



COMMITTEE TITLE **Audit and Scrutiny**

DATE **11th July 2023**

REPORT TITLE:	Brentwood Community Safety Partnership Annual Report
REPORT OF:	Jonathan Woodhams, Corporate Manager, Community Safety

REPORT 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), the partnership will work together over the next twelve months to tackle crime and disorder and achieve its priorities.

The CSPs Strategic Priorities for 2022/ 23 were:

- 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- R1. 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 B and refer any comments or concerns to the partnership.**

SUPPORT ING INFORMATION

1.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

As outlined above 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.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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 & Scrutiny Panel will carry out the function of the Crime and Disorder Committee.
4. Each year the CSP provides an annual report to the Committee (see Appendix B).

4.0 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.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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There are no direct legal implications from the report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

The CSP is a third-party organisation and comprises of multiple agencies including police, fire, health, and Brentwood Council as a key partner. Brentwood Council responsibility is fulfilled by the Community Safety Team as part of their remit.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Improve the perception and delivery of safety within Brentwood by the partnership

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

None

9.0 EQUALITY 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.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

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Protecting our environment by working collaboratively with partners to reduce environmental crime, focusing on hotspot areas, particularly the rural communities.

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Appendix A: CSP Partnership Plan 22/23

Appendix B: CSP Annual Report 22/23

BACKGROUND PAPERS**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

Council Meeting	Date
Audit and Scrutiny	5th July 2022
Audit and Scrutiny	6th July 2021