

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