

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

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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 (CSP)

1.1 Anti-social behaviour in West Malling

- 1.1.1 The Community Safety Unit (CSU) has recently received reports of an increase in anti-social behaviour around West Malling, particularly around the Cricket Pavilion, Macey's Meadow and the recreation field. As a result of this the CSU identified some of those suspected of causing the anti-social behaviour and they were given warnings about their behaviour. We also tasked the Kenward Trust outreach team to engage with the young people in the area and they have been visiting the area on a Thursday evening and meeting with some young people.
- 1.1.2 The Police were also able to obtain a dispersal order for several weekends to enable them to disperse any large groups of people gathering. The dispersal order was not used but gave the Police additional powers to stop any behaviour from occurring and helped to reassure residents that we were trying to prevent any nuisance behaviour.
- 1.1.3 An Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) was arranged for late May. This brought together relevant people affected by the anti-social behaviour who walked around the area to identify where additional preventative measures could be undertaken. Items suggested included cutting back vegetation, considering CCTV and anti-climb paint.
- 1.1.4 It is hoped that all of these measures will ensure a cessation of the anti-social behaviour and damage.

1.2 Operation Novella

- 1.2.1 Operation Novella is the name of the Kent Police operation tackling the Euro football tournament which starts on 10 June 2016. Historically there have been a number of issues surrounding football tournaments and this operation will bring together intelligence on likely issues.

1.2.2 Within the Community Safety Partnership the Licencing Officer will be monitoring licenced premises and will be identifying any premises which are showing the games (particularly those on a big screen). The Community Liaison Officer will be monitoring communities for any signs of tension and will be feeding this information in to the CSP where appropriate.

1.3 Safer Towns Partnership

1.3.1 The Safer Towns Partnership has taken the decision to break away from the Borough Council and become fully independent. This will mean that the Borough Council no longer employs the Safer Towns Co-ordinator (from 25 April 2016) and are no longer involved in the day to day running of the scheme. The Board of Managers for the Safer Towns Partnership will now be responsible for the scheme.

1.3.2 Mandy Smith, the current Safer Towns Co-ordinator has been successful in getting a job at the Maidstone Safer Towns Scheme (MaidSAFE). At present she will work in both roles until a replacement can be found for her job in Tonbridge. We will continue to update the Board on the changes with the Safer Towns Partnership as they occur.

1.4 Operation Cruiser

1.4.1 Operation Cruiser is the name of the Police operation to tackle nuisance motorbikes at the Oakdene Café in Wrotham. So far this year we have not had any reports of any anti-social behaviour caused by the some of the bikers. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and respond as appropriate.

1.5 Serious and Organised Crime and Modern Day Slavery

1.5.1 Serious and Organised Crime and Modern Day Slavery are all now part of the Police's Control Strategy for this year and the Community Safety Partnership will also be considering these within their relevant Working Groups (although as they are relatively new topics they are not currently a priority for the Partnership).

1.5.2 Serious and Organised Crime is defined as 'serious crime planned, co-ordinated and conducted by people working together on a continuing basis. Their motivation is often, but not always, financial gain. Organised criminals working together for a particular criminal activity or activities are called an organised crime group (OCG)'.

1.5.3 The most effective way of reducing serious organised crime is to bring the information and powers of a wide range of agencies to bear against it. Collectively the CSP has access to intelligence, community safety and safeguarding powers that can significantly disrupt the activity of OCGs and minimise their impact on local communities and businesses.

1.5.4 The CSP will be working to identify any OCGs in the borough and the Police will be producing a Local Profile for the borough which they will share with appropriate

partners. Following this we can then identify if there is any further work that the CSP should be undertaking around this topic.

- 1.5.5 Modern Day Slavery encompasses slavery, human trafficking, forced labour and domestic servitude. Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment.
- 1.5.6 The Modern Slavery Act received Royal Assent on 26 March 2016 and consolidates the current offences relating to trafficking and slavery. The key areas contained within the Act are two new civil orders to prevent modern slavery, it establishes an Anti-Slavery Commissioner and it makes provision for the protection of modern slavery victims.
- 1.5.7 The CSP will be linking in to the work that Kent Police are undertaking around this issue and although we will not currently be doing anything specifically around this issue we will be reviewing this throughout the year.

1.6 Legal Implications

- 1.6.1 None

1.7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.7.1 Any funding requirements are provided through the Community Safety Partnership.

1.8 Risk Assessment

- 1.8.1 All risk assessments are under taken as appropriate.

1.9 Policy Considerations

- 1.9.1 Crime & Disorder Reduction

Background papers:

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Nil

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