

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**FULL COUNCIL**

**13 APRIL 2022**

**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 30 MARCH 2022**

**MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2022-25**

**Issue for Decision**

Council is asked to consider the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25 for adoption.

**Recommendations Made**

That Council considers the draft Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25 presented to the Communities Housing and Environment Committee (CHE) acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee, as amended by the Head of Housing and Community Services in consultation with the Vice Chairman of the Committee under delegated authority, for approval.

**Reasons for Recommendation**

A new Strategic Assessment has been undertaken to inform the recommended priorities of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan 2022-25. Data is sourced from a variety of statutory partners including police, health, probation and Kent County Council. The Safer Maidstone Partnership partners have analysed and added further information to enable intelligent insight to be drawn from the data. It has been complemented by surveys of the community in general and an additional survey which engaged specifically with young people. This comprehensive piece of work is indicative of our objectives led, evidence based, and outcomes focussed approach.

As highlighted in the draft CSP Plan 2022-25, delivery of the previous plan has embedded a number of new ways of working, working practices and initiatives that will be carried through into the new plan. The SMP has been able to demonstrate that the work undertaken by the partnership can deliver outstanding results, often exceeding the outcomes that would be achieved by any single agency or partner.

At its meeting on 30 March 2022, the Committee expressed support for the CSP Plan and felt that it was well balanced between prevention of crime, particularly through supporting young people, and enforcement actions. Adopting the plan will enable the Council, as part of the Safer Maidstone Partnership, to implement a robust and focussed CSP Plan and to fulfil its statutory duties in relation to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The plan could then be implemented by the Safer Maidstone Partnership and its subgroups commencing in the new Municipal year.

## **Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended**

The Committee could have decided not to approve the proposed new Community Safety Plan to Council for adoption. This was not recommended as the Community Safety Plan sits behind the work of the SMP and should reflect current trends and working practices, and is based on evidence, feedback from the public and professional analysis.

## **Background Documents**

The 2022/2025 Community Safety Plan and Strategic Assessment – Report to the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee Acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee – 30 March 2022

## **Appendix**

Appendix 1 - Maidstone Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-2025