

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 since September 2020.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership is asked to note the following highlights of activity undertaken to improve community safety. This update covers the period since the last meeting in September.

2. Partnership Activity to Note

2.1 Tasking Board

The Tasking Board allocated remaining funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for the use of Smart Water, which is given to victims of burglary and domestic abuse to prevent further offences, as well as funding Buddi Tags which are used with offenders in violence reduction initiatives.

Although reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Serpentine Court have reduced over recent months, plans to install improved lighting are now being taken forward. A site visit is planned to check the status of other improvements and identify any further priority actions.

A multi-agency project to improve residents' feelings of safety in the Fullers Slade area is continuing. A number of improvements such as installation of bollards and bunding to prevent vehicular access to green areas and improved street lighting are being considered.

2.2 Prevent Board

The Prevent Board continues to meet quarterly and has good partnership representation. The Board agreed a new training strategy for Council staff and work is underway to implement it. New Home Office e-learning will be launched in the Spring, completion of which

will be mandatory for all staff who have contact with members of the public.

Good progress is being made with the implementation of the new Channel Duty and Police Led Partnership Panels which are ready to go live date in March 21. It is a requirement under the recently launched Channel Duty Guidance to submit an annual assurance statement. The submission date is 17 April and work is underway to complete it.

2.3 Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed a [refreshed strategy](#) at its meeting in January. The Board agreed to retain Domestic Abuse as a priority for the forthcoming year. The [Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy](#) was launched in October 2020. The delivery of the strategy is being monitored by the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership which is chaired by Inspector Nick Glister.

2.4 CCTV

City centre CCTV provision is being reviewed. The Council has allocated £30k to fund a number of mobile CCTV cameras which are used by Thames Valley Police for operational purposes in 2021/22.

2.5 Registered Social Landlords (RSL) forum

There has been a recent increase in the number of properties which have been subject to Closure Orders due to ASB and/or drug dealing. A new quarterly meeting of RSL Housing Officers, the police and MKC Officers provides a forum for issues to be discussed and appropriate action taken, before they escalate.

2.6 Illegal Money Lending and Cybercrime

In the run up to Christmas, an awareness raising campaign was held to discourage the use of illegal money lenders/loan sharks. This is one of several activities that have been held this year in partnership with the Illegal Money Lending Team England (IMLT). More activities are planned for when Covid restrictions are eased.

Free cybercrime and illegal money lending training sessions are being offered to councillors, parish councils and MKC frontline staff in March. The training is being delivered in partnership with the TVP Cyber Security Advisor and the ILMT.

2.7 Public Space Protection Orders

Enforcement of the car cruising PSPO has continued including the pursual of non-payment of Fixed Penalty Notices. A proactive media

campaign was launched in response to a planned event. A total of 27 FPNs have been issued since the PSPO came into force.

The extended Alcohol PSPO, which is intended to reduce the anti-social drinking in public spaces, is being implemented including displaying and distributing refreshed signage. Delegated powers are being given to The Parks Trust to allow their staff to issue FPNs for any breaches.

3. Community Safety funding allocation for 2021/22

- 3.1 The Community Safety Partnership has received confirmation that it will be awarded £259,015 in funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for 2021/2. In the current year, this funding has been used to fund early intervention work by the Youth Offending Team, drug and alcohol and domestic abuse services.