

**Classification:** Public

**Key Decision:** No

## **Gravesham Borough Council**

**Report to:** Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 21 January 2021

**Reporting officer:** Assistant Director (Communities)

**Subject:** Topic Reviews Update

### **Purpose and summary of report:**

To update the Topic Reviews associated with this Committee.

### **Recommendations:**

1. That the Committee notes the steps that have been taken in respect of the Committee's two topic reviews whilst they are on hold due to the Pandemic.

## **1. Topic Reviews**

- 1.1 Terms of reference for two topic reviews selected by the Committee - Knife and Violent Youth Crime and Town Centre Crime - were agreed by the Committee at its meeting in January 2020. These were to be chaired by Cllrs Sullivan and Hayre, respectively.
- 1.2 At the same meeting it was confirmed that work would commence on the Knife and Violent Youth Crime topic, with the Town Centre Crime topic being deferred to May 2020. This was to avoid stretching officer and partner resources too thinly.
- 1.3 A multi-disciplinary meeting on knife and violent youth crime was held on 6 March 2020 with representatives from the Police, Schools, KCC, Voluntary Sector and GBC. The main outcome of that meeting was a commitment to meet regularly and to work collaboratively on this issue.
- 1.4 With the onset of the Pandemic, both topic reviews were put on hold with a commitment to revisit their timings at the appropriate stage.
- 1.5 In the meantime, it should be noted that the Youth Engagement Panel, under the Community Safety Partnership, is picking up on actions to address youth crime and the agenda setting for this Committee at its last meeting and this, has included updates on Town Centre crime issues.
- 1.6 The Committee is asked to note these steps which are being taken in the current context.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 Agenda and minutes of Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee, 21 January 2020 - <https://democracy.gravesham.gov.uk/ielistdocuments.aspx?CId=355&MId=4268&Ver=4>

Anyone wishing to inspect background papers should, in the first place, be directed to Committee & Electoral Services who will make the necessary arrangements.

IMPLICATIONS	APPENDIX 1
<b>Legal</b>	No implications.
<b>Finance and Value for Money</b>	No implications.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Ongoing attention to these two important areas is important to achieving improving public safety in the Borough.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	<i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i>
	a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of <a href="#">personal data</a> or <a href="#">special category data</a> or <a href="#">criminal offence data</a> ? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links.
	b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice?
	c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at <a href="mailto:gdpr@medway.gov.uk">gdpr@medway.gov.uk</a> .
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer.  No
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer.  No
	<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>
<b>Corporate Plan</b>	Contribution to improving public safety linked to People and Place in the Council's Corporate Plan.
<b>Climate Change</b>	No direct implications.
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	The topic reviews complement the work that partners are undertaking to improve community safety and reduce crime and ASB.
<b>Digital and website implications</b>	No direct implications.
<b>Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults</b>	The topic reviews recognise the importance of safeguarding young people and wider safeguarding issues in respect of the Town Centre.