

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee

Date: 7 October 2021

Reporting officer: Assistant Director (Communities)

Subject: Topic Reviews Update

Purpose and summary of report:

To propose a way forward for the Topic Reviews associated with this Committee.

Recommendations:

1. That the Committee confirms the chairing and membership of the two Topic Reviews and agrees to the timing for reporting of these as proposed in paragraph 1.2.3 of this report.

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 area attached as Appendix 2.
- 1.2 With the onset of the Pandemic, both topic reviews were put on hold. These can now go ahead and the Committee is asked to consider and confirm the following:
 - 1.2.1 *Chairing of the Topic Reviews.* These were to be chaired by Cllr Lauren Sullivan (Knife & Violent Youth Crime) and Cllr Baljit Hayre (Town Centre Crime). Cllr Sullivan is no longer a member of this Committee. The Committee is asked to confirm any changes.
 - 1.2.2 *Membership of the Topic Review groups.* Membership of the Topic Review groups is included in the terms of reference for these reviews and will need updating.
 - 1.2.3 *Timing & Resources.* The January 2020 meeting supported a staggering of work on these topics to avoid stretching officer and partner resources too thinly. It is proposed that the Knife & Violent Youth Crime Topic Review report its findings to the next meeting of this Committee on 20 January 2022 and that the Town Centre Topic Review reports to Committee at the subsequent meeting on 15 March 2022.

- 1.3 Work commenced on the Knife and Violent Youth Crime topic review with a multi-disciplinary meeting on knife and violent youth crime held on 6 March 2020. This was with representatives from the Police, Schools, KCC, Voluntary Sector and GBC and demonstrated a commitment to work collaboratively on this issue. A Youth Engagement Panel was also set up under the Community Safety Partnership and is picking up on actions to address youth crime.
- 1.4 The Committee agreed that the Town Centre Topic Review be deferred until the Knife and Violent Crime Topic Review had been progressed. Over the last year, reports on Town Centre crime have been included on the agenda for this Committee.

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
Legal	No implications.
Finance and Value for Money	No implications.
Risk Assessment	Ongoing attention to these two important areas is important to improving public safety in the Borough.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<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 personal data or special category data or criminal offence data ? 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 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? 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>
Corporate Plan	Contribution to improving public safety linked to People and Place in the Council's Corporate Plan.
Climate Change	No direct implications.
Crime and Disorder	The topic reviews complement the work that partners are undertaking to improve community safety and reduce crime and ASB.
Digital and website implications	No direct implications.
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	The topic reviews recognise the importance of safeguarding young people and wider safeguarding issues in respect of the Town Centre.