

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES and HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

28 May 2019

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 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2019/20

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is required to publish an annual plan of its work. This gives details of the initiatives it has carried out during the previous year and details of the priorities for the forthcoming year.

1.1 The Tonbridge & Malling CSP Partnership Plan 2019/20

1.1.1 The Community Safety Partnership is required to publish an annual plan of its work and the actions that it plans for the forthcoming year. A copy of the Plan is attached at Annex 1 and gives details about the initiatives that were undertaken during 2018/19 and information about the Partnership's priorities for 2019/20.

1.1.2 Crime levels within the borough are low and the borough remains one of the safest in the county. From April 2018 to March 2019, there were 8,359 incidents of victim based crime recorded within Tonbridge and Malling (an increase of 7.5% compared to the same period last year). This, in part, is due to new Home Office counting rules. In the same time period there was a decrease of recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to the police (down by 418 incidents). Although victim based crime levels have risen, the borough is still one of the safest in the county and we have the third lowest victim based crime rate in Kent.

1.1.3 The Partnership has agreed five priorities for 2019/20. These are

- Vulnerable People – to include mental health, child sexual exploitation, modern slavery and human trafficking, substance misuse, doorstep crime and youth diversion
- Violent Crime
- Domestic Abuse – including Stalking
- Anti-social behaviour including environmental crime
- Preventing extremism and hate

1.1.4 For each of these priorities an Action Plan has been developed with partners and these will be progressed during the year. These action plans are also included within the Partnership Plan. The actions will be monitored by the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

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

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 All risk assessments are undertaken as appropriate

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users

1.6 Policy Considerations

1.6.1 Community Safety

1.7 Recommendations

1.7.1 That the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2019/20 as set out in Annex 1 **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:

Nil

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