MARAC referrals were made. Of these 70% were supported via the IDVA (the remainder were supported by other agencies such as DAVSS).	
Ensure at least 50 low/medium risk victims are supported	DAVSS	39	60	During the first three quarters DAVSS supported 44 women victims of DA.	
Ensure at least 50 low/medium risk victims are supported	DAVSS	3	10	So far DAVSS have supported 4 male victims of DA	
Ensure at least 6 men refer themselves to the Community Domestic Abuse Programme (CDAP)	CDAP	8 referrals	6 referrals	CDAP has now set itself up as a charity (they were previously attached to Probation). A group started running in November 2013 and has 6 members (2 from Tonbridge). All are self referrals. The Women's Support Officer is in touch with all of the partners.	

Run a training session for front line staff, possibly around the MARAC process	TMBC	N/A	1 session	The training session was held on 23 July 2013. 30 people attended.	
Develop a schools programme in at least two schools in the borough	DAVSS	N/A	2 schools	The programme ran in Hugh Christie school between September and December 2013. 8 boys regularly attended. DAVSS will shortly be doing some work with K-College.	
Consider the establishment of a One Stop Shop/Drop in service in the Tonbridge area	North Kent Women's Aid/DAVSS	N/A	Establishment of One Stop Shop	A location has been identified (a Russet homes premises) and we are working on getting this up and running by June.	
Promote the Maidstone One Stop Shop to Malling residents	North Kent Women's Aid	N/A	N/A	Ongoing work via North Kent Women's Aid. Publicity has been circulated where appropriate	
Continue to publicise the services for DA within the Borough	TMBC	N/A	N/A	Ongoing work. An article about DA appeared in the Autumn edition of Here and Now and DAVSS have delivered leaflets to targeted parts of the borough.	
Run at least one Freedom Programme in the borough	NKWA/DAVSS	N/A	1	A Freedom Programme began in January 2014 and is well attended.	
Run a campaign highlighting the unacceptability of DA	TMBC	N/A	1 campaign	An article appeared in the autumn edition of Here and Now and the message will continue to be spread where appropriate	
Where possible attend Community events run by Russet and provide information on DA services available	Russet	N/A	N/A	This is ongoing work and Russet are promoting information where appropriate	

Continue to support the Independent Sexual Violence Advisory (ISVA) service	Family Matters	N/A	N/A	The CSP continues to contribute towards the ISVA post. An annual report will be provided at the end of the year	
Substance misuse					
Kenward Trust to work in at least 6 locations as part of their 'Community Outreach services'	Kenward Trust	6	6	During the first three quarters Kenward Trust have run outreach services in Snodland, Aylesford, Leybourne, Kings Hill and Tonbridge Park. In Snodland (quarter 2) the team were seeing an average of 18 young people per week. In Tonbridge Park (quarter 3) the team engaged with 34 young people on average. Key issues of concern were legal highs, cannabis use and caffeine drinks.	
To respond to intelligence and carry out Test Purchasing as appropriate	Trading Standards	3 test purchases carried out	3	Trading Standards have changed their approach to test purchasing and only do these as a last resort, however, they were monitoring 2 premises where there may be possible underage sales	
Encourage more referrals to CRI (for adults) and KCA (for young people)	CRI/KCA	New service	New service	Ongoing work. As of November 2014, CRI had 77 people in structure treatment, 41 of those were for alcohol issues. There had been an increase in self referrals and DIP clients	
Continue the work of the KCAP in Snodland and consider rolling out to other areas	Trading Standards/ TMBC	N/A	Ongoing	An action plan has been developed and as part of this Challenge 25 tests were undertaken. Out of the 8 premises tested, 4 failed and further follow up visits were carried out to inform them of their duties. Posters and leaflets about KCAP have been circulated and	

				partners continue to meet on a regular basis. No further areas for KCAP have been identified.	
Publicise the substance misuse services available for the public	TMBC	N/A	N/A	This is ongoing. The CSP has produced a leaflet on Cannabis which Housing Associations (and others) have delivered.	
Run operations to target the supply of illegal drugs	Kent Police	N/A	N/A	This is ongoing work. A number of drugs warrants have been executed but due to the sensitive nature of these cannot be reported on	
Promote Identification and Brief Advice (IBAs) at appropriate events	TMBC	N/A	N/A	This is ongoing work and IBAs have been carried out at a number of events	
Run a substance misuse campaign during the year	TMBC	N/A	1 campaign	This is still to be progressed	
Include information about substance misuse issues in introductory sessions with new tenants	Russet	N/A	N/A	This is ongoing work which Russet are progressing.	
Continue to develop the work of the Snodland drugs initiative and roll out to other areas if appropriate	TMBC	N/A	N/A	An action plan has been developed and as part of this a leaflet was produced on where to get help and support. This work links into the work of the Snodland KCAP	
Work with agencies to develop preventative/early intervention work in schools	TMBC	N/A	N/A	This is ongoing work and Kent Police, KCA and Kenward Trust are going into schools as appropriate.	

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

1 April 2014

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 DRAFT PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2014/15

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Each year the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is required to produce and publish a Plan showing how it has progressed against its priorities for the previous year and give details about what priorities it intends to focus on for the forthcoming year. This information is based on the annual Strategic Assessment it has carried out and from feedback by partners. This year (2014/15) the CSP has agreed that its priorities will be Anti-social behaviour, Substance misuse and Domestic Abuse.

1.2 Draft Partnership Plan 2014/15

1.2.1 The draft Partnership Plan is attached at annex 1. It should be noted that we are still awaiting end of year data from partners and so this plan is not yet completed. The Plan has been discussed by the Community Safety Partnership and once completed, will be circulated to them to ratify. Following this we will be publishing the Plan on our website.

1.2.2 The Community Safety Partnership has taken the decision not to include an action plan within the Partnership Plan but has agreed that each of the CSP Working Groups (for Anti-social behaviour, Substance Misuse and Domestic Abuse) will develop an action plan for their specific theme. The working groups are still developing these action plans and so they are not yet available to circulate.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 It is a statutory requirement (Police and Justice Act 2006) for the Community Safety Partnership to produce an annual plan and publish this for the public.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 Any costs associated with the projects contained within the partnership plan will be covered by funding from either the Community Safety Partnership or from partner organisations

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 All risk assessments are undertaken as appropriate

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.6.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 That the Draft Partnership Plan, as set out in annex 1 to this report, **BE SUPPORTED AND ENDORSED**

The Chief Executive confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

contact: Alison Finch

Nil

Julie Beilby
Chief Executive

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	Work of the CSP includes a focus on helping vulnerable people, including victims of domestic abuse and hate crime.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.

Tonbridge and Malling

Community Safety Partnership

Partnership Plan 2014 - 2015



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Partnership Plan 2014 - 2015

Introduction

The Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership (CSP) produces an annual Plan which sets out the objectives that the Partnership will work towards to address crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the Borough over the coming year. The Plan is based on a Strategic Assessment that looks at current data and trends to address the priorities for the Borough in reducing and tackling crime and disorder. This year the CSP has agreed to focus on three key issues and these are: anti-social behaviour (ASB) including criminal damage, domestic abuse and substance misuse. Underlying these priorities will also be the cross cutting themes of reducing reoffending, early intervention, prevention and education, mental health and vulnerable households and individuals. Tasking processes will continue to review all crime types and will respond to any significant issues that arise. Further details about the actions that will be taken to address these issues will be discussed later in the Plan.

The Community Safety Unit, based at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council offices, Kings Hill is now fully operational and between April 2013 and March 2014 dealt with XXX repeat or vulnerable people reporting issues to the police. This is an increase of XX on the previous year. The CSU also engages Partners to work on a more multi-agency approach. Partnership working within the CSU will continue to be developed throughout the year.

The Community Safety Partnership has reviewed the number and type of meetings it holds every year with a view to focusing multi-agency working on priority issues and enhancing its response to new issues which arise through better use of the Partnership's tasking processes. A reduction in the overall number of meetings will result in less administration and will hopefully lead to more partners being engaged in the work of the Partnership over the year.

This year the CSP will link in to the Police and Crime Plan developed by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). Funding for Community Safety Partnerships from the PCC has been confirmed and we will use this to address our local priorities. We will also have regard to the objectives stated within the Police and Crime Plan. The PCC has announced that there will be no in year targets and that there will be a focus on encouraging sustainable improvements in performance.

Review of actions 2013/14

Crime levels within Tonbridge and Malling continue to fall and the Partnership is pleased with the successes it has achieved to ensure that residents and visitors can remain safe within the borough. From April 2013 to March 2014, recorded crime levels within Tonbridge and Malling fell by XXX. In the same time period there was also been a XXX reduction in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported to the police.

Within the Partnership Plan for 2013/14 the Partnership set itself a number of targets and the table below gives details of the actions set and whether or not the Partnership was able to achieve these targets.

Action/target	Baseline 2012/13	2013/14 target	2013/14 actual figures	Reduction/increase achieved
Anti-social behaviour				
Develop 'Themis' to case manage ASB cases	N/A	Themis up and running		
Increase the number of referrals to Mediation services to deal with neighbourhood disputes	33	40		
Continue the work of the ASB Task Group and achieve an improvement in behaviour of 80% of cases	82%	80%		
Link in with the 'Family Focus' initiative to provide early intervention to families committing ASB	New project	74 families		
Nominate at least 20 projects to Community Payback	8	20		
Work with Registered Social Landlords to prevent ASB especially nuisance neighbour reports	N/A	N/A		
Support diversionary activities for young people such as the Fighting Chance Judo project and Y-2 Crew scheme	N/A	N/A		
The YISP Power Project to receive at least 40 referrals during the year	33	40		
Review the ASB Policy and ensure adoption by key partners	N/A	Adoption of policy		

Action/target	Baseline 2012/13	2012/13 target	2012/13 actual figures	Reduction/increase achieved
Domestic Abuse				
Identify actions to reduce repeat victims	N/A	N/A		
Undertake research on best practice to tackle repeat victims	N/A	N/A		
Ensure the new IDVA service meets the need of high risk victims (At least 50% of MARAC cases to be supported through the IDVA service)	New service	50% of cases		
Ensure at least 50 low/medium risk victims are supported	39	50		
Ensure at least 10 male victims are supported and publicise the service available to them	3	10		
Ensure at least six men refer themselves to the Community Domestic Abuse Programme	8	6		
Run a training session for front line staff, including information about the MARAC process	N/A	1 session		
Develop a schools programme in at least two schools in the borough	N/A	2 schools		
Consider the establishment of a One Stop Shop/Drop in service in the Tonbridge area	N/A	One set up		
Promote the Maidstone One Stop Shop to Malling residents	N/A	N/A		
Continue to publicise the services available within the borough	N/A	N/A		
Run at least one Freedom Programme in the borough	N/A	1 held		
Run a campaign highlighting the unacceptability of domestic abuse	N/A	1 held		

Action/target	Baseline 2012/13	2013/14 target	2013/14 actual figures	Reduction/increase achieved
Where possible attend Community events run by Russet and provide information on services available	N/A	N/A		
Continue to support the ISVA service	N/A	N/A		
Substance misuse				
Kenward Trust to work in at least 6 locations as part of their 'Community Outreach Services'	6	6		
To respond to intelligence and carry out Test Purchasing as appropriate	3	3		
Encourage more referrals to CRI (for adults) and KCA (for young people)	New service	New service		
Continue the work of the KCAP in Snodland and consider rolling out to other areas	N/A	Ongoing		
Publicise the substance misuse services available for the public	N/A	N/A		
Run operations to target the supply of illegal drugs	N/A	N/A		
Promote IBAs at appropriate events	N/A	N/A		
Run a substance misuse campaign during the year (possibly around legal highs)	N/A	One held		
Include information about substance misuse issues in introductory sessions with new tenants	N/A	N/A		
Continue to develop the work of the Snodland drugs initiative and roll out to other areas if appropriate	N/A	N/A		
Work with agencies to develop preventative/early intervention work in schools	N/A	N/A		

Review of projects and initiatives 2013/14

During 2013/14 the Community Safety Partnership undertook a variety of projects and initiatives linked to the actions above. Below are more details about some of the initiatives/projects mentioned above and also some additional projects which were run during the year to address issues which arose during the year.

Although it is sometimes difficult to measure success rates, the Partnership believes that these projects and their successes have made an impact on the reductions in crime and has resulted in positive outcomes for local people.

Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) including environmental crime

The ASB Task Group continued to work with those causing anti-social behaviour and aimed to address the root causes of that behaviour. The Task Group consists of different agencies who discuss individual cases (using the Information Exchange Protocol to discuss personal information). Agencies attending include the TMBC ASB officer, social landlords, education, social services, the youth offending service and the police.

During 2013/14 the Group dealt with XX young people, XX adults and X families. Actions taken to stop their behaviour included visiting the offenders and issuing three warning letters. XX Acceptable Behaviour Agreements were also issued and a Restorative Justice approach was undertaken with XXX, which was successful and their behaviour ceased. Of the XX individuals or families dealt with XX had improved their behaviour and were removed from the Task Group agenda. The group also looked and support and education for families and individuals to be sign posted to various agencies for extra support and intervention.

The YISP Power Project had XX referrals in 2013/14 and there was a reduction of XX First Time Entrants (FTEs) in the criminal justice system seen across the Borough from 93 in 2011/12 to 73 in 2012/13.

Maidstone Mediation were able to work with both young people within schools and also work with individuals involved in neighbour disputes. During the year they worked with XX schools within the borough and dealt with XX neighbourhood disputes in the Malling area and XX cases in the Tonbridge area.

During the year the CSP worked with Kent Probation to develop the Community Payback scheme. During the year the Community Payback scheme was able to complete XX projects including cutting back vegetation, litter clearance and removal of graffiti.

During this year the Family Focus programme (also known as the Troubled Families programme) has engaged with X families during the year. We have been able to claim for XXX.

The Community Safety Partnership has also reviewed its ASB Policy and this will shortly be agreed by all partners, including Social Landlords. We have been able to support youth diversion schemes including the Y-2 Crew scheme and the Fighting

Chance Judo project and have been working with Russet Homes to prevent ASB, particularly around nuisance neighbour reports.

Tackling domestic abuse

Tackling domestic abuse was a key priority for the Community Safety Partnership during 2013/14 and the focus this year was on reaching repeat victims. We commissioned two services during the year, DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Service) and the county wide IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor) service. DAVSS provided support for low to medium risk victims and were able to support XX people. They also supported X male victims. The IDVA service was commissioned countywide and in Tonbridge & Malling provided support for our high risk victims. The IDVA was able to support XX high risk victims and supported X people through the MARAC process.

A Freedom Programme for women was held in January and X women attended. We also looked at the possibility of establishing a One Stop Shop in Tonbridge. We are still progressing this as it has proved difficult to find a venue that is suitable.

The CSP also provided support for the CDAP (Community Domestic Abuse Programme) who this year formed their own charity. XX men attended a programme which began in XX.

Tackling substance misuse

The Community Safety Partnership continued to commission the Kenward Trust to provide their Community Outreach services in the borough, which targets areas that have been highlighted as a hotspot for mainly underage users of alcohol and other substance misuse. Over XX young people were supported directly through the project this year. Trading Standards were able to carry out XX test purchases in the borough which resulted in XXX. The police continued to run operations to target drug users and information was placed in the Borough Council's newsletter about sensible drinking.

In Snodland the Kent Community Alcohol Partnership (KCAP) continued to develop. The KCAP aims to tackle underage and encourage sensible drinking. During the year each licenced premises was visited at least once and given training and advice on the Challenge 25 scheme. One fine was issued to for proxy purchasing and we held several events to advertise the scheme within Snodland.

Road safety

Although not one of the priorities for 2013/14, the CSP continued to support the work of the KCC Road Safety team and provided support for their campaigns on drink driving at Christmas time and their seat belts campaign.

Safer Town's Partnership

Work continued with the Safer Town's Partnership to encourage shops to sign up to this scheme and during the year the number of businesses participating in the scheme increased from XX to XX. XX individuals were excluded through the scheme and XXX. The Safer Town's Partnership was also awarded a distinction in the Safer Business Award, one of only a few schemes in the country to receive this award.

Priority Issues for 2014 – 2015

The Strategic Assessment undertaken during the autumn of 2013 has identified the priority areas for the Partnership to tackle during 2014 – 2015 and the Partnership held an 'away day' in February 2014 to discuss the areas that they would focus on during the next year. The Strategic Assessment used data provided by partners, as well as feedback from residents, to recommend priorities for the forthcoming year. Feedback from residents was gathered through engagement with residents at community events and through a Borough Council Residents Panel survey. The information arising from consultation with residents was used to inform the priorities within the Strategic Assessment and was also taken into account when the Partnership agreed its priorities for 2014/15.

The top priorities agreed through the Strategic Assessment for 2014/15 are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (including environmental crime and criminal damage)
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse

It was also agreed that there would be cross cutting themes underlying the priorities. These would be reducing reoffending, prevention and education, mental health, vulnerable households and individuals and positive activities. It was agreed that whilst young people did not need to become a priority on its own, the needs of young people should also be considered within each of the priorities above.

Reducing reoffending is a statutory requirement for the Community Safety Partnership and is why the Partnership now has this as a cross cutting theme. The Probation Service has been working closely with the Community Safety Unit to raise this issue and currently reoffending rates in Kent are lower than the national average and lower than predicted amounts. However, we are not complacent and we will be linking in to the additional activities now available including the Integrated Offender Management Units and Restorative Justice to help prevent reoffending. The CSP will also be monitoring the development of the new National Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Company covering Kent.

Although the main focus of the CSP will be the priorities as mentioned above, it will still continue to monitor other types of crime and this will be undertaken through the tasking and co-ordinating processes. The Community Safety Unit now holds monthly meetings where issues of concern are raised and partners can be tasked to address issues as they arise. The CSU daily meeting will continue to look at repeat and vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour and to address key crime concerns.

The following pages set out the objectives for the Community Safety Partnership and explain how the CSP will set its actions for this year. Action plans will be produced through the Working Groups and will therefore not appear in this plan. The action plans to be produced will not include details about the numerous activities already undertaken by partners, town and parish councils, the voluntary sector and others as part of their day to day work, but will highlight activities in addition to core work, which partners will undertake throughout the forthcoming year.

Funding for actions included within the Action Plan is available from a number of different sources, including a contribution that a number of partners make to a 'Local Partnership Fund' and the funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The amount of funding that the CSP will receive from the PCC will reduce and this may impact on some of the services that the CSP funds. It is important for the Partnership to ensure that all initiatives provide value for money and that they are effective in reducing crime and disorder in the Borough. Regular monitoring of each project will be undertaken by the Partnership and an evaluation will be provided on completion of the project.

When preparing the action plans, issues such as equality and diversity will be considered to ensure that any person, regardless of their protected characteristic feels safe in the Borough. The Partnership continues to support and fund a telephone reporting line for anyone wanting to report sexual or hate crimes. It also takes reports of disability hate crimes seriously and works together to ensure that information is shared to ensure any issues are resolved. An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out during 2012 to ensure that the Partnership was considering equality issues in all its work.

Issues relating to counter terrorism have also been considered by the Partnership. The Community Safety Partnership works with Kent Police and other Community Safety Partnerships to ensure that we are working together with others to undertake any actions which may be necessary to prevent individuals from becoming drawn into extremism.

The CSP will continue to be involved with the 'Troubled Families' initiative led by KCC. Locally the project is known as 'Family Focus' and is currently working with over 80 families to identify their issues and put services into place that can help resolve those issues. We will continue to work with KCC to identify the next cohort of families during 2014/15.

Partnership Plan 2014 - 2015

This year, as it did last year, the Community Safety Partnership has agreed that rather than giving details of actions within this Partnership Plan it will establish working groups for each priority theme who will prepare their own action plans. The establishment of the working groups will ensure that the action plans can be focused and developed by individuals who have specialist knowledge about each of the priority themes.

The CSP has however, set itself key objectives which it would like to achieve by the end of the year and these are listed below. It has also set out a number of focus areas which it will consider within each of the working groups. These are also listed below.

Key objectives for the Community Safety Partnership for 2014/15 are:

- To reduce the number of reports of anti-social behaviour
- To reduce the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse
- To increase the number of people accessing appropriate support for drug and alcohol misuse
- To tackle the root causes of crime and anti-social behaviour through the 'Family Focus' initiative

➤ **Area of focus 1: Reducing reoffending**

The Community Safety Partnership has a statutory responsibility to reduce reoffending and it will do this through taking a co-ordinated approach to tackling the root causes of offending. The work will be led through the Integrated Offending Management unit which will bring together partners to look at issues such as housing, employment and substance misuse interventions. Although these officers are no longer based within CSUs we will continue to link in where appropriate.

➤ **Area of focus 2: Prevention and education**

Preventing individuals from becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour is a key outcome for the Partnership and much of this work will be led through the Family Focus initiative which will identify families at risk and will put early interventions in place to prevent any escalation of problems.

The CSP will also consider how it educates young people around issues such as domestic abuse and road safety.

➤ **Area of focus 3: Mental health**

An increasing number of ASB cases can be linked to individuals with mental health issues. For the next year the CSP will continue to focus on this area to see if there is more that it can do to support people with these problems. We will identify those services that are currently available and ensure that these are promoted to the individuals that require them.

➤ **Area of focus 4: Vulnerable households and individuals**

The CSP will continue to work to ensure that any vulnerable households or individuals receive the support that they require. Each repeat or vulnerable person who reports anti-social behaviour to the police will be discussed at daily briefing meetings and actions will be put in place to ensure that their problem is resolved.

➤ **Area of focus 5: Positive activities**

The CSP believes that young people need positive activities to help divert them from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour or crime and so will continue to support and fund projects such as the Y-2 Crew summer holiday activity scheme to ensure that there are accessible activities for young people to get involved with.

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1 OVERVIEW OF THE TONBRIDGE & MALLING COMMUNITY SAFETY DEVELOPMENT

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 The Community Safety Unit (CSU) was established in 2011 to improve the quality of life for the residents of Tonbridge & Malling by pulling together organisations involved in helping people feel safer, such as the Police, Borough Council and KCC Community Wardens. Reports of anti-social behaviour and crime are discussed regularly and actions put into place to resolve these issues.

1.1.2 Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council officers within Community Safety are:

Licensing and Community Safety Manager;

Safer and Stronger Communities Manager;

Community Safety Assistant;

Safer Towns Coordinator; and

Anti-Social Behaviour Officer.

1.1.3 Daily briefing telephone conference calls are held linking the CSU with Tonbridge Police station and other partners (such as Russet Homes, Moat). At this meeting we discuss all reports of anti-social behaviour that have come in to the police and key crime issues. Actions are put into place to resolve the issues and these are followed up at the next meeting. Since starting, the CSU has dealt with over 1,100 incidents.

1.1.4 Much of the work of the CSU involves dealing with anti-social behaviour and the police work closely with the Council's Anti-social behaviour officer to tackle those committing the offences.

1.1.5 Staff also deal with calls directly from residents regarding neighbour nuisance, vandalism and rowdy behaviour.

Kent Police staffing at the CSU

- 1.1.6 Currently the Community Safety Unit is based in Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council's offices in Kings Hill. It consists of the Council's Community Safety Team, six Police officers and partners, including Kent County Council wardens, Youth Workers and KCC Trading Standards. Representatives from other areas of the Council and Partnership also attend daily meetings.
- 1.1.7 The new Chief Constable, Alan Pughsley, took up his post on 4th January 2014. Prior to this appointment he was Kent's Deputy Chief Constable which is a post he has held since 2011.
- 1.1.8 From June 24 2014 will see the launch of Community Safety Delivery in Kent with the reorganising of Kent Police. Each of the 13 districts will have a Chief Inspector focusing resources locally. The Emergency response vehicles which currently run across Kent will also operate within local areas.
- 1.1.9 Each CSU will have 3 Sergeants and four Police Officers with the PCSO's and Special Constables also working out of the CSU.

Tackling anti-social behaviour

- 1.1.10 Anti-social behaviour (ASB) can cause disturbance to communities and distress to individuals. Examples of ASB can include neighbour nuisance, verbal abuse or threats, groups of youths causing problems and vehicle related nuisance.
- 1.1.11 ASB calls can be made to the police (via 101 or 999) and also to the Borough Council's ASB officer. The Police and Borough Council deal with both victims of ASB and those committing the offences. Persistent offenders are discussed at a monthly Tasking meeting, chaired by the Borough Council's ASB Officer. At this meeting actions are taken to try and stop the behaviour of the offenders. These actions can include visiting the offenders, issuing warning letters or Acceptable Behaviour Agreements. Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) are only applied for once all other actions have been tried and have failed to stop the behaviour. Currently there are only four ASBOs in place for the borough.
- 1.1.12 Reports from victims are investigated where appropriate and any vulnerable or repeat victims are discussed in the daily briefing meeting, where actions are taken to resolve the issues being experienced. By helping victims and working with offenders the CSU aims to make residents feel safer.

Kent Community Alcohol Programme (KCAP)

- 1.1.13 The Community Safety Partnership has launched a Kent Community Alcohol Programme (KCAP) in Snodland. This is a partnership between KCC Trading Standards, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Kent Police, Snodland Town Council, local organisations and the retailers aimed at reducing incidents of

underage drinking, informing licenced premises about underage sales and working with parents and residents to inform them about safe, sensible drinking.

- 1.1.14 The KCAP will involve Trading Standards undertaking random test purchases, youth organisations will work with the young people to inform them about the dangers of drinking and a parents event will be arranged to inform parents of the law around children drinking alcohol.

Alcohol Control Zones

- 1.1.15 Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council have “Alcohol Control Zones” in the borough giving police new powers to tackle drink related anti-social behaviour in public places. These zones have been established in West Malling, Borough Green, Wrotham, Platt and Leybourne. The existing zone in Snodland has been extended.

- 1.1.16 The areas to be covered by the alcohol control zones are:

Borough Green & Platt;

Leybourne;

Snodland;

Tonbridge;

West Malling; and

Wrotham.

- 1.1.17 The legislation does not ban responsible adults from drinking alcohol in public places but it will help to prevent problems arising from drink related anti-social behaviour. The police have the powers to stop a person drinking in a public place if asked to do so, confiscate alcohol from anyone causing problems and to arrest anyone who, without reasonable excuse, fails to stop drinking or surrender alcohol when requested.

- 1.1.18 The Alcohol Control Zones will change and be incorporated into the new The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act within a “Public space protection order”.

Community Safety operational activities for 2013/14

- 1.1.19 The key priorities for 2013/14 are anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse and substance misuse (drugs and alcohol).

- 1.1.20 The Borough Council’s Anti-social behaviour (ASB) Officer, the Russet Homes ASB Officer and the Police visited individuals causing this anti-social behaviour in their own homes and warned them about their behaviour.

1.1.21 They were also able to work with KCC Integrated Youth Services to provide diversionary activities. This work led to a reduction in ASB within East Malling.

Meetings

Meeting	Frequency	Chaired by
Community Safety Advisory Board	Twice a year	Cllr Roger Dalton
Community Safety Partnership	Twice a year	Cllr Mark Rhodes
Tasking & Co-ordinating Sub-Group	Quarterly	Kent Police
ASB Working Group	Quarterly	Russet
Domestic Abuse Working Group	Quarterly	Kent Police
Substance Misuse Working Group	Quarterly	KDAAT
Weekly CSU Meeting	Weekly	Kent Police
Daily CSU Meeting	Daily	Kent Police
Snodland KCAP	Every 2 Months	TMBC

1.2 Funding

1.2.1 Funding for 2013-14

Income

Organisation	Amount
Police & Crime Commissioner	£34,836
TMBC	£42,000
Kent Fire & Rescue	£2,000
Carry Forward	£15,850
Russet	£10,000

Funding

Organisation	Amount
DA Services	£10,000
Kenward Trust	£15,000
Maidstone Mediation	£1,370
CDAP - (Male perpetrator scheme)	£2,880
ISVA (Independent Sexual Violent Advisor)	£1,000
Y2 Crew (Youth Diversion)	£3,500

Organisation	Amount
Race Lines	£240
Community Development Projects	£10,000
IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisors)	£12,200
Mental Health	£10,800
Freedom Programme	£1,000
Miss (Purse chains alarms)	£2,117
Kent Peoples Trust Donation	£500
WASTED programme (Theatre ADAD)	£2,000

1.2.2 Police & Crime Commissioner Funding

Ann Barnes, Kent Police & Crime Commissioner has confirmed the funding for TMBC for the next three years:

Year	Amount
2013-14	34,836
2014-15	28,988
2015-16	27,974
2016-17	26,995

Funding for 2013 – 2017

1.2.3 Knowing the funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the next three years enables the Community Safety Partnership to allocate funding for the different organisations 2014-15.

1.2.4 The funding for 2015-16 and 2016-17 will be allocated dependent on the Community Safety Partnership priorities.

Community Safety Partnership priorities for 2014/15

1.2.5 For 2014/15 the Community Safety Partnership will tackle and reduce incidents of:

- anti-social behaviour;
- domestic abuse; and
- substance misuse (drugs and alcohol).

1.3 Tonbridge & Malling Safer Towns

- 1.3.1 The Tonbridge & Malling Safer Town's Partnership has been established as a stand-alone scheme for three years and consists of businesses who rent a radio which is linked to other businesses, the CCTV Control Room, the Safer Town's Co-ordinator and the police. They also share information about criminals and can ban persistent offenders from their premises.
- 1.3.2 At present, there is one scheme in the borough located in Tonbridge town centre and there are approximately 45 shops and pubs signed up to the scheme. Each of these businesses rents at least one radio.
- 1.3.3 The Partnership employs (through the Borough Council) a Safer Town's Co-ordinator, who is based in the Community Safety Unit at the Borough Council offices. The Partnership generates income through the rental of the radios. The Partnership also has some reserves in its bank account to cover any expenses such as radio breakdown and/or call out charges.
- 1.3.4 There is a Board of Management (BOM) which acts as governance which is made up of three principle members (chairperson/vice, treasurer and secretary). The BOM has responsibility and accountability for the management and operation of the partnership and for all data protection matters.

1.4 Legal Implications

- 1.4.1 The responsible authorities – the police, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, Clinical Commissioning Group and Probation, - set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation are under a duty to formulate and implement a strategy to tackle crime and disorder in their areas.

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.5.1 No financial issues to consider

1.6 Risk Assessment

- 1.6.1 The Council can effectively help to control anti-social behaviour by using the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and subsequent legislation, which contains a variety of measures to protect the public, including from anti-social behaviour. Without using the powers under this Act will encourage the potential growth of anti-social behaviour.

1.7 Equality Impact Assessment

1.7.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.8 Recommendations

1.8.1 Members are asked to note this report

Background papers:
TMBC Key Priorities
Strategic Assessment 2013

contact: Anthony Garnett
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Julie Beilby
Chief Executive

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 is the point of reference for all different groups in the community and Responsible Authorities when dealing with anti-social behaviour issues
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	N/A	
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.

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1 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act received its Royal Assent on 13 March 2014.

1.1.2 The Act contains a variety of measures to protect the public, including from anti-social behaviour, dangerous dogs, forced marriage, sexual harm and illegal firearms used by gangs and in organised crime. It also includes changes to improve the provision of services to victims and witnesses. In addition, the Act will take forward further police reform, to enhance the public's confidence in police integrity and continue modernising police pay and conditions, as well as improving the effectiveness of our extradition arrangements and the efficiency of the criminal justice system.

1.2 Background

1.2.1 The Act defines the Meaning of “anti-social behaviour” as

(1) In this Part “anti-social behaviour” means—

- (a) conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person,
- (b) conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person’s occupation of residential premises, or
- (c) conduct capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person.

1.2.2 The police recorded 2.3 million incidents of anti-social behaviour in the year ending March 2013 (Crime Survey for England and Wales), with many more reported to other agencies such as social landlords and local authorities.

- 1.2.3 ASB has a devastating effect not only on individuals and communities but also on the economy. Recent research conducted by One Poll on behalf of RSA insurance suggested that anti-social behaviour cost UK businesses £9.8 billion in 2011.

<http://www.theaccountancy.co.uk/anti-social-behaviour-having-negative-effect-on-uk-businesses-1634.html>

- 1.2.4 Much of what is often described as ASB, such as vandalism, graffiti or harassment, is actually crime. However, even incidents that appear minor in isolation can have a devastating cumulative impact when part of a persistent pattern of behaviour, and such abuse is often targeted at the most vulnerable members of our society.
- 1.2.5 More than ten pieces of related legislation since 1998 have resulted a plethora of powers to deal with a range of ASB problems. This is confusing for both professionals and victims. Having a new power for every problem encourages practitioners to focus on the behaviour itself, not the harm that it is causing to the victim, which can mean that the cumulative impact of targeted ASB on vulnerable individuals is overlooked. Nor are the current powers necessarily effective at changing the behaviour in question, as the ASBO breach rate of 57% demonstrates

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/asbo-stats-england-wales-2011/>

- 1.2.6 Parts 1 to 6 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 deal with Anti-social behaviour.

Part	Provision
1	Injunctions
2	Criminal behaviour orders
3	Dispersal Powers
4	Community Protection
5	Recovery of possession of dwelling-houses; Anti-social Behaviour
6	Local involvement and accountability

- 1.2.7 Parts 1 to 6 introduce simpler, more effective powers for tackling anti-social behaviour, which provide better protection for victims and communities, act as a real deterrent to perpetrators and give victims a say in the way their complaints are dealt with.

- 1.2.8 The provisions in Parts 1 to 4 replace the existing 19 powers to deal with anti-social behaviour with six faster, more effective ones.

Current Powers	New Powers
ASBO on Application	Criminal behaviour order Injunction to prevent nuisance and annoyance
ASBO on Conviction	
Drinking Banning Order on Application	
Drinking Banning Order on Conviction	
Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction	
Individual Support Order	
Intervention Order	

Current Powers	New Powers
Litter Clearing Notice	Community protection notice
Street Litter Clearing Notice	
Graffiti/Defacement Removal Notice	

Current Powers	New Powers
Designated Public Place Order	Public space protection order
Gating Order	
Dog Control Order	

Current Powers	New Powers
ASB Premises Closure Order	Closure power
Crack House Closure Order	
Noisy Premises Closure Order	
Section 161 Closure Order	

Current Powers	New Powers
Section 30 Dispersal Order	Dispersal power
Section 27 Direction to Leave	

- 1.2.9 Part 5 gives landlords powers to deal swiftly with the most serious anti-social behaviour committed by their tenants.

1.2.10 Part 6 gives victims the power to ensure that action is taken to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour through the new community trigger, and a greater say in what form of sanction an offender receives out of court through the new community remedy.

New Community Trigger

The threshold to determine a Community Trigger being activated is being led by Kent County Council in consultation with each local Authority. One example of a trigger could be activated is where three complaints are received within a six month time period about the same incident/issue.

1.2.11 When any anti-social behaviour is reported to Kent Police and is discussed at the CSU meeting Kent Police will have normally send a Patrol, Diary Car or PCSO to talk to the potential victim.

1.2.12 The challenge will be to determine if the Community Trigger can be activated if action is taken after each complaint.

1.2.13 Examples of incidents which could activate a Community Trigger

Incident/issue	Noise issues with neighbour	Abusive Neighbour/some criminal damage
Complaint 1	Complaint made to /Police/EH etc.	Complaint made to Police
Possible Action could be:	EH – Issue diary sheets/follow up visit Police – Send Patrol/Diary Car/ PCSO	Police – Send Patrol/Diary Car/ PCSO
Complaint 2	Complaint made to /Police/EH etc.	Complaint made to Police
Possible Action could be:	EH – Issue diary sheets/follow up visit Police – Send Patrol/Diary Car/ PCSO	Police – Send Patrol/Diary Car/ PCSO
Complaint 3	Complaint made to /Police/EH etc.	Complaint made to Police
Possible Action could be:	EH – Issue diary sheets/follow up visit Police – Send Patrol/Diary Car/ PCSO	Police – Send Patrol/Diary Car/ PCSO
Threshold reached – if criteria is set at 3 complaints	Safer and Stronger Communities Manager will review and instigate a Panel to sit if required.	
Panel – Made up from (Local Authority, Police, Housing Provider)	Apply sanction to an offender	

1.3 Legal Implications

- 1.3.1 The Commencement date for Part 1 - 6 which deals with Anti-social behaviour are yet to be determined.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 Training and “time” costs to acquire sufficient knowledge

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 The Council can effectively help to control anti-social behaviour by using the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which contains a variety of measures to protect the public, including from anti-social behaviour. Without using the powers under this Act will encourage the potential growth of anti-social behaviour.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.6.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 Members are asked to note the changes to anti-social behaviour legislation outlined within the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Background papers:

contact: Anthony Garnett

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
Home Office Web Site

Julie Beilby
Chief Executive

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 is the point of reference for all different groups in the community and Responsible Authorities when dealing with anti-social behaviour issues
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	This policy covers all residents within the Borough and enables all to become engaged
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.