

## Overview of Partnership Activity

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### Purpose of Report:

To provide an update on partnership activity undertaken to support the delivery of the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership

**FOR INFORMATION**

## 1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Safer MK Partnership is asked to note the following highlights of activity undertaken to improve community safety.
- 1.2 Members of the Partnership are also asked to widely promote the Annual Crime and Disorder Survey.

## 2. Partnership Activity to Note

- 2.1 The Tasking Board has launched a number of projects:

### Woughton Project

A multi-agency project has been launched to improve the lives of people living in Woughton. A project group, which is being chaired by the Woughton Community Council Manager, will agree three priority areas of focus as well as ways to progress. It is expected that these may include mental health, domestic abuse and debt management.

### Serpentine Court

Residents of the Lakes Estate had complained about anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Serpentine Court including a number of attempted arsons. Colleagues from Milton Keynes Council, Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire and Rescue, and Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council took part in a walkabout with residents to identify improvements that could be made. Following this CCTV has been installed in key areas and some deep cleaning has been completed. A number of other actions are in progress including the installation of a smoking shed located away from the businesses at Serpentine Court and repairs to improve security. A further meeting with the community is being arranged for February to discuss progress and agree next steps.

## Knife Enabled Crime

This project is being taken forward in support of the work being done by Thames Valley Police. The Tasking Board have agreed to support prevention work with schools. A proposal, which will be informed by good practice elsewhere, is being developed by secondary schools' designated safeguarding leads with colleagues from the Council and Thames Valley Police. This work will be funded by Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner funding allocated to Tasking (previously JTAC).

## 2.2 Risk Board Update

Risk Board are sponsoring a multi-agency practitioners' event which will test the robustness of criminal exploitation pathways. A process for multi agency briefings following major incidents has been developed and implemented. In addition, agency representation at Police Tactical Coordination meetings has been broadened, with a range of key operational staff from Children's Services and the Community Safety Team in attendance.

## 2.3 Domestic Abuse

### Re-procurement of Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse

A recent procurement exercise by the Council and partners for a strategic partner has been concluded. MK Act have been awarded a new contract to continue providing support for victims of domestic abuse. The contract starts in February 2020 and will run for 5 years.

### Domestic Abuse Spotlight Event

The Domestic Abuse Spotlight Event took place on 27 November. The conference was co-ordinated by MK Act with support from the Community Safety Team. Speakers included Frank Mullane from the charity Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA). The conference was well attended and feedback from participants was positive.

### Domestic Abuse Strategy

The Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership Board is taking forward the development of a Domestic Abuse Strategy. The strategy will be informed by the voice of victims of domestic abuse. The Partnership Board has been looking at the link between domestic abuse and demand for temporary accommodation. A bid has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for up to £86k to support a dispersed housing scheme for victims of domestic abuse.

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#### 2.4 Annual Crime and Disorder Survey

The Voice Board have lead on the development of this year's survey. The survey launched on 13 December and is being widely publicised by partners. More than 1200 responses have already been received. The survey is available at the following link, members of the partnership are asked to promote this widely. Survey results will be presented to a future meeting of the Community Safety Partnership: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GMQQLWM>

#### 2.5 Community Knife Sweep Training

Milton Keynes Council worked with Thames Valley Police to deliver public weapons sweep training for frontline professionals. TVP carry out weapon sweeps in public areas to search for concealed weapons. Almost 100 people from frontline partners and agencies completed the training session in the Council Chamber. They now have the necessary skills and knowledge to assist a TVP-led weapon sweep if required.

#### 2.6 Car Cruising Public Space Protection Order

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing took the decision to introduce a borough wide PSPO to allow the anti-social behaviour of car cruising to be more effectively controlled. This decision is in line with the recommendation made by the Community Safety Partnership when is considered the results of a public consultation carried out last year.

Once put into place, the PSPO will be enforced by Thames Valley Police, supported by the Council.

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