

**TO: THE EXECUTIVE
26 JANUARY 2016**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation Strategy) Regulations 2007 requires that Community Safety Partnerships undertake an annual audit of crime, disorder and the misuse of drugs within their areas and then publish a 3 year CSP Plan. The regulations require CSPs to refresh their Strategic Assessment and Plan annually. This report looks at the key findings and recommendations identified by the 2015 Strategic Assessment which will inform the 2016 Refresh of the 2014-2017 CSP Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Executive notes the priorities identified within the Strategic Assessment and provides any comments to the Community Safety Manager by 23 December 2015.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To allow the CMT to provide representations regarding the identified priorities prior to the drafting of the 2016 Refresh of the CSP Plan.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There are no alternative options as the Strategic Assessment is a statutory requirement.

6 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 6.1 Most of the aims of the 2014-17 CSP plan are on target at the end of Q2 with the exception of violent and sexual offences which are showing an increase compared to the same period last year. The increase in violent and sexual offences is due to changes in the National Crime Recording System. The increase in Bracknell Forest is in line with increases seen across the Thames Valley and in our Most Similar Group areas.
- 6.2 Successful reductions (12 month period up to 30 September 2015 compared to 12 month period up to 30 September 2014) included the following:
- 43.2% reduction in Robbery
 - 52.7% reduction in Burglary Dwelling
 - 22.9% reduction in Burglary Non Dwelling
 - 18.6% reduction in Vehicle Crime
 - 11.6% reduction in Bicycle Theft

Unrestricted

- 6.3 The Strategic Assessment contains recommendations to the CSP as to what should be prioritised for the forthcoming year, outlined in 6.7 and 6.8. The CSP will now have to agree the plan, targets and milestones for the coming year and make adjustments to the CSP Plan as necessary.
- 6.4 The Strategic Assessment that took place in 2014 prioritised a number of areas of crime and disorder which formed the basis of the 2015 Refresh of the CSP Plan 2014-2017, the targets of which are monitored on a quarterly basis at CSP Executive meetings.
- 6.5 Priorities under the Crime Theme were: Serious Violence (Violence Against the Person and Sexual Offences), Protection of Vulnerable People (Domestic Abuse, Internet Related Crime and Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Preventing Violent Extremism), Drug Offences, Youth Crime Prevention and Acquisitive Crime (Burglary Dwelling and Shoplifting).
- 6.6 Priorities under the ASB Theme were: Environmental ASB (Fly Tipping), Nuisance ASB (Loutish, Rowdy and Noisy Behaviour and Suspicion or Observation of Drug Dealing) and Personal ASB (Nuisance Neighbours and Neighbour Disputes).
- 6.7 Recommended priorities under the Crime Theme remain largely the same following the 2015 Strategic Assessment and are: Serious Violence (Violent Offences and Sexual Offences), Protection of Vulnerable People (Domestic Abuse, Internet Related Crime and Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Preventing Violent Extremism), Drug Offences, Youth Crime Prevention and Acquisitive Crime (Burglary).
- 6.8 Recommended priorities under the ASB Theme also remain largely unchanged and are: Personal ASB with a particular focus on Nuisance Neighbours and Neighbour Disputes, Nuisance ASB with a particular focus on Loutish, Rowdy and Noisy Behaviour and Suspicion or Observation of Drug Dealing and Environmental ASB.
- 6.9 All crime and ASB data available to the CSP was collected and grouped together according to type. Time periods were kept as similar as possible to facilitate comparison and all efforts were made to minimise gaps in data.
- 6.10 An online survey was used to consult on perception and fear of crime and using a paired comparison qualitative technique to look at the harm caused by different categories of crime. A total of 219 survey responses were received.
- 6.11 The results of the paired analysis questions were considered alongside trend and projection graphs, volume groups as well as partner and community consultation.

7 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 7.1 Not applicable.

Borough Treasurer

- 7.2 Can be achieved within existing resources.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 7.3 Findings of the 2015 Strategic Assessment will be used to inform the 2016 Refresh of the 2014-2017 CSP Plan. An Initial Equalities Screening Record Form was completed for this 3 year plan and it was determined that there will be no negative effect on any one group within the borough therefore a full Equalities Impact Assessment was not required. The new Strategic Assessment has not identified any significant changes in priorities.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 7.4 None.

8 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 8.1 This document will be shared with CMT, CSP, the LSCB and the Safeguarding Adults Board as part of the consultation process.

Method of Consultation

- 8.2 A report will go to each of the above-mentioned Boards for discussion and agreement.

Representations Received

- 8.3 Feedback from partners has informed the Strategic Assessment. As yet this has not been discussed by any Board and therefore no formal representations have been received.

Background Papers

The 2015 CSP Strategic Assessment accompanies this report.

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