

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PANEL

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Report of the Central Services Director

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

To provide an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership

1.1 The Community Safety Partnership and our priorities for 2016/17

- 1.1.1 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a body of organisations who work together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour within the Borough. There is a CSP for each borough/district in the country. Organisations involved in our CSP include Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire & Rescue Service, Kent County Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Kent Probation. Other members include Circle Russet (and other housing associations), Victim Support, Neighbourhood Watch and support services (such as Kenward Trust).
- 1.1.2 Funding for the CSP comes from a number of different sources including the Police and Crime Commissioner, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Kent Fire & Rescue Service and Circle Housing Russet.
- 1.1.3 The Community Safety Unit (CSU) is the operational arm of the Community Safety Partnership and is based at the Borough Council offices in Kings Hill. As well as the Police based here (an Inspector, three Sergeants, three PCs, a Licencing Officer and a Joint Family Management Officer) two Borough Council staff are also based here and others hot desk including the KCC Community Warden Supervisor and the Safer Towns Co-ordinator. We hold a Weekly meeting with all partners to discuss key issues of concern and share information on a daily basis.
- 1.1.4 Each year the CSP reviews statistical data to decide on its key priorities for the year ahead and develops action plans to address key issues within these priorities. The priorities agreed for 2016/17 are Safeguarding (to incorporate domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, counter terrorism and vulnerable people), Health and Wellbeing (to incorporate substance misuse and mental health) and Public Safety (to incorporate anti-social behaviour, environmental crime and road safety). We have developed Action Plans for each priority and

these are monitored throughout the year. We have also set up Working Groups which look at specific issues around these priorities and also monitor the actions.

- 1.1.5 Actions this year include supporting all victims of domestic abuse, running the domestic abuse Drop In Support Service in Tonbridge, holding training on counter terrorism, identifying perpetrators of anti-social behaviour and engaging with young people to warn them about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.
- 1.1.6 We also have some actions around road safety including actions to run three restorative justice operations targeting nuisance vehicles and aiming to increase the number of Speedwatch schemes in the borough. These are explained in further detail below.
- 1.1.7 Copies of the Partnership Plan (detailing our actions for 2016/17) are available to download on the CSP website – www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk

1.2 Restorative Justice road safety operations

- 1.2.1 Kent Police and Kent Fire & Rescue Service are working together to run Restorative Justice Road safety operations in the borough. This involves enforcement activities around safe driving linked to restorative justice outcomes for anyone caught committing an offence. For example, someone caught speeding will be spoken to by officers about road safety as an alternative to receiving a penalty (if appropriate).
- 1.2.2 Two of these operations have now been held in the borough. The first (in January 2016) was held in Ditton, Kings Hill and Borough Green and 51 drivers were stopped. 35 drivers were stopped for excessive speed, 9 for mobile phone usage, 5 for no seat belt, 1 defective exhaust, 1 lady who was putting on her make up. On top of this there was also some other intelligence gathered and a drugs search carried out.
- 1.2.3 The second operation was held in July 2016 in Tonbridge and Hildenborough and a total of 75 vehicles were stopped. 39 people were stopped for speeding offences, with a further 32 stopped for not wearing a seatbelt. A further four were stopped for using a mobile phone at the wheel.
- 1.2.4 Further operations will be held during the year, although no dates have currently been booked in. The decision on where these operations will be held will be taken by the Police and Fire Service but Parish Council's can nominate areas for consideration (although please note that not all locations will be suitable for this type of operation). Please email any areas for consideration to Alison.finch@tmbc.gov.uk.
- 1.2.5 We also have an action in the Action Plan to try and increase the number of Speedwatch schemes within the borough and we will be linking in with Kent Police to look at how we can promote the schemes to Parish Councils.

1.3 Crime Prevention Panel

- 1.3.1 The Tonbridge & Malling Crime Prevention Panel was established over 10 years ago with the aim of reducing crime and generally improving the quality of life and reducing the fear of crime for residents in the borough. Over the years the Panel has been involved in a number of initiatives including litter picks, removing graffiti, arranging internet safety events, running a quiz for primary schools and attending events to distribute crime prevention events.
- 1.3.2 Earlier this year however the Crime Prevention Panel members took the decision to stop the Panel. This was due mainly to the increased working between the Police, Borough Council and other partners meaning that a lot of the work of the Panel was now being carried out through the Community Safety Unit and so the Panel found they were duplicating activities.
- 1.3.3 Members of the Community Safety Partnership do still attend events to distribute crime prevention events and if any Parish Council has an event that they would like us to consider attending they should email Alison.finch@tmbc.gov.uk. Subject to availability of staff we will do our best to attend.

1.4 Communication with residents/Parish Councils

- 1.4.1 The Community Safety Partnership produces a bi-monthly newsletter which is circulated to Parish Council clerks, residents and other interested parties via email. If you do not currently receive this newsletter but would like to receive this please email Alison.finch@tmbc.gov.uk and you will be added to the circulation list.
- 1.4.2 The CSP also has a website (www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk), Twitter account (@TM_CSP) and a Facebook page where you can get information about the work of the CSP (Search for Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership.)
- 1.4.3 Crime statistics are available to download from the Kent Police website (www.kent.police.uk). Unfortunately due to Police resources they are no longer able to provide crime statistics to Parish Council meetings.

1.5 Legal Implications

- 1.5.1 None

1.6 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.6.1 Any funding requirements are provided through the Community Safety Partnership

1.7 Risk Assessment

- 1.7.1 All risk assessments are under taken as appropriate.

1.8 Policy Considerations

1.8.1 Crime & Disorder Reduction

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