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Cabinet Members: Councillor Mike Blakemore the Cabinet Member for Community and Collaboration.

SUBJECT: UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AND THE NEW 3 YEAR PLAN.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and the draft new 3 year plan.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented to the Committee for comments and feedback ahead of the 3-year plan being considered by Cabinet and Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note report OS/23/10.
2. To provide feedback on the 3-year plan ahead of it being considered by Cabinet and Council.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) have produced a three year partnership plan covering the period 2024-27. The plan contains an overview of the work of the partnership, how it is structured e.g. its sub groups and cites key supporting legislation.

1.2 The plan also reflects on issues impacting the work of the partnership including new legislation such as the violence reduction bill and Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

1.3 The CSP have also carried out a strategic assessment of crime trends using data from many sources and this restricted document has helped in shaping the priorities of the CSP which are set out together with activities to be carried out by the sub groups. This includes review of the current PSPO.

1.4 The Folkestone & Hythe 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.

2. AGREEMENT OF THE PLAN

2.1 The draft CSP will be considered by Cabinet in March 2024 and then Council in April 2024. Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to provide feedback on the draft plan and this will form part of the report to Cabinet.

3. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

3.1 Legal

“There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. The Council has a statutory duty to work in partnership to reduce and prevent crime and disorder, including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment in its area by virtue of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998”. **(NM)**

3.2 Resources

No finance implications are contained within this report. **(TM)**

3.3 Equalities

Naturally, when working to design out crime and antisocial behaviour we work alongside a range of communities. We work to build relationships between these different communities alongside partners to provide safety to all including young people. A range of agencies working together with overlapping priorities to tackle violence, crime and anti-social behaviour will have a positive impact on all in society. **(SB)**

3.4 Communications-

“The community safety plan will be promoted and shared through existing channels and made available for those who cannot access it online” **(JW)**.

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Appendix: Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership Plan
2023-27