

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan 2020-23
Executive Director: People

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Bracknell Forest CSP's 2017-2019 Plan has now expired.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Executive recommend that full Council approve and adopt the new CSP Plan 2020-23**

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The CSP Plan 2020-23 is based on a comprehensive 2019 strategic assessment of crime and disorder in Bracknell Forest which includes volumes, trends, hotspot analysis, projections, legislation changes, and emerging issues identified nationally. The CSP were widely consulted on the findings and took part in a workshop to agree the priorities. In addition, and as required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation Strategy) Regulations 2007), public views were sought in a consultation which yielded 497 responses, 463 (93%) of which agreed that the priorities were correct and appropriate.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 No alternative options have been considered as the preparation of a 3-year CSP Plan is required statutorily.

5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation Strategy) Regulations 2007 require CSPs to prepare a 3-year plan on how they intend to tackle crime and disorder in their area. The priorities in the 3-year plan must also be reviewed annually to ensure that they reflect the local profile of crime and disorder as well as what the community feel should be prioritised.
- 5.2 Legislation also requires that the CSP Plan (and its annual reviews) consider an annual strategic assessment to understand what the local crime and disorder profile is as well as any emerging issues that need to be tackled.
- 5.3 This report sets out the new CSP Plan for 2020-23 and how the priorities were arrived at.

Partner Consultation

- 5.4 The findings of the 2019 Strategic Assessment were presented to the CSP Steering Group on 3 June 2019 and then formed the theme of a CSP Workshop Group meeting on 19 June 2019. At the latter, the CSP agreed a set of 5 priorities (in order of importance) for 2020-23 (subject to annual review):

Priority 1: Tackle the exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults

Priority 2: Reduce incidents of serious violence, sexual offences, and knife crime

Priority 3: Work with communities to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots (including drug-related crime)

Priority 4: Reduce harm caused by domestic abuse

Priority 5: Reduce incidents of residential burglary and theft from vehicles

These priorities are reflected in the attached CSP Plan (Item 1 under Background Papers). It includes the aims within each priority as well as how the CSP intends to achieve them and how it will measure success.

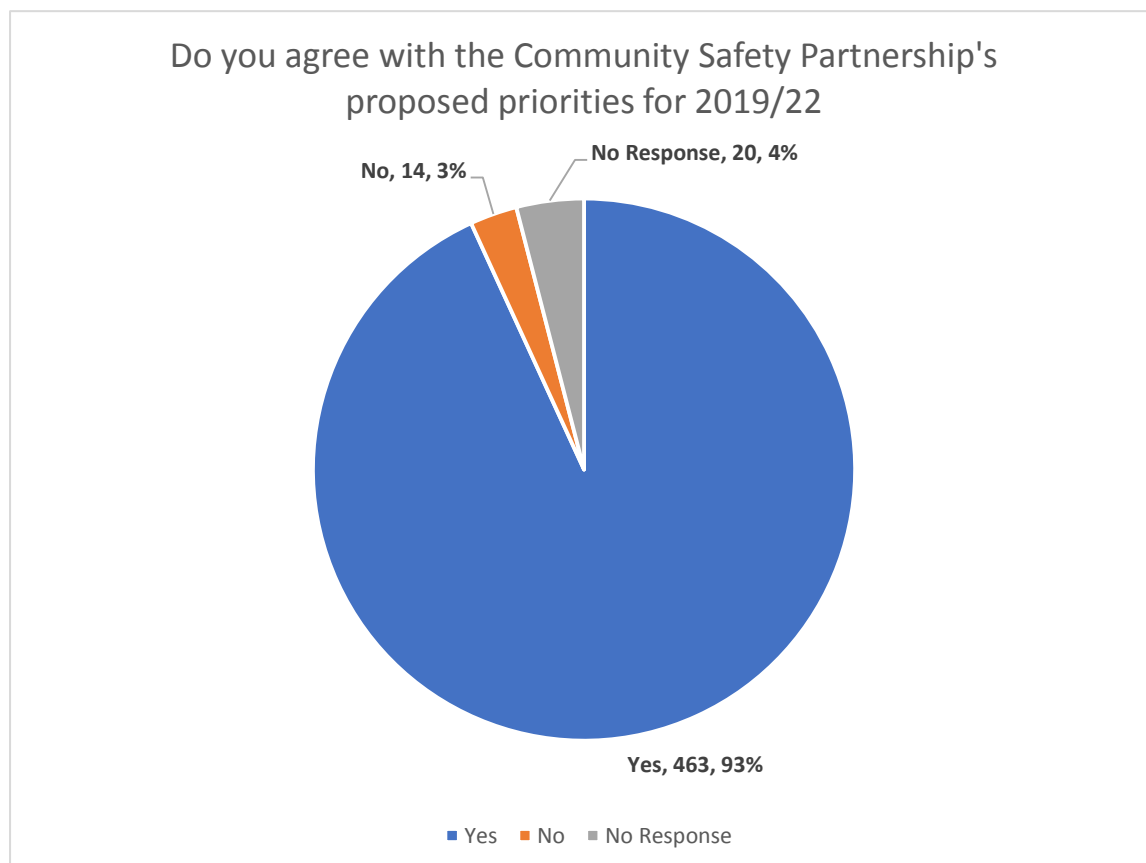
5.5 In arriving at these priorities, cognisance was also taken of the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities, those of the Thames Valley Police Chief Constable's priorities as well as those of the local police area. Within the Council, of course, there are common priorities identified in the strategies of the Community Safety Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board and the Safeguarding Board. Collaboration within and between Departments ensures that work on these priorities is coordinated as part of the wider approach to addressing challenges within the Borough.

5.6 The above priorities differ from those contained in the previous plan as follows:

- Priority 1 has expanded to include all types of exploitation including modern slavery and human trafficking
- Priority 2 includes knife crime in line with national concerns of increased knife use and possession
- Priority 3 is new and looks specifically at crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots identified by people in the community
- Priority 5 focuses specifically on 2 types of acquisitive crime: residential burglary and theft from vehicles whereas previous plans prioritised all acquisitive crime

Public Consultation

5.7 A public consultation took place for 6 weeks in August/September 2019 to gain the community's views on these priorities with the result that 463 out of the 497 respondents (93%) confirmed that these were the correct priorities for Bracknell Forest for the next 3 years.



6 Consultation and Other Considerations

Legal Advice

- 6.1 The Borough Solicitor has confirmed that the relevant legal issues are addressed within the report.

Financial Advice

- 6.2 There are no financial implications as delivery can be achieved within existing resources.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Please see Background Paper 2.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 By completing and approving the CSP Plan 2020-23, which is a key strategy for addressing any major risks of community safety in the borough for the next 3 years, BFC is complying with its statutory requirements and responsibilities. The priorities contained in this plan have been informed by a local strategic assessment of police-recorded crime and disorder in Bracknell Forest. As part of this exercise, volume, trends, projects, emerging issue and national trends are all considered. This process is an established one that has been tried and tested in Bracknell Forest since 2007 and is one of the reasons why Bracknell Forest Community Safety Partnership's levels of crime and disorder compare so favourably with other CSPs in its Most Similar Group¹ as well as other unitary authorities in England. As legally required, the CSP will also review these priorities annually to ensure that they reflect the local profile of crime and disorder. The community is consulted annually on these priorities to ensure that they reflect their views on the crime and disorder categories that are considered to be the most harmful. This consultation process is likely to contribute to community cohesion, resilience and effective partnership-working with public services.

Background Papers

- 1 CSP Plan 2020-23
- 2 Equalities Impact Assessment

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¹ Most Similar Groups (MSGs) are groups of local areas that government has found to be the most similar to each other using statistical methods, based on demographic, economic and social characteristics which relate to crime