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**To:** Overview and Scrutiny  
**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
**Status:** Non key  
**Responsible Officer:** Ewan Green - Director of Place  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Jennifer Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities

**SUBJECT:**

Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership Annual Review

**SUMMARY:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee acts once a year as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel as set out in legislation to ensure that the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is working effectively, and responsible authorities are discharging their statutory functions in respect of community safety.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To receive and note report OS/21/07 and CSP plan attached.
2. To receive presentations from Subgroup leads of the CSP

Scott Butler, Community Safety Specialist.  
FHDC Introduction, Community Safety Partnership overview  
Community Safety subgroup.

Rebekah Button, Interim Integrated Family Service Manager.  
KCC Safeguarding, Domestic Abuse subgroup.

PS Sarah Williams, Local Policing Team, Kent Police.  
Presentation on Crime & Community Resilience subgroup.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Folkestone and Hythe CSP has published its community safety plan. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee acts once a year as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel to oversee community safety work across the district.
- 1.2 The Committee will receive presentations from representatives who chair the various sub-groups of the CSP to address issues facing our District. The CSP has to take into regard the priorities of a number of other strategies including the Police and Crime Commissioner's plan and the County Community Safety Agreement.

## **2. LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 set out the need to scrutinise the work of partners in addressing crime and disorder matters and section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 provided further details on the operation of local authority crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committees in England and Wales. These provisions for further supplemented by The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.
- 2.2 The 2009 regulations gave more details around co-opting members to the Committee and addressed other matters e.g. frequency of meetings (not less than once a year). As a result, the Council's constitution reflects this and the OSC takes on the scrutiny function for the CSP once a year.
- 2.3 Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review and scrutinise and make reports and recommendations regarding the functioning of responsible authorities.

## **3. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

- 3.1 2021 saw the development of The Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) three-year partnership plan, covering the period 21-24 (refer to Appendix 1). This contains an overview of the work of the partnership, how it is structured e.g. its sub groups and cites key supporting legislation.
- 3.2 The plan also reflects on issues impacting the work of the partnership including Covid 19 recovery, new legislation such as the violence reduction bill and Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- 3.3 Practical examples of projects delivered e.g. from Police and Crime Commissioner funding (PCC) funding are also set out. The plan has been kept deliberately succinct and will be reviewed annually. OSC will have the opportunity to hear about the annual review.
- 3.4 The key priorities of the partnership are set out on page 10 of the plan and are split across the 3 sub-groups, across all of these priorities the following cross cutting themes feature:

- violence reduction
- covid recovery
- reducing offending

3.5 The F&H CSP does have regard to the KCC County Community Safety Agreement (CSA) and they in turn have regard to the priorities contained within District CSP plans. The plan contains some information relating to the County CSA which is also a statutory requirement.

#### 4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 There is not a great deal of risk management involved in this issue

Perceived risk	Seriousness	Likelihood	Preventative action
Concerns regarding priorities, or how officer time is being allocated	Medium / High	Very unlikely as priorities signed off and agreed only last year.	CSP priorities link in with PCC, KCC, LCPG priorities.

#### 5. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

5.1 **Legal Officer's Comments** – There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

5.2 **Finance Officer's Comments** - There are no finance implications relating to this report (TM)

5.3 **Communication Officer Comments** - There are no Communications implications relating to this report (TA)

5.4 **HR Officer comments** – There are no HR implications emanating directly from this report (RB)

5.5 **Equalities and Diversities comments** – There are no Equalities and Diversities implications relating to this report (KW)

#### 6. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting

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#### Appendices:

Appendix 1: Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Plan 21-24