

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**22 APRIL 2015**

**REPORT OF THE CABINET HELD ON 14 APRIL 2015**

**MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2013 – 2018  
ANNUAL REFRESH 2015-16**

**Issue for Decision**

The Council is asked to approve the refreshed Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015-16.

**Recommendation Made**

That the refreshed Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015-16 attached at Appendix A, be approved.

**Reasons for Recommendation**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services setting out the refreshed Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015-16. In accordance with the Borough Council's Constitution, the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy, 'Maidstone Community Safety Partnership Plan 2013 – 2018' must be put before full Council for approval.

Feedback from the public consultation undertaken between December 2014 to February 2015 and recommendations from the Community, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Communities Committee in March 2015 have been incorporated into the Maidstone Community Safety Partnership Plan 2013 – 2018 to provide a strategic framework to deliver the priorities, which have been reviewed and determined using evidenced based information, including comparative county-wide performance, through the annual Strategic Assessment. Feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee included a request for more detailed Foreword and Background and Context sections explaining the purpose of the Community Safety Plan, a brief profile of the Maidstone Borough and clarification that the Town Centre is part of the wider High Street Ward.

The Cabinet also wished to make clear that the current PCC for Kent, Ann Barnes, was appointed in November 2012 and will remain in office for a period of 3½ years.

**Alternative Action and Why not Recommended**

The alternative would be not to approve the refreshed Community Safety Partnership Plan. However, the Partnership Plan contributes towards the Council's statutory requirement to reduce crime under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act. It is a statutory legal requirement for the Plan to be

approved by full Council.

**Background Papers**  
Strategic Assessment 2014-15