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Gravesham Borough Council**Report to:** Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee**Date:** 10 October 2019**Reporting Officer:** Strategic Manager, Community Safety Unit**Subject:** Dartford and Gravesham CSP Community Safety Strategy 2019-22**Purpose and summary of report:**

To provide the Committee with the agreed final version of the Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership's (CSP) three-year Community Safety Strategy 2019-22 and the priorities contained therein.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the content of the Strategy and the priorities for CSP multi-agency activity between 2019-22 provided for Members' information.

1. Background to the Strategy

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, Members were informed of the emergent priorities that had been identified by the Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership (CSP) following the annual Strategic Assessment process and a brief public consultation exercise. At that time, the Strategy attached as Appendix 1 to this report, was still being finalised therefore, it is now being provided to Members as it forms the foundation of anticipated CSP partner activity during the remainder of the current financial year through to March 2022.
- 1.2 Members had also been provided with background information to the formation of the Strategy at the last meeting. There was interest in having further details on the public consultation survey that had been used by the CSP and Members asked to be provided with a copy of the Survey – this is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.
- 1.3 Since the last Scrutiny meeting, the Strategy has been placed on the Council's website Community Safety Section together with the summarised Strategy on a Page' (attached as Appendix 3).
- 1.4 The CSP meets on a quarterly basis and both Dartford and Gravesham's Community Safety Units provide progress reports on key work that is being carried out in each Borough in addressing the strategic priorities at each meeting. This allows the Partnership an opportunity to consider the impact that activity is having at an operational level as well as to report any challenges that are being met in order that partner agencies can try to resolve those collectively. It also means that any unanticipated change in circumstances e.g. an unusual increase in a particular crime type or a concentration of a specific crime in a geographical location, can be addressed to prevent it escalating further.

- 1.5 Members of this Committee are provided with a performance and progress report on work undertaken in Gravesham between April-September 2019 to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in line with the Strategy's objectives as a separate item on this Agenda.

Appendix 1: Implications

Appendix 2: Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Strategy 2019-22

Appendix 3: Community Safety Consultation Survey 2019

Appendix 4: Community Safety Strategy on a Page

APPENDIX 1

IMPLICATIONS	
Legal	The Council has a statutory obligation to work with partner agencies to address crime and ASB (Crime and Disorder Act 1998).
Finance and Value for Money	None.
Risk assessment	Failure to work effectively in partnership help tackle crime and ASB will reduce public confidence in the Local Authority's ability to support individuals and communities and allow negative perceptions of the Borough to develop.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>A data protection impact assessment (OPIA) 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 <u>personal data</u> or <u>special category data</u> or <u>criminal offence data</u> ? No.
	b. If yes to question a., have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? N/a
	c. If no to question b., please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk
Equality Impact Assessment	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? No.
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? Yes – all communities will benefit from partnership activity to reduce crime and ASB.
	<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>
Corporate Business Plan	The Strategy makes a direct contribution to addressing a significant number of the commitments contained within the new Corporate Plan 2019-23.
Crime and Disorder	s.17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – as mentioned above.
Digital/website website implications	None.
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	The safeguarding of vulnerable young people and adults is a high priority for the Council and partner agencies – reflected in the Strategy.