

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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15 JULY 2020

**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE HELD
ON 30 JUNE 2020**

**2019/2020 STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND REVISED COMMUNITY
SAFETY PLAN**

Issue for Decision

The Safer Maidstone Partnership's Community Safety Plan for 2019-22 has been refreshed following the annual undertaking of a strategic assessment. The Strategic Assessment provides members with an update on the progress made during year one of the plan and the latest figures relating to the priority areas and other areas of concern. The revised CSP Plan replaces the previous version with minor changes that provide greater focus on growing trends or changes in service delivery. It sets out the strategic direction for the Partnership for the remaining two years of this Plan.

Recommendation Made

That the revised "April 20 Revision" of the Community Safety Plan 2019-22 be adopted.

Reasons for Recommendation

On 19 March 2019 the Communities Housing and Environment Committee Acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee recommended the adoption of our then new Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan to Council in April 19. The plan was duly adopted and the Safer Maidstone Partnership (SMP) set about delivering year one of the plan.

A new Strategic Assessment has been undertaken and the assessment demonstrates the positive steps taken by the Partnership in the last 12 months against the priorities set by the CSP plan. It also provides updated statistics from across the partnership to help us identify trends and any growing concerns.

The Strategic Assessment has identified that the Community Safety Plan 2019-22 requires some minor amendments to:

- a. provide a greater focus on an area of concern
- b. to reflect changes of delivery, particularly in relation to the subgroup responsible for the Keeping Children and Young People Safe priority.

Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended

To not approve the revision of the Community Safety Plan. This is not recommended as the Community Safety Plan sits behind the work of the SMP and should reflect current trends and working practices.

Background Documents

2019/2020 Strategic Assessment and Revised Community Safety Plan – Report to the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee Acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee – 30 June 2020

Appendix

Maidstone Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020 refresh