

Committee(s): Audit & Scrutiny	Date: 5 th July 2022
Subject: Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2021/22	Wards Affected: All
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Summary

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.

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.

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 2021/22 are:

- Safer Community
- Safer Future

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.

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.

Main Report

Introduction and Background

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.

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. At the Policy Board meeting on 17 June 2009 (minute 78 refers) it was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Panel will carry out the function of Crime and Disorder Committee.
4. Each year the CSP provides an annual report to the Committee (see Appendix A).

Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

5. As outlined in section 1. the Committee are asked to perform the scrutiny function for the CSP. 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.

Consultation

6. None

References to Corporate Plan

- **Protecting our environment** by working collaboratively with partners to reduce environmental crime, focusing on hotspot areas, particularly the rural communities.
- **Developing our communities** by protecting those most vulnerable through innovative initiatives tackling a range of key issues such as reduce domestic abuse, exploitation and the misuse of drugs. Working closely with schools to promote, educate and engage young people.
To develop and deliver a range of engagement events throughout the year to provide advice and support on issues such as road safety, theft, burglary, personal safety, anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, and environmental crime.
- **Improving housing** to ensure our housing estates are safe and issues are addressed effectively and proactively through the community safety team and wider partners.

- **Delivering an efficient and effective council** through strong partnerships and collaboration providing a proactive and effective response to community safety issues affecting local communities.

Implications

Financial Implications

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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 2020/21.

Legal Implications

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There are no direct legal implications from the report.

Economic Implications

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There are no direct economic implications arising from this report, although ensuring that the borough is safe will have indirect economic benefits.

Equality and Diversity Implications

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The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the Council when it makes decisions. The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:

- a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc. on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful
- b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that 'marriage and civil partnership' is not a relevant protected characteristic for (b) or (c) although it is relevant for (a).

The proposals in this report will not have a disproportionately adverse impact on any people with a particular characteristic.

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

Background Papers

Appendices to this report

Appendix A: CSP Annual Report 2021/22