



**SaferMK Partnership
Discussion and Decision Report**

Subject: Strategic Assessment 2017

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

SAFERMK PRIORITIES

Reducing the number of violent incidences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tackling and enforcing substance misuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

OTHER STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Anti-Social Behaviour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reducing Re-offending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Police and Crime Commissioner	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Annual Strategic Assessment is a statutory duty

2. Strategic Assessment 2017

2.1 The draft Strategic Assessment is presented to the Partnership for their feedback and input.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Partnership are asked to consider the following:

A section features at the end of each chapter with general recommendations based on analysis of the themes and concerns

identified from the previous year's data, as well as patterns emergent from wider national trends. These recommendations should be considered as provisional suggestions designed to stimulate wider partnership discussion around potential strategic priorities for the coming years.

4. Background

4.1 Following discussions at the SaferMK Partnership meeting in April 2017, partners agreed to support the production of the annual Strategic Assessment.

4.2 SaferMK is responsible for reducing crime, disorder and the fear of crime. The production of an annual Strategic Assessment is a statutory obligation for all Community Safety Partnerships, under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The purpose of the document is to analyse the trends and patterns emerging from partnership data during the previous year, and to consider the challenges facing the wider Partnership in the coming months and years.

4.3 The Strategic Assessment is also conceived to directly inform the SaferMK Strategy in identifying potential strategic priorities.

4.4 Production of the report involved liaison with statutory and non-statutory partners, as well as third-sector organisations. Data was also drawn from national sources – most prominently the Office for National Statistics, Home Office and Crime Survey for England and Wales - in order to contextualise local patterns within wider national trends. Following this liaison period, Partners were consulted for their feedback. Wherever possible, the most recently available data was used.

4.5 The 2017 Strategic Assessment considers the themes of:

- Crime
- Violence
- Reoffending
- Hate Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Fire Service data
- Modern Slavery
- FGM
- Cyber Crime

4.6 Two appendices are included within the report, designed to highlight issues at the level of both crime categories and by estate. It should be noted that these appendices are conceived to facilitate a discussion around the strategic priorities of the Partnership, and are therefore at present not for public circulation.

4.7 The main headlines are:

- An increase in All Crime of 4.8%
- Categories of Sexual Offences and Violence against the Person have seen increases, though both are thought to relate in part to better recording practices and an increased willingness on the part of victims to report
- Reductions are apparent in Robbery and Drug Offences.
- The juvenile reoffending rate was decreased by 0.9% and remains one of the best in the country.
- Hate Crime reduced by 5.1%.
- Due to changes in Domestic Abuse recording practices, 2017 is considered a baselining year.
- Drug Offences fell by 6.8%, with Possession of Cannabis accounting for 53% of offences.
- Compared with 2015, BFRS attended 7% more incidents during 2016.