



**SaferMK Partnership  
Discussion Report**

**Subject: Partnership Review**

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

**SAFERMK PRIORITIES**

- Improving road safety by reducing the number of accidents and the severity of the collisions to individuals.
- Reducing the number of violent incidences
- Tackling and enforcing substance misuse
- Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime

**OTHER STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Anti-Social Behaviour  Reducing Reoffending
- Prevent  Police and Crime Commissioner Priority
- 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)

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1.1 **Brief introduction**

1.2 Following the implementation of the Business Management Group in March 2015, it was suggested that a review of the Partnership structure and its delivery would be reviewed.

1.3 Partner organisations and elected Members would like the opportunity to be involved in this process ensuring the Partnership is delivering and meeting the needs and positive outcomes for the residents, businesses and visitors to Milton Keynes.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the presentation on a summary of an overarching review and potential next stages for the Partnership be noted.
- 2.2 That the Partnership be requested to comment and discuss on behalf of their organisation the expectations of the Community Safety Partnership and how it can meet their organisations priorities and delivery locally.
- 2.3 That an extraordinary Partnership meeting to be held in March 2017 be agreed.
- 2.4 That the Partnership be requested to agree to complete the SaferMK Partnership Review template and return to the Head of Community Safety by the 3 March 2017.

## **3. Comments/Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Group**

- 3.1 An item looking at the SaferMK Partnership review is due to be discussed at the Committee meeting on the 25 January 2017. An update from this meeting will be presented at the SaferMK Partnership meeting.

## **4. Background**

- 4.1 In March 2015, following a review of Partnership activities, delivery and priorities, the SaferMK Partnership adopted a different approach to reflect the changes to Partner organisations.
- 4.2 The last review of the Partnership was presented in March 2013 to the SaferMK Partnership, and since this review it has undergone a number of changes. Partnership working should be a continuous cycle and the need for reflection to ensure it meets the needs of local people.
- 4.3 Since this review partners have seen a number of challenges including the changes to Probation Services to two organisations the National Probation Service and a Community Rehabilitation Company. We have also seen the first electoral cycle of the PCC.
- 4.4 In recent years other Strategic Partnerships have been implemented including the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Children and Adult Safeguarding Boards. This has created the need to ensure cross partnership working and explore how these Partnership agendas' align with each other whilst maintaining positive outcomes for Milton Keynes residents.

- 4.5 With regards to crime and community safety there has been a national reduction in serious acquisitive crime (theft, car crime, burglary etc.) since 1998 which is recognised locally, and in recent years a large emergence nationally and shift towards safeguarding crime concerns such as Child Sexual Exploitation and Modern Day Slavery; these have become a focus of activity by Organised Crime Groups (although drug distribution is still an issue amongst these groups).
- 4.6 Although a reduction in general crime there has been a sharp increase, resulting in a need to focus on cybercrime both from a criminal perspective and safeguarding element including fraud and how individuals protect themselves online and the use of social media. Locally and nationally we have also seen a significant rise in violent crime and domestic abuse incidents.
- 4.7 Despite a shift from the traditional crime the Partnership should be careful of complacency. Additionally there are a wide range of community safety issues to continue to address such as Loan Sharks, Water Safety, CCTV, Public Place Safety, Hate Crime, Rough Sleepers and how we can work with communities to help prevent and reduce the fear of crime.
- 4.8 The continued growth of Milton Keynes remains a risk for the community safety agenda regarding the increase in demand and the potential development of urban crimes and community safety issues which are problematic in larger cities.
- 4.9 The review will aim to address these multiple issues and provide a plan of action to ensure SaferMK Partnership provides a suitable infrastructure and continues to enhance community safety and reduce crime in Milton Keynes.
- 4.10 The current Partnership Strategy is due to be renewed at the end of 2017. Outcomes from this review will contribute to the development of the SaferMK Strategy 2018/20.

## **5. Implications to SaferMK Partnership**

- 5.1 SaferMK Partnership and its delivery areas, statutory responsibilities and activities are vital to maintain and produce positive outcomes for Milton Keynes and to protect the reputation of the Partnership.
- 5.2 SaferMK Partnership relies on the cooperation of Partners and it is therefore important that the Partnership reflects organisations and their changes. It is important that the business needs of both Partnership and Partners are clearly understood and incorporated in the Partnership activities

## **6. Other considerations / Key Partnership Involvement**

- 6.1 With a range of agencies working in Milton Keynes towards reducing crime and other community safety issues, it is important that the delivery is supported by wider partners.
- 6.2 The Partnership needs to be aware of its impact on other Partnerships and local organisations in delivering a reduction in crime and community safety concerns.
- 6.3 Additionally there are a wide range of community safety issues to continue to address such as Loan Sharks, Water Safety, CCTV, Public Place Safety, Hate Crime, Rough Sleepers and how we can work with communities to help prevent and reduce the fear of crime.

## **7. Attachments/Background Papers**

- 7.1 SaferMK Partnership Review self-assessment template (**Annex**)