

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES and HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

13 November 2017

Report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

This report will provide an update of some of the work of the Community Safety Partnership

1.1 Changes to the Community Safety Unit (CSU)

- 1.1.1 There is now a new Inspector within the Community Safety Unit (Inspector Maxine Martin) who has replaced Insp Rachel McNeil. Two new Sergeants are also in post replacing Sgt Jo Mott and Sgt Mark Ginsberg (who have both retired). The new Sergeants are Sgt Dougal Bell and Sgt Andy Gallon.
- 1.1.2 As part of the 'New Horizon' change within the Police (which happened in September), the CSU now has three new PCSO roles covering Youth Engagement, Vulnerable Adults and Domestic Abuse (post currently vacant). These PCSOs will lead on these subjects and are working with us to help engage with these different groups.
- 1.1.3 Unfortunately there has been an increase in crime recorded in the borough (from 6,315 in 2016/17 to 7,950 in 2017/18). This is due to changes in recording crime data following the HMI Inspection and follows similar increases across Kent. There is no undue concern for crime levels within Tonbridge & Malling.

1.2 Prevent update

- 1.2.1 The current threat level for international terrorism in the UK is severe, meaning that an attack is highly likely. Work is ongoing within Kent to prevent any terrorist attack and the Government will be looking at a review of Counter Terrorism powers within the next few months. It is likely that there will also be briefings and a Prevent handbook produced for elected members.
- 1.2.2 Kent Police have had a restructure around Counter Terrorism/Prevent and any referrals should now be sent to prevent.referrals@kent.pnn.police.uk
- 1.2.3 I continue to attend the Chanel Panels as required. Chanel Panels are the meetings where any individuals who might be at risk in some way are discussed

by a number of different partners. Since March four individuals living in Tonbridge & Malling have been referred to a Chanel Panel.

1.3 Snodland Community Alcohol Partnership

- 1.3.1 On Tuesday 10 October representatives from the Snodland Community Alcohol Partnership attended the Community Alcohol Partnerships (CAP) Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Tackling Underage Drinking which was held at a prestigious venue in London. These awards recognised exceptional achievements in tackling underage drinking during the preceding year, and provide a great opportunity to encourage awareness of the vital part which local partnerships are making to improve our communities.
- 1.3.2 The Snodland CAP was nominated for Most Improved Locality Award and we are pleased to announce that we received a 'highly commended' award. Susan Morgan, Impact and Quality Manager, Wales Audit Office and CAP Board Director presented me with the award and praised the work of the CAP.

1.4 Domestic Abuse training

- 1.4.1 On Wednesday 20 September a training day on the DASH risk assessment was held for professionals who are working with people who may be experiencing domestic abuse. The DASH training (or Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment risk assessment model) is used to identify the risk level of someone who is, or may be, experiencing domestic abuse and can mean that they can receive the most appropriate help and support.
- 1.4.2 29 professionals attended the session, funded by the Community Safety Partnership and all felt that the training was beneficial and will be useful to them when helping victims of domestic abuse.

1.5 Safeguarding Adults Awareness week

- 1.5.1 The week commencing 9 October was Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week and residents were urged to 'See It, Report It, Stop It'. As part of the week the Community Safety Unit sent out a number of tweets (as did the Borough Council and other partners) and representatives of the CSU were present at an event for Older People at the Angel Centre on Thursday 12 October where a variety of information was handed out.

1.6 Self-neglect Forum

- 1.6.1 The Self Neglect Forum continues to meet on a monthly basis (the last Thursday of the month as part of the Weekly meetings). The aim of the Forum is to share concerns about any individuals at risk of self-neglect. Someone is at risk of self-neglect if they are unable, or unwilling to provide adequate care for themselves. An example of this might be someone who hoards items in their houses. We have so far discussed 42 individuals as part of these meetings.

- 1.6.2 We invite partners to attend these meetings and have been getting good attendance from a variety of partners. We discuss each individual case and then decide on appropriate actions. Actions so far have included getting equipment fitted, such as stair lifts, visiting the individual to offer support and making appropriate referrals so that they get the help they need.
- 1.6.3 Nominations can be made by anyone and a referral form is available from the Community Safety Unit. The referrals are then circulated a week in advance to allow partners a chance to check whether the individual is known to their agency.

1.7 Legal Implications

- 1.7.1 None

1.8 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

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

1.9 Risk Assessment

- 1.9.1 All risk assessments are undertaken as appropriate.

1.10 Policy Considerations

- 1.10.1 Community Safety

Background papers:

Nil

contact: Alison Finch
Safer & Stronger Communities
Manager

Adrian Stanfield
Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer