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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, 21st October, 2014 commencing at 7.30 pm

Yours faithfully

JULIE BEILBY

Chief Executive

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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, 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

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

21 October 2014

Report of the Director of Central Services

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 PRESENTATIONS FROM MRS ANN BARNES, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT AND DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE PAUL BRANDON

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, Mrs Ann Barnes and the Deputy Chief Constable for Kent, Paul Brandon will both be giving presentations to the Board

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Mrs Ann Barnes, Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent and Deputy Chief Constable, Paul Brandon have asked to attend the Community Safety Advisory Board to give presentations on their roles and how they can link in with District Councils.

Background papers:

contact: Anthony Garnett

Nil

Adrian Stanfield
Central Services Director

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

21 October 2014

Report of the Director of Central Services

Part 1- Public

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

1 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 will become law on 20 October 2014. The Act is intended to introduce simpler, more effective powers to tackle anti-social behaviour that provide better protection for victims and communities. The Act will also tackle irresponsible dog ownership and the use of illegal firearms by gangs and organised criminal groups, strengthen the protection afforded to the victims of forced marriage and those at risk of sexual harm, enhance the professional capabilities and integrity of the police and amend the port and border security powers.

1.1.2 However, the overarching aim of the Act is to provide more effective powers to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB): protect victims and communities and treat the underlying behaviour of perpetrators. The Act replaces 19 existing powers dealing with anti-social behaviour with 6 broader powers, streamlining procedures to allow a quicker response to ASB. The government envisages that these powers will make it easier for victims and communities to take action against ASB and reduce repeat violations.

1.2 New powers contained within the Act

1.2.1 As mentioned, the Government has streamlined the current 19 powers down to 6. The main changes are to the Anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) which will be replaced by a civil injunction. The **civil injunction** will be a civil power available in the county court for adults and the youth court for 10 to 17 year olds. It will allow a wide range of agencies, including the police, local councils and social landlords to make applications. Breach by someone aged 10 to 17 would result in a curfew, activity or supervision requirement, or as a last resort, custody for up to three months for someone aged 14 to 17. Breach by an adult could result in up to two years in prison. We have recently been informed that due to changes required to the civil legal aid system, the Civil Injunction will not commence until at least January 2015.

- 1.2.2 The **criminal behaviour order** will be available following a conviction for any criminal offence in any criminal court. Breach of the order will be a criminal offence, with a maximum sentence of five years in custody for adults and up to a two-year detention and training order for those under 18, replicating the current ASBO sanctions. This will demonstrate to the offender and the community the seriousness of the breach, and, as it is an order on conviction, there is no risk of criminalising someone for the first time for breach of a civil order.
- 1.2.3 The **community protection notice** will be issued to deal with a particular problem negatively affecting the community. It could be used against a person, business or organisation committing ASB which spoils the community's quality of life (for example graffiti, littering, dog fouling or using a skateboard somewhere inappropriate). The notice could be issued by the police, council officers and social landlords to stop persistent, unreasonable behaviour that is detrimental to the amenity of the locality or is having a negative impact on the local community's quality of life. It is intended to deal with particular, ongoing problems or nuisances which negatively affect a community's quality of life by targeting those responsible.
- 1.2.4 The **public spaces protection order** will provide councils with a flexible power to put in place local restrictions to address a range of ASB issues in public places, and prevent future problems. It is designed to stop individuals or groups committing ASB in a public place. This would be different to the current situation as one order would be able to cover a number of issues, rather than needing to follow separate processes for each - reducing bureaucracy and cost for local authorities. This would be enforced by a Police Officer, PCSO (possibly) and Council officers. A breach would be a criminal offence and the Order would last for three years.
- 1.2.5 The **Closure Power** will provide the police or local authority with new, simpler, closure powers, consolidating four of the powers already available to them. The Closure powers will allow the police or council to quickly close premises which are being used, or are likely to be used to commit nuisance or disorder. The power comes in two stages, the closure notice and the closure order. The closure notice can be issued for 48 hours without going to a Court. With every issue of a closure notice an application must be made to the magistrate court for a closure order. The courts are required to hear the application within 48 hours of serving the notice. A closure order can close the premises for up to six months and can restrict all access. A breach of the notice could result in three months in prison and a breach of an order could lead to up to six months in prison. Both could also lead to fines.
- 1.2.6 The **Dispersal Power** will enable police officers to require a person who has committed, or is likely to commit, anti-social behaviour to leave a specified area and not return for a specified period of up to 48 hours. This will only be available for police officers in uniform to use and PCSOs could also use if designated by the

Chief Constable. Use of a Dispersal power must be authorised by an officer of at least the rank of inspector before use.

- 1.2.7 As well as those powers mentioned above there will also be a **New Absolute Grounds for Possession** power and this is intended to speed up the possession process in cases where anti-social behaviour or criminality has already been proven in another court. Landlords will no longer have to prove that it is reasonable to grant possession but instead courts must grant possession if the landlord followed the correct procedure and at least one of the specified conditions is met.

1.3 Empowering Victims

- 1.3.1 The Government are keen to ensure that communities feel 'empowered' and to do this they have introduced two new tools, a Community Trigger and a Community Remedy.

- 1.3.2 The **Community Trigger** is a way of allowing the public to request a review of the actions taken around ASB complaints. The Community Trigger criteria is:

"At least three separate incidents reported to the relevant bodies within the previous six months. The ASB must be a repeat of the same or similar incident which was reported within one month or the alleged incident taking place".

Work is going on to ensure that this Threshold is the same across Kent and that the processes (web forms etc.) to be used are also the same. Annex 1 shows the threshold and procedures as discussed by the Kent Community Safety Partnership.

- 1.3.3 If someone feels that they have met the Trigger criteria then they will need to complete an application form which will ask for details about the reports that have been made. Members of the Community Safety Unit will then check to see if the evidence presented is correct and if it meets the threshold then a Panel will need to meet to review the case and look at the actions that were (or were not) taken. That panel can then make recommendations to other agencies (although those agencies will be under no obligation to accept them). The Panel must include representatives from the Borough Council, the Police, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Social Landlords who are co-opted onto the Panel.
- 1.3.4 The **Community Remedy** will give victims of low-level crime and anti-social behaviour a say in the punishment of offenders out of court. It will be a list of actions that the victim will be invited to choose from when a community resolution is to be used. The offender must have given an admission of guilt and it must be appropriate for a Community Remedy to be used. The Community Remedy is entirely voluntary.

1.4 Implications for the Borough Council

- 1.4.1 Borough Council staff have met to begin considering the implications of these new powers and how the Borough Council may use them. Officers will be putting together procedures for each relevant tool which will include information about how and when the Borough Council could use the tools. Once we have this document in place then each Service will look to use the appropriate tools. It is unlikely that this work will be in place by 20 October but we are aiming to be ready as soon as possible.
- 1.4.2 Work is also being undertaken within the Community Safety Partnership to prepare for the introduction of the Community Trigger. We are currently working with the Borough Council's IT department to get an on-line application form ready and we are also looking at how we will assess each application. We have agreed that the Panel meetings will be held monthly and will review each application which has passed the Threshold. At present we do not know how many applications we will receive and we need to ensure that we do not become overwhelmed with applications.
- 1.4.3 The new tools are additional tools that can be used by a variety of partners to help tackle anti-social behaviour but it is important to remember that they will not suddenly prevent anti-social behaviour. We need to ensure that public expectations are not raised unduly but that they can continue to be confident that the Borough Council (and partners) are doing all we can to help resolve any anti-social behaviour issues they may be experiencing.

1.5 Legal Implications

- 1.5.1 The Borough Council's Legal Department will be providing advice and guidance on ensuring we meet all requirements.

1.6 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.6.1 There may be financial considerations for the Council if we decide to apply any of the new powers. This would need to be considered on a case by case basis

1.7 Risk Assessment

- 1.7.1 All appropriate risk assessments will be carried out.

1.8 Equality Impact Assessment

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

1.9 Recommendations

- 1.9.1 That Board members NOTE the contents of the Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Act.

The Central Services Director 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

Adrian Stanfield
Central Services Director

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. The Community Trigger will help vulnerable people who may have been a victim of anti-social behaviour.
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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Proposed Community Trigger Threshold

At least three incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to the relevant bodies within the previous six months.

The anti-social behaviour must be a repeat of the same or similar incident which was reported within one month of the alleged incident taking place.

Proposed Countywide Procedures

- The application form for the trigger will be the same Countywide
- Applications for the trigger should be submitted directly to the local borough or district council. If an application is received by any other agency, they should refer it to the local Community Safety Unit based at the local borough or district council.
- The borough or district council will record the application, alongside its own standard recording and reporting mechanisms, clearly identifying it as a Community Trigger application.
- The application for the trigger will be considered by at least two of the four relevant bodies to decide whether or not the trigger threshold has indeed been met.
- If the threshold has been met the district or borough council will initiate a review.
- The process from beginning to end will last no longer than 25 working days and the applicant will be contacted as appropriate during this time, for example; to notify them the trigger application has been received; when a review panel meeting has been called; to inform them of the findings and recommendations of the review. (but at the latest within 25 working days).
- If the applicant requests a secondary review of the way their application for a Community Trigger was dealt with or are not satisfied with the way their Community Trigger review was carried out then the borough/district council will initiate an independent panel.
- The borough or district council will report Community Trigger data to the local CSP as required and annually to the PCC & KCSP & within the Strategic Assessments.

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

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN UPDATE 2014/15

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Following the publication of the Community Safety Partnership's Strategic Assessment 2013 which analyses data to show key issues, and our 'Awayday' in early 2014 the Community Safety Partnership confirmed that its priorities for 2014/15 would be to tackle anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse and substance misuse. A Working Group was set up for each of these themes and an action plan developed based on the key issues for each of the themes. The Working Groups look at their action plans at each of their meetings to ensure that progress is taking place.
- 1.1.2 We have now received most of the data for the first two quarters of the year (April to June and July to September 2014) and we would like to present the latest updates to the Board for their information.

1.2 Latest updates

- 1.2.1 We have 39 actions in total (spread across the themes of anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and domestic abuse). Most of these actions have now been started and are progressing well. There are some that still require some work but we are confident that we will be able to achieve these by the end of March 2015.
- 1.2.2 During the meeting I will present some of the key actions to give Board members a flavour of the work that the Community Safety Partnership is involved with.

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 Policy Considerations

1.7.1 [Select 'Policy Considerations' from list or remove if not applicable]

1.8 Recommendations

1.8.1 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 Central Services Director 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

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Adrian Stanfield

Central Services Director

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Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2014/15

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

	Action	Baseline data (2013/14)	Target 2014/15	Lead agency	Qrt 1	Qrt 2	Progress
1	A quarterly report to be produced by the ASB Task Group	N/A	Report to be produced each quarter	TMBC	During the quarter 11 young people were discussed, 6 adults and 4 families. Actions taken included visits to individuals and their partners, referrals to various organisations and warning letters.	During the quarter 8 young people were discussed, 4 adults and 3 families. Actions taken included referrals to the Fighting Chance programme, visits and warning letters.	
2	The YISP Power Project to receive at least 20 referrals	33	20	KIASS	5 referrals received during this quarter	Data to be provided	
3	Increase the number of referrals to Mediation services by 20% to deal with neighbour dispute	48	0	Maidstone Mediation	During the quarter Maidstone Mediation received 9 referrals and West Kent Mediation also received 9 referrals (18 in total). Of these 12 were resolved.	During the quarter 18 referrals were made to the two Mediation services.	

4	Link in with Family Focus initiative to provide early intervention to families (particularly those involved in ASB).	N/A	A quarterly report to be provided	KCC	Update provided during this quarter: Yr 1 46/73 (63%), 66/75 (88%) and Yr 3 15/20 (75%)	Data to be provided	
5	Support diversionary activities for young people	N/A	N/A	KCC	Looking to progress the Fighting Chance programme with KFRS and Kent People's Trust	Fighting Chance programme to begin at the end of September	
6	Take enforcement actions over persistent ASB offenders	N/A	N/A	All Housing Associations	Ongoing work. More details to be provided in quarter 2.	Data to be provided	
7	Ensure partners are aware of current legislation and know how to use it effectively	N/A	N/A	TMBC	All partners aware of new ASB Act. Training to be arranged before it comes into force	Partners aware. Training organised by Housing Associations and others.	
8	Increase communication to residents over the successes taken to reduce ASB	N/A	N/A	TMBC	Have been using Twitter and Facebook to promote CSP	Twitter and Facebook are being used to promote the CSP but more work is required around publicising ASB successes.	
9	Ensure an appropriate case management system is in place for partners to use	N/A	N/A	KCC/Kent Police	Themis is being used by Kent Police and KCC Wardens. Awaiting details about roll out to other partners	Themis to roll out to Borough Council staff in October/November	

10	Respond to intelligence regarding repeat locations and put actions into place to address these issues (Tactical Develivery Plans)	N/A	N/A	Kent Police	There are currently 5 ASB TDPs in place	There are currently 4 TDPs in place	
11	Use appropriate resources to ensure that a location is clean and will not attract ASB	N/A	N/A	CRC	5 referrals were made to the CRC for Community Payback during this quarter	4 referrals made to the CRC for Community Payback during this quarter.	

Domestic Abuse

	Action	Baseline data (2013/14)	Target 2014/15	Lead agency	Qrt 1	Qrt 2	Progress
1	Ensure all high risk victims in the borough are supported	N/A	N/A	KDAC	28 referrals were received by KDAC during this quarter. There is an engagement rate of 100%	Data to be provided	
2	Ensure at least 60 standard/medium risk victims are supported	83	60	DAVSS	113 referrals were received during quarter 1. Of these 94 were female and 19 were male. 104 standard/medium risk.	During the quarter 97 referrals were received.	
3	Ensure at least 10 male victims are supported	9	10	DAVSS	19 males were referred during the first quarter	Data to be provided	

4	Ensure at least six men refer themselves to the Community Domestic Abuse Programme	8	6	CDAP	CDAP received 6 referrals during this quarter, of which 2 were men from T&M. 1 man from Tonbridge also completed the programme during this quarter.	Data to be provided	
5	Establish a One Stop Shop in Tonbridge	N/A	Establish One Stop Shop	NKWA/DAVSS/ Circle Russet	One Stop Shop has been established and runs every Wednesday. During June 5 women attended.	On average 6 people are attending each month. We will be circulating more publicity to encourage more victims to attend.	
6	Run at least one Freedom Programme in the borough	1	1	DAVSS/NKWA	A meeting has been held to look at how to take this forward. Looking to obtain funding and set up facilitators training.	Facilitators training to be held in early October	
7	Establish a Sanctuary scheme for the Borough	N/A	N/A	TMBC	A Sanctuary scheme is available in the borough	The scheme is available and is receiving referrals.	
8	Develop a Refuge for Tonbridge & Malling	N/A	N/A	TMBC	To be progressed	To be progressed	
9	High risk victims and repeat perpetrators to be identified through the CSU	N/A	N/A	Kent Police	Meetings are held on a monthly basis to look at high risk victims. Ongoing work	Meetings are held on a monthly basis to look at high risk victims. Ongoing work	

10	Pilot a scheme to share information about standard/medium risk victims	N/A	N/A	Kent Police	Ongoing work through the Weekly meeting (every fourth Tuesday is focus on DA)	Ongoing work through the Weekly meeting (every third Tuesday is focus on DA)	
11	Continue to support the Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) service	N/A	N/A	Family Matters	Ongoing work. Report to be provided at the end of the year	Ongoing work. Report to be provided at the end of the year	
12	Run at least one training session for staff	1	1	TMBC	To be progressed	Training session held on 4 September which included Police officers and PCSOs.	
13	Consider how we can tackle repeat/serial perpetrators	N/A	N/A	Kent Police	To be progressed	Will be looking to share data as part of the monthly DA meeting	
14	Put actions into place to tackle DA around the Football World Cup	N/A	N/A	Kent Police	Actions were put into place by the Police. This is now completed.	Action completed	
15	Provide publicity for domestic abuse services available in the borough	N/A	N/A	TMBC	Used Twitter to advertise One Stop Shop and also other support available.	One Stop Shop advertised via Twitter	
16	Ensure that referrals for victims of domestic abuse are referred to KFRS Home Safety team visits	N/A	N/A	KFRS	Awaiting data	Data to be provided	

Substance misuse

	Action	Baseline data (2013/14)	Target 2014/15	Lead agency	Qrt 1	Qrt 2	Progress
1	Kenward Trust to work in at least 6 locations as part of their 'Community Outreach Services'	6	6	Kenward Trust	During this quarter the team have focused on two locations, Tonbridge Racecourse and Town Lock. Main issues in Racecourse are Cannabis. Have seen a decrease in alcohol consumption. Town Lock has seen a reduction in the number of youths gathering, although some signs of alcohol and cannabis use. Have engaged with 75 young people during the first quarter (60 in Racecourse, 15 in Town Lock).	Data to be provided	
2	To respond to intelligence on issues relating to alcohol and young people	N/A	N/A	Trading Standards	During this quarter Trading Standards have carried out joint licence visits with the Police	During this quarter Trading Standards have carried out joint licence visits with the Police	

3	Provide a quarterly report giving numbers of referrals to commissioned services (e.g. CRI and KCA)	N/A	Report to be provided quarterly	CRI/KCA	CRI received 54 referrals during the first quarter. Of these the majority were self referrals (30). 30 referrals were for alcohol misuse, 22 for drug misuse and 2 were unclear.	Data to be provided	
4	Continue the work of the Kent Community Alcohol Partnership in Snodland	N/A	N/A	TMBC/Trading Standards	Work is ongoing. Visits have taken place to licenced premises (7 June)	Work is ongoing and the Group continues to meet regularly. We have developed a new Action Plan which includes looking at running 'Status' events for young people	
5	Explore the use of IT/Social media to publicise the substance misuse services available	N/A	N/A	TMBC	During the quarter 33 tweets were sent and 23 Facebook messages. Message sent out about drink driving.	The CSP is continuing to use Twitter/Facebook to send out messages.	
6	Report from the Tactical Delivery Plans in relation to tackling substance misuse	N/A	N/A	Kent Police	Ongoing work. There are currently 7 TDPs relating to Substance misuse	Data to be provided	
7	Tackle substance misuse issues around the Football World Cup	N/A	N/A	Kent Police	Actions have been taken including additional police patrols and messages to pubs. Action now completed	Action completed	

8	Link in with national campaigns where appropriate	N/A	N/A	TMBC	No national campaigns during this quarter, however will start to plan activities for Alcohol Awareness Week in November.	Working Group have discussed Alcohol Action Week and have agreed some actions	
9	Work with agencies to develop preventative/early intervention work in schools	N/A	N/A	KCA/Kent Police/ Kenward Trust	Work is ongoing. Kenward Trust have been into Malling School, Holmesdale and Aylesford School during this quarter.	Work is ongoing. KCA have attended Focus Days at Holmesdale School to talk about preventative issues.	
10	Develop activities to address alcohol use by older people	N/A	N/A	TMBC/CRI/ Kenward Trust	To be progressed	Have developed a leaflet on drinking by older people. This will be distributed at two Older People's events to be held in October.	
11	Look into the possibility of a no-alcohol bar/recovery café	N/A	N/A	Kenward Trust	Funding bid to Comic Relief was not successful, however Kenward Trust are looking to see if this can be progressed via other funding sources.	Information to be provided	
12	Promote Identification and Brief Advice (IBAs) at appropriate events	350	300	TMBC	Ongoing work. Report to be provided at the end of the year.	Ongoing work. Report to be provided at the end of the year.	

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

21 October 2014

Report of the Director of Central Services

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

An update on some of the recent work of the Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership/Community Safety Unit

1.1 Community Safety Unit (CSU) update

1.1.1 Community Safety Partners now meet on a weekly basis (every Tuesday morning) to discuss key issues of concern, including high risk victims, domestic abuse victims and offender management. This meeting is going well with attendance from partners high.

1.1.2 We have also recently introduced a 'daily document' which gives a summary of key issues which have been reported to the police the previous day or overnight. Partners are then requested to provide updates on any actions which are relevant to them. The feedback from this document is that it is useful and allows information to be exchanged on a regular basis.

1.2 Safer Towns Partnership

1.2.1 The Tonbridge Town Centre Safer Towns Partnership is continuing to grow from strength to strength. There are now 46 businesses signed up and 16 people have been banned. The Safer Towns Partnership is now using a website which all the businesses signed up to the scheme can access. This gives them information about offenders (including photographs), details of offences and crimes which have been committed and any events which are coming up which may be of interest.

1.2.2 The Partnership is now looking at running a 'reduced' scheme which would offer businesses outside of CCTV monitored areas (e.g. Kings Hill or Quarry Wood Retail Park) a chance to have access to the Safer Towns website (giving them access to information about offenders, crimes etc.) and hire of a radio which would link them to other businesses in their area. This would be at a reduced cost but would still generate additional income for the Scheme. This is something that Mandy Smith, the Safer Towns Co-ordinator is progressing currently.

1.3 Snodland Community Alcohol Partnership

- 1.3.1 The Snodland Community Alcohol Partnership is continuing to meet on a quarterly basis. We have recently developed a new Action Plan focusing on key issues within Snodland (e.g. reducing proxy purchasing, providing diversionary activities). We are looking to work with a company called Amelix to develop 'Status' (youth discos) within Snodland and if we can identify an appropriate venue we would be looking to run these 5 times per year (starting next year). We would need to identify some funding but I am hoping to apply to the PCC funding for this.

1.4 East Malling

- 1.4.1 There has recently been a small increase in anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in East Malling. The CSP is working to address this and a number of young people have been identified who are causing this anti-social behaviour. The Borough Council's ASB Officer, along with the Police and Circle Russet officers have been visiting these young people and their parents to warn them about their behaviour and there have been a number of referrals to the 'Family Focus' programme. The Community Policing Team is now patrolling the area to provide extra presence/reassurance to the public and we are working with KCC to provide extra youth provision in the area. It is hoped that all of this partnership working will lead to a decrease in the anti-social behaviour.

1.5 Trench

- 1.5.1 A lot of work has been undertaken in Trench as part of 'Operation Clove'. This has been led by Russet Homes, the Borough Council's ASB Officer and the PCSO for the Ward, Linda Baker. Work has included the three officers mentioned above undertaking foot patrols, visiting a number of properties to issue warnings, providing intelligence to the Police about suspected drug dealing and meeting with residents. The work in Trench will continue, although Operation Clove will finish on 17 October.

1.6 Oakdene Café – Op Horizon

- 1.6.1 Over the summer motorbikes have continued to meet at the Oakdene Café in Wrotham Heath, mainly on a Wednesday evening. To prevent the nuisance behaviour that has occurred in recent years, the Community Safety Unit put an operation into place (Op Horizon). This has involved members of the CSU attending every Wednesday evening to ensure that no nuisance behaviour occurred. Partners attending included the Police, Community Wardens, Kent Fire & Rescue Service and VOSA. The Police and Council were also able to get a Dispersal Order for 6 months, which ended on 8 October. The Dispersal Order gave the Police powers to disperse anyone causing a nuisance and although these powers were not required it did give residents the reassurance that we were working to try to reduce the issues that had been occurring.

1.6.2 Attendance by partner agencies will also cease from 8 October but we will of course monitor the situation. We will need to start planning for next year, early in 2015 but a new strategy may be required as it may not be possible to provide the same resources as this year.

1.7 Halloween/Bonfire Night

1.7.1 The CSP has recently considered, as part of the Weekly meeting process how it will tackle any ASB around Halloween/Bonfire night. The Police will be undertaking additional patrols in known hot spot areas and they will also be linking in with Kent Fire & Rescue Service and the Community Wardens to provide extra staff on the ground.

1.8 Events

1.8.1 We have recently attended a number of events over the past month or so. These include an Older Persons event in Tonbridge on 2 October, an event in Tonbridge linked to World Mental Health Day on 10 October and an Older Persons event in Snodland on 14 October. At all of these events representatives from the Community Safety Unit were able to hand out free crime prevention items and talk to the attendees about community safety issues

1.9 Legal Implications

1.9.1 None

1.10 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.10.1 Any funding requirements are provided through the Community Safety Partnership.

1.11 Risk Assessment

1.11.1 All risk assessments are under taken as appropriate.

1.12 Equality Impact Assessment

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

Background papers:

contact: Alison Finch

Nil

Adrian Stanfield
Central Services Director

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	The work of the Community Safety Partnership will promote equality and will work to address the needs of vulnerable people.
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.

Glossary of Community Safety Terms

Acronym	Meaning
ASB	Anti-social behaviour
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CDAP	Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators programme – a 26 week programme for men who want to change their abusive behaviour
CRC	Community Rehabilitation Company
CRI	Name for a drug and alcohol treatment provider who cover Tonbridge & Malling
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
CSU	Community Safety Unit
DA	Domestic Abuse
DAVSS	Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Service
Family Focus	The name given to the Troubled Families programme in Tonbridge & Malling
Freedom Programme	A support programme for female victims of domestic abuse
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
IBA	Identification and Brief Advice
ISVA	Independent Sexual Violence Advisor
KCA	Name for a drug and alcohol organisation who work with young people
KCAP	Kent Community Alcohol Partnership
KDAAT	Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team
KFRS	Kent Fire & Rescue Service
MARAC	Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference – held to discuss high risk victims of domestic abuse
NKWA	North Kent Women's Aid
PCC	Police and Crime Commissioner
TDP	Tactical Delivery Plan – used by the Police to develop actions around a particular issue/area
Themis	A case management system produced by the Police and KCC to record anti-social behaviour incidents
YISP	Youth Intervention Support Programme for young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system

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Agenda Item 8

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

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Agenda Item 9

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.

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Agenda Item 10

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