

## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair to welcome Members, officers and the public to the meeting and introduce Members and officers who are present.

### 2. Apologies

To receive any apologies.

### 3. Disclosures of Interest

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

### 4. Minutes

To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 8 September 2021 (Item 4) (**pages 6 to 15**).

### 5. Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2020/21

Preparation of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment is a statutory duty for the Community Safety Partnership (Safer MK). It aims to inform partners and the public about the scale and scope of antisocial behaviour, crime and disorder, along with other community safety issues, in Milton Keynes. It also helps SaferMK develop the new Community Safety Strategy. The new Community Safety Strategy is being widely consulted on ([SaferMK Community Safety Survey 2021](#) which runs until 03/01/22) and is included as part the Partnership's annual engagement with the public on crime and community safety issues.

As part of that consultation, the Committee will receive and comment on a presentation by the Council's Head of Partnerships and Resilience explaining the content of and reasoning behind the draft Community Safety Strategy. This is an opportunity for the Committee to consider whether the priorities for the Community Safety Strategy have the right focus to protect the people of Milton Keynes and make recommendations accordingly.

For the information of the Committee, the Community Safety Strategy priorities are set out in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment document (Item 5a) (**pages 16 to 28**). The report on the Community Safety Strategic Assessment, setting out the recommendations and the next steps in the development of the Community Safety Strategy which was presented to the SaferMK meeting on

13 October 2021 is included as Item 5b (**pages 29 to 30**).

## **6. Serious Violence Reduction Strategy 2021-2024**

Following a consultation on a new legal duty on serious violence, the government announced in December 2019 that it would bring forward legislation to create that new duty. Section 6(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which sets out the strategies that responsible authorities must formulate and implement, will also be amended to explicitly include serious violence.

The Serious Violence Reduction Strategy sets out the plans of the MK Together Management Board to tackle serious violence ahead of the forthcoming Serious Violence Duty and outlines a whole system approach to understanding and responding to the causes and consequences of serious violence. It has been developed in partnership with a focus on prevention and early intervention (**Item 6a**) (**pages 31 to 40**).

The Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the Strategy with a number of witnesses, comment on its focus and make recommendations accordingly.

The report on the Serious Violence Reduction Strategy which was presented to the SaferMK meeting on 13 October 2021, is included for information as Item 6b (**page 41**).

Included as Item 6c (**page 42**) is a table setting out comparative crime figures for a number of Milton Keynes' statistical neighbours (based on size of population) for the 12 months to June 2021.

## **7. Domestic Abuse Strategy 2020-25**

In November 2020, the Council, in partnership with a number of other organisations, launched its new Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2020-2025 which set out the priorities and new measures for making Milton Keynes a safer place, with more education on the issues, greater support for victims and zero tolerance of abusive behaviour. The strategy has the voices of people who have experienced domestic violence at its core and has been developed with them and with local support agencies (**Item 7a**) (**pages 43 to 57**).

At its meeting on 13 October 2021, the SaferMK Partnership received a report on progress against the strategy so far from the Council's Head of Commissioning (**Item 7b**) (**pages 58 to 66**).

This is an opportunity for the Committee, as part of its Community Safety remit, to review and comment on progress, discuss it with relevant witnesses and make recommendations accordingly.

## **8. 2021/2 Work Programme**

The Committee's Work Programme for the remaining meeting of the 2021/22 cycle of meetings is attached for information (**Item 8**) (**pages 67 to 68**).

Please note that all scrutiny Work Programmes remain flexible and may be subject to change at short notice depending on circumstances at any one time.

If there are any other items within the Committee's remit which members would like to see included in the Work Programme, please bring them to the attention of the Committee's Planning Group (Chair, Vice-Chairs and Scrutiny Officer).

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## 9. Information Items

These items are for information only and not discussion.

- a) Annual Reports from Community Safety Partners:
  - i. Thames Valley Police (Item 9a(i)) (**pages 69 to 86**)
  - ii. Presentation from Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (Item 9a(ii)) (**pages 87 to 102**)
  - iii. Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue Service (Item 9a(iii)) (**pages 103 to 119**)
  - i. South Central Ambulance Service Annual Report 2020/21:  
[www.scas.nhs.uk/about-scas/publications/](http://www.scas.nhs.uk/about-scas/publications/)

Members of the Committee are invited to submit any questions they may have to the above services to the Overview and Scrutiny Officer, who will pass them on, requesting a written response. Please submit any questions by 3 December 2021.

- b) Cabinet (2 November 2021) response to referrals by the Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee from its meeting held on 8 September 2021 (Item 9b) (**pages 120 to 122**)