

## **SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP AUDIT - FINAL MEMO**

Audit opinion: **GOOD**

Background: An audit of SaferMK Partnership has been carried out in accordance with the annual audit plan.

SaferMK Partnership brings agencies together in the Milton Keynes area to facilitate a joined up approach to keeping communities safe.

The SaferMK Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership required to work together with other agencies such as Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority, Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group and National Probation Service in formulating and implementing a strategy to tackle local crime and community safety issues in the area and to have in place a partnership action plan to deliver the strategy. SaferMK strategy, dated 2015-2017, covers the vision and priorities. The 4 key priorities identified : -

- 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

Audit Objective: To provide assurance that the system of governance ensures that the SaferMK Partnership delivers the councils statutory duties.

Audit Findings:

Audit testing found that the system of governance ensures that the SaferMK Partnership delivers the council statutory duties.

Action plans for the 4 Priorities identified in the SaferMK Strategy for the 2015-2017 had been developed and presented to Business Management Group (BMG) and to the SaferMK Partnership.

Other SaferMK lead activities found evidence to support the activities as follows were being undertaken:

- Maintain a mechanism for positive action around Anti-Social Behaviour
- Support and monitor a plan to reduce reoffending.
- CCTV – Lead and maintain a suitable public place CCTV service in Milton Keynes.
- Safer Neighbourhoods – Working with Neighbourhood Action Groups and other community groups to empower them to help deliver safer places to live and work.
- Supporting the Governments Prevent agenda and leading on Channel locally.
- Crime Prevention and Designing out crime in the planning system.
- Public Place Safety – To coordinate and communicate safety activities including road and water safety.
- Communicating and engaging with communities to ensure we meet the needs of communities in Milton Keynes
- Research and exploring innovative ways of delivering best possible value activities to achieve partnership priorities.

Within the strategy the Strategic Assessment from 2014 highlighted work streams to be delivered in 2015:

- To support the transition of the Transformation Rehabilitation Programme
- To establish robust data sharing collaboration with Milton Keynes Hospital A&E department

- Develop a preventative strategy to monitor peer groups
- Scope New Psychoactive Substances impact in Milton Keynes
- Impact of cybercrime in Milton Keynes
- Improved collaboration between Mental Health service delivery and SaferMK partners
- Support the establishment of partnership intelligence sharing mechanisms regarding exploitation of vulnerable communities
- Scope the changing demography of Milton Keynes and potential affects to crime and community safety issues

Audit testing found overall progress has been made for all the above work streams except for 'scope the changing demography of MK and potential affects to crime and community safety issues'; this is planned to be done in summer/autumn 2016.

Statutory areas of work:-

The primary statutory function of the Partnership is to work together to reduce crime and address community safety issues and coordinate crime reduction strategies in partnership with other relevant organisations to make Milton Keynes a safer place.

Additionally there are a number of core functions the Partnership need to deliver:

- Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Strategic Assessment:
- Working with the PCC and other partners

Audit testing found evidence to support the above areas were being undertaken.