

Maidstone Borough Council

Community, Leisure Services and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting as the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Refresh of Maidstone Protocols for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Overview and Scrutiny

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Community, Leisure Services and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a statutory role to act as the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee in line with Maidstone's protocols for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Overview and Scrutiny. The protocols are based on clearly defined principles which include 'a focus on supporting the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour and reducing fear of crime and reducing fear of crime and anti social-behaviour in the Borough of Maidstone'.
- 1.2 The protocols form part of the Council's constitution and can currently be found under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (page 142 of the Maidstone Borough Council Constitution) attached as Appendix 3 to these procedure rules.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee and Chair and Lead Officers from the Safer Maidstone Partnership consider the proposed revisions and any additional revisions put forward to the Maidstone Protocols for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Overview and Scrutiny as set out in **Appendix A** and agree a final version.
- 2.2 That the proposed revisions be put forward as a recommendation to full Council for approval and inclusion as part of Maidstone Borough Council's Constitution, replacing the current Appendix 3 to the Overview and Procedure Rules.

3. Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 The remit of Safer Maidstone Partnership relates specifically to Maidstone Borough Council's priority 'For Maidstone to be a decent place to live'.
- 3.2 There are no risks involved in considering a refresh of the Maidstone Protocols for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Overview and Scrutiny.

