

13th March 2019

Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 18/19

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Wards Affected: All wards

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is made up of Responsible Authorities as outlined in the Crime & Disorder Act 1988 which includes the Council as a key partner.
- 1.2 Each year the partnership has a statutory duty to carry out a Strategic intelligence Assessment which reviews existing priorities and identifies any new or emerging priorities that the partnership should focus on.
- 1.3 All partners agree the Strategic Priorities and sets out in their Partnership Plan (see Appendix A) how the partnership will work together over the next twelve months to tackle crime and disorder and achieve its priorities.

The CSPs Strategic Priorities for 2018/19 are:

Protecting People
Protecting Property
Protecting the Community
Protecting the Future

- 1.4 A set of action plans were developed which underpins delivery of the above priorities and sets out how the partnership will work together to stimulate activity across the Borough, focusing on those activities that add value because of being delivered in partnership.
- 1.5 Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires every Local Authority to have a Crime and Disorder Committee with the power to review, scrutinise, and make reports and recommendations regarding the functioning of the CSP. Under the scrutiny arrangements in place the Committee are asked to consider the work of the CSP as outlined in the annual report attached at Appendix A and refer any comments or concerns to the partnership.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Members to consider the work of the CSP through the Partnership Plan and raise any comments for the partnership consideration.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The requirement for local authorities to have a Committee which carries out a scrutiny role was enacted by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 that came into force for local authorities in England on 30th April 2009.
- 3.2 The Act and the Regulations do not require Council's to alter existing committee structures but specify that there must be a formal place where community safety matters can be discussed.
- 3.3 At the Policy Board meeting on 17.6.2009 (minute 78 refers) it was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Panel will carry out the function of Crime and Disorder Committee. Since then this Committee (Audit and Scrutiny Committee) was established by the Council in June last year with terms of reference including overview and scrutiny.
- 3.4 Each year the CSP provides an annual report to the Committee (see Appendix B).

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 As outlined in section 3.1 the Committee are asked to perform the scrutiny function for the CSP.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 The Committee is asked to consider the work of the CSP as summarised in the attached annual report and to refer any comments or concerns to the partnership. This provides a scrutiny and monitoring function of the Council's partnership role in improving community safety.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 None.

7. References to Corporate Plan

- 7.1 The Partnership Plan sits under three strands of the Vision for Brentwood 2016-19:
Environment and Housing Management – to enable communities to take a more active role in delivering a cleaner and safer environment.
Community and Health - to encourage thriving and engaged communities; to work with partners to reduce anti-social behaviour and ensure Brentwood is a safe place to live.
Planning & Licensing - to provide advice, support and enforcement to ensure Brentwood is a safe place to live.

8. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 8.1 The CSP is a third-party organisation and is not accounted for within the Council's finances. Brentwood Council provides resources to administer the partnership and holds their finances on behalf of the partnership, so it can be managed by Brentwood Council employees. Brentwood's current level of support for the CSP is met within the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19.

Legal Implications

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- 8.2 The Council are statutory partners of the CSP as outlined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 8.3 Delegated Member responsible for community safety sits on the CSP and is currently the Vice Chair.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

- 8.4 None.

9. Background Papers (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

- 9.1 None.

10. Appendices to this report

Appendix A – CSP Partnership Plan 18-19

Appendix B – CSP Annual Report 18-19

Appendix C – CSP Partnership Flyer

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