

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES and HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

25 May 2021

Report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2021-22

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 2021/22

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 2020/21 and information about the Partnership's priorities for 2021/22.

1.1.2 Crime levels within the borough are low and the borough remains one of the safest in the county. From April 2020 to March 2021, there were 6,813 incidents of victim-based crime recorded within Tonbridge and Malling (a decrease of 18.8% compared to the same period last year). In the same time period there were also reductions in violent crime (-8.1%), residential burglaries (-16.1%) and vehicle crime (-6.1%). There was also an increase in recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to the police (up from 1,693 to 2,962) and an increase in reports of Domestic Abuse (from 2,883 to 2,929).

1.1.3 The Partnership has agreed five priorities for 2021/22. These are

- Safeguarding Vulnerable People – to include mental health, child sexual exploitation, modern slavery and human trafficking, substance misuse, fraud and scams 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 under-taken 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 2021/22 as set out in **Annex 1 BE SUPPORTED AND ENDORSED.**

The Director of Central Service and Deputy Chief Executive 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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