



**SaferMK Partnership
Discussion and Decision Report**

Subject: Reducing Reoffending Update

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1. **Purpose of report – Please mark (X) the boxes that are relevant to the report**

SAFERMK PRIORITIES

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| Improving road safety by reducing the number of accidents and the severity of the collisions to individuals. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reducing the number of violent incidences | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tackling and enforcing substance misuse | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime | <input type="checkbox"/> |

OTHER STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

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| Anti-Social Behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reducing Reoffending | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Prevent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Police and Crime Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| An item under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 that supports the delivery of crime reduction and addressing community safety concerns (please state below) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. **Brief introduction**

- 2.1 At the October 2016 meeting, it was requested by the SaferMK Partnership to receive an update on reducing reoffending in Milton Keynes.
- 2.2 The SaferMK Partnership has expressed concern regarding data for the reducing reoffending priority.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That an oral update from the Community Rehabilitation Company be noted.
- 3.2 That the SaferMK request for the re-establishment of a Reducing Reoffending group; lead in partnership by the National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Company.
- 3.3 That the proposed action plan for reducing reoffending in Milton Keynes be agreed.
- 3.4 That the representative for the Community Rehabilitation Company be requested to provide an update to the next Partnership meeting.

4. Comments/Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Group

- 4.1 There are no specific comments in relation this report. However it is a statutory obligation for the Committee to hold the activities and performance of the Partnership to account.

5. Background

- 5.1 In April 2015 Probation were split in to two different organisations i) National Probation Service ii) Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) MTCnovo won the contract to deliver the CRC probation services for all sentenced offenders in both Thames Valley and London, except those who come under MAPPAs (the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) and/or are high risk of serious harm.
- 5.2 MTC Nova are one of 21 CRCs created as part of the Ministry of Justice's Transforming Rehabilitation agenda, which saw the dissolution of the 35 Probation Trusts in England and Wales and the creation of the CRCs and a new National Probation Service (NPS).
- 5.3 Staffed by former Thames Valley Probation Trust employees, TV-CRC is responsible for approximately 4,000 people serving community sentences, prison sentences and supervision following release.
- 5.4 On February 1, 2015 important changes introduced by the Offender Rehabilitation Act came into force. Anyone who serves a prison sentence of less than 12 months will be automatically supervised by the CRC for a year following release. This move is intended to break the cycle of re-offending, which is prevalent among those who serve short prison sentences.
- 5.5 MTCnovo is a new venture between the third, public and private sector. The venture comprises of Management & Training Corporation (MTC) and novo – a consortium of a number of public, private and third sector

shareholders including RISE, A Band of Brothers, The Manchester College, Thames Valley Partnership and Amey.

- 5.6 MTCnovo's aim is to create a positive social impact in the community by providing opportunities for service users to change their behaviour and lifestyles and reduce reoffending. MTCnovo is founded on the principles of partnership
- 5.7 As well as shareholders MTCnovo has a series of delivery partners that share the vision and approach to supporting vulnerable people, reducing reoffending and protecting the public by enabling safe communities.

6. Implications to SaferMK Partnership

- 6.1 The delivery of the strategy and activities is vital for the SaferMK Partnership statutory obligations and also its reputation.
- 6.2 Reducing Reoffending is a statutory requirement of the Partnership

7. Other considerations / Key Partnership Involvement

- 7.1 Reducing Reoffending is a multi-agency discipline and all partners are affected by offending behaviour, all partners should be engaged with the process.

8. Attachments/Background Papers

- 8.1 Action Plan (to follow).