

Serious Knife Violence – Proposed Task and Finish Group

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1. Recommendation

- 1.1 To establish a task and finish group to focus on measures to tackle knife violence, especially amongst young people.

2. Background

- 2.1 Knife enabled violence is an issue of concern for all members of the partnership. Whilst work has been commissioned by Safer MK to address this issue, it is recognised we need to redouble our efforts in response to heightened community concerns following recent local events.
- 2.2 There are several local initiatives underway and this proposal is to establish a task and finish group to explore other measures that could make a positive contribution, particularly in relation to prevention and early intervention. The Safer MK Strategy 2018 – 2021 identifies linked priorities, the most directly relevant being N1 – Prevention and reduction of violence (excluding domestic abuse).

3. Proposed terms of reference

Objective	To reduce knife crime and violence, especially amongst young people by considering additional measures that can be taken particularly with a preventative focus and those which are disruptive.
Membership	Three political representatives Three representatives from Safer MK Partner organisations Director of Public Health (or their representative)
Chair	Cllr Lauren Townsend
Frequency of meetings	Three meetings between February and April 2020
Report back to Safer MK	The Task and Finish group will be asked to report back to the partnership at the next meeting on 9 April 2020, with a report to MKC Cabinet also.
Budget	MK Council has included £100,000 of funding in the proposals currently subject to public consultation. If agreed this funding will be available from April 2020 to support any

recommendations made by the Task and Finish Group

Administrative
support

The MK Together team will co-ordinate and clerk the task and finish group meetings and assist with the production of the report back to Safer MK